

Illiteracy in Brazil as a percentage of the population aged 15 or older

State/Region	Year				
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004
Brazil	14.2	27.3	26	11.6	24.4
North	17.1	26.3	24.7	10.1	29.1
Rondônia	15	27.9	25.3	8.6	27.2
Acre	25.5	30.2	26.3	16.9	36.2
Amazonas	17.6	21.2	17.8	6.6	22.1
Roraima	16.5	31.6	27.7	9.7	23.9
Pará	16.3	28.5	27.2	10.6	32.3
City of Belém	n/a	15.7	16.6	5.6	16.6
Amapá	13.4	16.5	20.2	9.2	20.1
Tocantins	20	36.3	34.9	17.6	32.7
Northeast	26.1	42.8	40.8	23.2	37.6
Maranhão	28.2	44.8	45.2	23.8	40
Piauí	30.3	49.8	46	28.4	42.4
Ceará	26.6	41.5	38.5	22.8	36.4
City of Fortaleza	n/a	24.6	22.9	12	22.8
R. G. do Norte	22.6	37.2	35.6	23.4	34.4
Paraíba	29	47.1	44.8	25.2	40.5
Pernambuco	22.2	37.5	36.5	21.8	33.3
City of Recife	n/a	21.5	20.9	11.4	19.7
Alagoas	31.8	50.2	47.8	30.4	45.5
Sergipe	23	38.1	37.7	19.2	32.4
Bahia	25.6	43.6	40.8	21.4	37.9
City of Salvador	n/a	18.2	17.2	7.1	16.7

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Southeast	9	20.4	19.6	6.8	18.1
Minas Gerais	12.5	26.4	25.5	11	23.6
City of Belo Horizonte	n/a	15.1	15.1	5.9	13.9
Espirito Santo	12.4	24.8	23.1	10.3	20.9
Rio de Janeiro	7.1	18.5	17.9	4.6	16.2
City of Rio de Janeiro	n/a	16.7	15.8	3.6	14.5
São Paulo	7.9	17.9	17.3	5.4	16
City of São Paulo	n/a	15.6	14.4	4.6	13.6
South	8.2	21.2	19.7	6.4	18.6
Paraná	11.1	25.4	23.1	7.8	21.8
City of Curitiba	n/a	18.4	15.9	3.6	15.1
Santa Catarina	5.6	18	17.6	5	16.3
R. G. do Sul	6.8	19	17.6	5.8	16.8
City of Porto Alegre	n/a	13.8	13.6	3.7	12.5
Center-West	11.8	25.9	23.8	9.5	22
M. G. do Sul	13.5	27.4	24.4	9.6	25.4
Mato Grosso	13.4	30	25.9	10.7	24.3
Goiás	12.6	27.8	27.2	10.9	23.7
Distrito Federal	6.3	15	12.6	4.4	11.9

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