

# Intercultural Understanding Guide: Brazilian Culture

## **Geographic context:**

- Brazil, officially known as the Federative Republic of Brazil is in South America and ranked as the fifth most populous country in the world.

## **Language:**

- The primary language in Brazil is Portuguese, which is spoken by 208.31 million people, followed by Spanish and English, spoken by 6.38 million and 8.50 million people respectively.

## **Religion and Ethnicity:**

- Brazil's ethnic diversity reflects its history of migratory patterns. The country has embraced a medley of migrants from all over the world.
- Brazil has a diverse religious landscape.
- Accordingly, the majority of Brazilians in the country identify as Roman Catholic (64.4%), thus reflecting its historical relationship with Portugal and the Catholic Church.

## **Social norm/structure/hierarchy:**

- A collectivistic attitude and sense of solidarity are characteristic of many Brazilian people.
- There is often a sense of pride in their ability to work together to shape their lived experiences rather than passively accept the status quo.

## **Communication style:**

- Brazilians are generally expressive and emotive in terms of communication, they are open to talking about their thoughts and emotions.

## **Demographics in Australia:**

- Immigration from Brazil to Australia has been ongoing from as early as 1871.
- According to the 2021 Australian Census, there are 46,720 Australian residents who were born in Brazil. Furthermore, there are 36,697 Australians with Brazilian ancestry.



## **References:**

- [Cultural Atlas](#); [Tilti](#)