### BRAZIL

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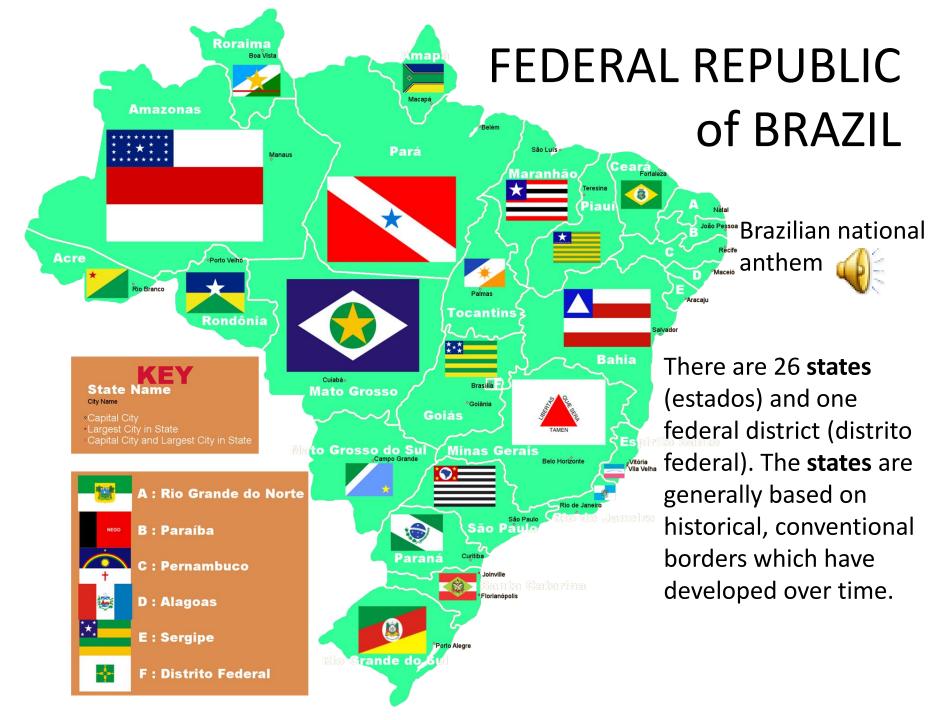


#### GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL NAME: Federal Republic of Brazil

- FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Democratic federal republic
- CAPITAL: Brasilia
- POPULATION: 212,559,417
- OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: Portuguese
- MONEY: Real
- AREA: 8,511,965 square kilometers



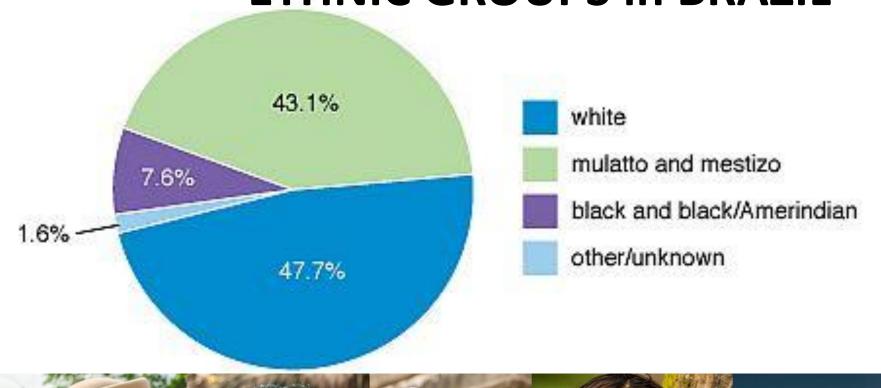


#### **PEOPLE**

- 212,559,417 people
- Nearly 90% people live in cities
- 6<sup>th</sup> largest
   population in the
   world
- Almost exclusively concentrated near the coasts
- Sao Paulo is the largest city in Brazil



