

ILLITERACY RATE IN BRAZIL

1970, 1980, 1991 and 1997

Category	Total	Illiteracy Rate (%) by Age Groups				
		15 or older	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49
1970 *						
Total population	53,824,626	10,253,283	8,285,805	6,504,069	10,754,252	8,082,277
Illiterates	18,099,790	2,487,024	2,199,723	1,947,390	3,535,676	3,114,411
rate (%)	33.6	24.3	26.5	29.9	32.9	38.5
Men	26,534,433	4,995,432	4,037,135	3,173,285	5,302,780	4,083,291
Illiterates	8,088,515	1,283,743	1,029,884	871,493	1,522,026	1,352,612
rate (%)	30.5	25.7	25.5	27.5	28.7	33.1
Women	27,290,193	5,257,851	4,248,670	3,330,784	5,451,472	3,998,986
Illiterates	10,011,275	1,203,281	1,169,839	1,075,897	2,013,650	1,761,799
rate (%)	36.7	22.9	27.5	32.3	36.9	44.1
Urban	28,750,791	5,761,855	4,840,519	3,820,060	3,409,768	4,893,328
Illiterates	6,363,482	603,403	622,536	603,102	1,234,922	1,186,047
rate (%)	22.1	10.5	12.9	15.8	36.2	24.2
Rural	21,114,128	4,491,428	3,445,286	2,684,009	3,384,777	3,188,949
Illiterates	11,736,308	1,883,621	1,577,185	1,344,288	2,300,754	1,928,364
rate (%)	55.6	41.9	45.8	50.1	68.0	60.5
1980 *						
Total population	73,413,902	13,575,971	11,513,220	9,442,217	14,039,109	10,377,274
Illiterates	18,648,986	2,235,370	1,799,071	1,699,039	3,369,034	3,193,063
rate (%)	25.4	16.5	15.6	18.0	24.0	30.8
Men	36,112,824	6,705,955	5,673,908	4,641,370	6,926,975	5,154,845
Illiterates	8,527,160	1,258,297	900,410	794,912	1,514,160	1,387,006
rate (%)	23.6	18.8	15.9	17.1	21.9	26.9
Women	37,301,078	6,870,016	5,839,312	4,800,847	7,112,134	5,222,429
Illiterates	10,121,826	977,073	898,661	904,127	1,854,874	1,806,057
rate (%)	27.1	14.2	15.4	18.8	26.1	34.6
Urban	51,910,472	9,229,764	8,285,233	6,885,295	10,044,130	7,319,182
Illiterates	8,715,740	779,196	710,745	714,876	1,508,391	1,540,199
rate (%)	16.8	8.4	8.6	10.4	15.0	21.0

Rural	21,503,430	4,346,207	3,227,987	2,556,922	3,994,979	3,058,092
Illiterates	9,933,246	1,456,174	1,088,326	984,163	1,860,643	1,652,864
rate (%)	46.2	33.5	33.7	38.5	46.6	54.0

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1991 *						
Total population	95,837,043	15,017,472	13,564,878	12,638,078	20,527,256	13,959,402
Illiterates	19,233,239	1,810,236	1,652,047	1,604,599	3,148,034	3,318,124
rate (%)	20.1	12.1	12.2	12.7	15.3	23.8
Men	46,683,696	7,460,490	6,712,435	6,174,959	10,004,609	6,855,703
Illiterates	9,266,587	1,127,382	935,263	862,936	1,539,409	1,529,693
rate (%)	19.8	15.1	13.9	14.0	15.4	22.3
Women	49,153,347	7,556,982	6,852,443	6,463,119	10,522,647	7,103,699
Illiterates	9,966,652	682,854	716,784	741,663	1,608,626	1,788,431
rate (%)	20.3	9.0	10.5	11.5	15.3	25.2
Urban	74,443,693	11,157,641	10,485,477	9,990,122	16,419,810	10,928,957
Illiterates	10,561,449	756,558	766,266	790,385	1,652,680	1,834,884
rate (%)	14.2	6.8	7.3	7.9	10.1	16.8
Rural	21,393,350	3,859,831	3,079,401	2,647,956	4,107,446	3,030,445
Illiterates	8,671,790	1,053,678	885,781	814,214	1,495,355	1,483,240
rate (%)	40.5	27.3	28.8	30.7	36.4	48.9
1997 *						
Total population	108,025,650	16,580,383	13,454,058	12,303,375	23,245,389	17,601,643
Illiterates	15,883,372	941,773	960,560	1,058,705	2,382,562	2,683,390
rate (%)	14.7	5.7	7.1	8.6	10.2	15.2
Men	52,043,984	8,312,899	6,667,807	5,955,295	11,197,194	8,421,656
Illiterates	7,608,924	637,555	599,186	623,931	1,255,761	1,227,800
rate (%)	14.6	7.7	9.0	10.5	11.2	14.6
Women	55,981,666	8,267,484	6,786,251	6,348,080	12,048,195	9,179,987
Illiterates	8,274,448	304,218	361,374	434,774	1,126,801	1,455,590
rate (%)	14.8	3.7	5.3	6.8	9.4	15.9
Urban	87,675,076	13,159,144	10,953,391	10,083,779	19,214,275	14,537,968
Illiterates	9,365,517	442,562	490,730	542,744	1,318,435	1,564,595
rate (%)	10.7	3.4	4.5	5.4	6.9	10.8
Rural	20,350,574	3,421,239	2,500,667	2,219,596	4,031,114	3,063,675
Illiterates	6,517,855	499,211	469,830	515,961	1,064,127	1,118,795
rate (%)	32.0	14.6	18.8	23.2	26.4	36.5

Source: The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) / PNAD

* Does not include the rural population of the States of Rondônia, Acre, Amazonas, Roraima, Pará and Amapá.

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50 or older		
	9,944,940	
	4,815,566	48.4
	4,942,510	
	2,028,757	41.0
	5,002,430	
	2,786,809	55.7
	6,025,261	
	2,113,470	35.1
	3,919,679	
	2,702,096	68.9
	14,466,111	
	6,353,409	43.9
	7,009,771	
	2,672,375	38.1
	7,456,340	
	3,681,034	49.4
	10,146,868	
	3,462,333	34.1

4,319,243
2,891,076
66.9



50 or older

20,129,957

7,700,198
38.3

9,475,500
3,271,904
34.5

10,654,457
4,428,294
41.6

15,461,686
4,760,676
30.8

4,668,271
2,939,522
63.0

24,840,802

7,856,382
31.6

11,489,133
3,264,691
28.4

13,351,669
4,591,691
34.4

19,726,519
5,006,451
25.4

5,114,283
2,849,931
55.7