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## Information Database Country: Brazil

### BASIC INFORMATION

Country Established: September 7, 1822

Native Language: Portuguese / Brazilian Portuguese

Current Population: 204, 000, 000 Brazilians

Gross Domestic Product (GDP): 3.389 Trillion US Dollars

### WHAT IS THE MILITARY AGE? IS SERVICE MANDATORY OR OPTIONAL?

It is understandable that Brazil would like to protect its coastline and would need a lot of help in doing so. The country is known for its large military equipment and active personnel serving for their countrymen. According to the law and regulations, Brazilian men are conscripted mandatorily. The only exceptions are the clergymen and women. What happens is that whenever a boy turns 18, he is required to get drafted and serve when he reaches 19 years old.

### DRUG LAWS (which drugs are legal? Which are illegal?)

Illegal Drugs: Cannabis (marijuana), cocaine

Legal Drugs: Tobacco (can be consumed when you are over 18 years old), prescription medications are allowed.

### GUN LAWS (what are the parameters for gun ownership?)

Following Brazil's gun laws are pretty easy compared to other countries. You must be 25 years old or over to be able to procure a gun. It is illegal to carry a gun outside of your residence perimeters. You can only carry a gun if you do have a special permit or if you are a law enforcement officer. Before you can get one, you need to secure a gun license first and pay every 3 years after registration in Federal Police.

### PROSTITUTION (Is it legal? What are the laws around it?)

Brazilians are known for its liberated attitude and their carefree demeanors. This goes to show

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in their laws as well. In Brazil, prostitution is legal. The age of consent is 16 years old but you can only be a professional sex worker at the age of 18. You must know that there are limits and rules to adhere to legal prostitution. An example of this is inducing someone to become a prostitute or forcing someone without consent is a crime. Also, if you try to recruit girls that are minors, the consequences are fatal and are considered a heinous crime.

VICES (do they consume more drugs than alcohol? Vice versa? Something else?)

With the country's booming industry ranging from local products to tourism, the most worrying is the side effect of having these successful industries and one of them is the drugs in Brazil. It started in 2010 and the numbers kept increasing surpassing the percent intake each year. It was estimated that Brazil consumes 18% of the world's supply of cocaine. That is almost 92,000 kilograms worth of drugs according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

### MOST DEVASTATING WAR/CONFLICT IN ITS HISTORY

In Latin America, the one devastating war that had been quoted as the bloodiest and deadliest war was the Paraguayan War. The war lasted for 4 years amongst the interstate of Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay versus Paraguay. The war garnered 140,000 losses of lives where 50,000 of estimated soldiers and civilians were Brazilians.

### NATIONAL SPORT OBSESSION

Brazil comes to life whenever its football season and all the world knows why. The country has played in all world cups and has secured over 5 huge wins! Brazilians are pretty much heavily invested in their sport and you can see the enthusiasm and team spirit in every team win and losses. They are very supportive and loyal to their team. Most remarkable players who ever set foot on the field are Brazilians as well.

### BIGGEST INDUSTRY

In all of the Americas, Brazil is one heck of a manufacturing giant. They contribute to almost 30% of Americas GDP. Their products would include consumer durables, petrochemicals, computers, steel, automobiles, and aircraft.

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