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## Generic Information

Brazil, officially the Federal Republic of Brazil, is the largest country in both South America and Latin America. At 8.5 million square kilometres (3.2 million square miles) and with over 208 million people, Brazil is the world's fifth-largest country by area and the fifth most populous. The capital is Brasília, and the most populated city is São Paulo. The federation is composed of the union of the 26 states, the Federal District, and the 5,570 municipalities. It is the largest country to have Portuguese as an official language and the only one in the Americas; it is also one of the most multicultural and ethnically diverse nations, due to over a century of mass immigration from around the world.

Bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the east, Brazil has a coastline of 7,491 kilometers (4,655 mi). It borders all other South American countries except Ecuador and Chile and covers 47.3% of the continent's land area. Its Amazon River basin includes a vast tropical forest, home to diverse wildlife, a variety of ecological systems, and extensive natural resources spanning numerous protected habitats. This unique environmental heritage makes Brazil one of 17 megadiverse countries and is the subject of significant global interest and debate regarding deforestation and environmental protection.

Generic country information can be located from sources which are regularly maintained and reflect current facts and figures. For a generic country overview, please consult the following sources:

[Brazil Wikipedia Country Information](#)

[Brazil IMF Country Information](#)

[Brazil Economist Intelligence Unit Information\\*](#)

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## Facts and Figures

[Brazil Wolfram Alpha Information](#)

[Brazil World Bank Information](#)

[Brazil Population Information](#)