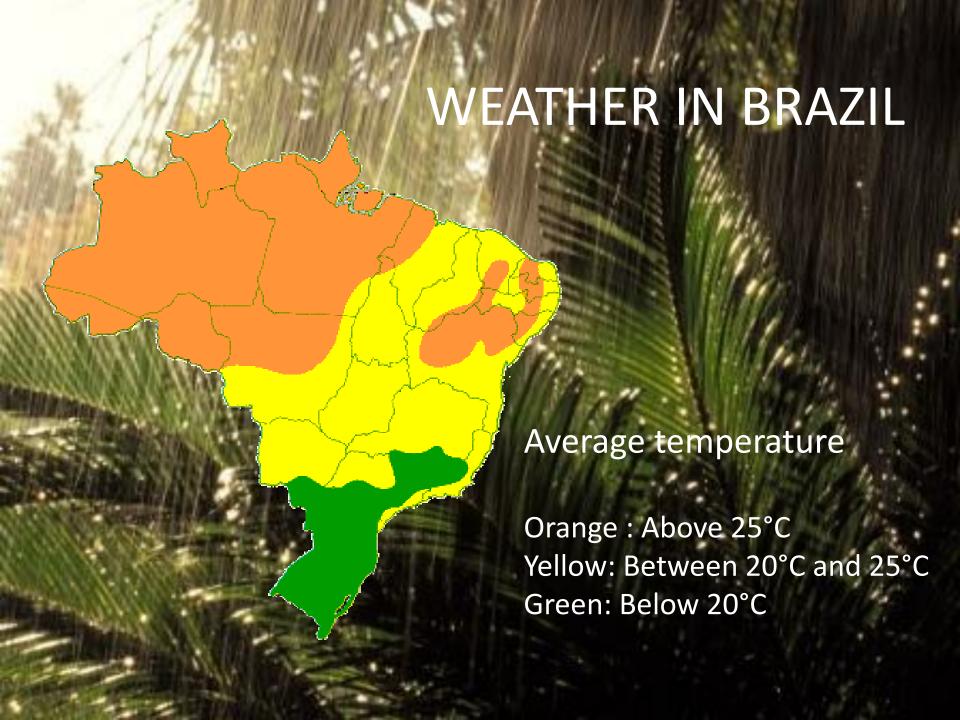
#### **ETHNIC GROUPS in BRAZIL**













Rubber products

Quartz crystals

CT Columbium-tantalum

Chemical-pharmaceutical

electronic equipment

Petrochemical fertilizer

# AGRICULTURE and INDUSTRY

Major industries include iron and steel production, automobile assembly, petroleum processing, chemicals production, and cement making.

Brazil became the world's largest exporter of coffee, soybeans, beef, and cropbased ethanol.

## CULTURE

As consequence of three centuries of colonization by the Portuguese empire, the core of Brazilian culture is derived from the culture of Portugal. The numerous Portuguese inheritances include the language, cuisine items such as rice and beans and *feijoada*, the predominant religion and the colonial architectural styles.

The Christ Redeemer
Statue in Rio de Janeiro
is one of the 7
Wonders of the World.

Samba is among the most popular music genres in Brazil and is widely regarded as the country's national musical style.

**Brazilians** are **renowned for** their love of dance and music. The most **famous** is the **Brazil** festival in Rio de Janeiro.

Football is the most popular sport in Brazil.

#### INTERESTINGUES

- São Paulo is the largest city in the southern hemisphere.
- Brazil has more animal and plant species than any other country in the world. Amazon jungle contains nearly 90% of the world animals. Amazon rainforest cover up 50% of Brazil.
- Brazil has been the largest producer of coffee for the last 150 years.
- Brazil was a Portuguese colony for 322 years.
- Brazil is a Catholic country, with about 64% of the population identifying themselves as Roman Catholic.
- Sugarloaf mountain has long been a key landmark for sailors and a defensive look-out site to protect against invaders.
- The green color is a symbol of the forests, the yellow represents gold, and the blue globe and stars symbolize the night sky filled with stars and constellations that also stands for the country's states.
- Brazil is named after Brasilwood tree
- Brazil's unofficial national dish is a thick stew called 'feijoada', made with black beans ('feijao') and pork. The recipe came to Brazil with the slaves who arrived from Africa in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

