

BRAZIL - BASIC DATA

Official name:	Federative Republic of Brazil
Date of independence:	September 7, 1822
Proclamation of the Republic:	November 15, 1899
Area:	8,511,965 km ²
Population:	115,400,000 (1978)
Births:	3 million per year
Currency:	Cruzeiro
Capital:	Brasilia
Official language:	Portuguese
Religions:	Catholic (90.5 per cent) Spiritist (4.6 per cent) Protestant (3.3 per cent) Orthodox (0.1 per cent) Jewish (0.1 per cent) Undeclared (1.4 per cent)
Political system:	Presidential
President:	General Joao Baptista de Figueiredo (took office March 15, 1979)
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Ramiro Elysio Saraiva Guerreiro
Gross National Product (1979):	²⁰⁹ \$157.7 billion US
GNP per capita:	\$1,690 US