Where People Live in Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, and Venezuela

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|  | **MEXICO** | **VENEZUELA** | **BRAZIL** | **CUBA** |
| **LOCATION** | * Mexico is the northern most country in Latin America.
* It has coasts on the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea
* Very Mountainous
* Land varies from beaches to deserts
* Most of the land is too dry and rugged to grow crops.
* Only 12% of the land is arable.
* Has earthquakes and volcanic Activity
* Area: About 760,000 sq. miles
 | * Northernmost part of South America
* Coasts on Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean
* Just north of the equator
* Mountains in north, central plains with plateaus and low mountains in south.
* Has 3% arable land
* Most of the land is used for pasture – not crops.
* Area: About 350,000 sq. miles
 | * Eastern side of South America
* Borders the Atlantic Ocean
* Equator runs through the northern part of the country
* Mostly flat to rolling lowlands, some plains, hills, and mountains
* Largest country in South America
* Has about 7% arable land
* Home to the Amazon Rainforest
* About 3.3 million sq. miles
 | * Caribbean island about 90 miles from the coast of Florida
* Borders the Gulf of Mexico in the NW and the Atlantic Ocean is NE
* Mostly flat and rolling plains/ rugged hills and mountains in SE
* Largest island in the West Indies
* Has about 28% arable land
* About 43,000 sq. miles
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| **CLIMATE** | * Tends to be dry and warm
* Desert climate and tropical climates
* Hottest: June – August
* Wettest: June – August
 | * Hot, tropical climate
* Cooler in the mountains.
* Rain varies by region – 16 inches on the coast and 100 inches in the mountains
 | * Mostly hot and tropical
* Temperate in the southern region (mild temperatures)
 | * Tropical – has trade winds
* Dry season (Nov – April)
* Rainy Season (May- October)
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| **POPULATION** | About 111 million people | About 28 million  | About 191 million | About 11 Million |
| **WHERE MOST PEOPLE LIVE** | * Urban – 77%
* Rural – 23%
* 20 % live in Mexico City
* 2nd highest population in Latin America
 | * Urban – 88%
* Rural – 12%
* Caracas is the largest city
* Most people live in the northern highlands, along the coast
 | * Urban – 84%
* Rural – 16%
* Most populated in Latin America
* Most live along the coast where major cities are.
 | * Urban – 76%
* Rural – 24%
* Havana is the largest city – about 20% of the population lives there.
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| **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES** | Air Pollution in Mexico City | Oil Pollution in Lake Maracaibo | Deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest | Deforestation and the preservation of the unique wildlife. |
| **EXPORTS** | Manufactured Goods, oil and oil products, silver, fruit, vegetables, coffee, and cotton.  | Bauxite, Aluminum, Steel, Chemicals, Agricultural products | Transport equipment, iron ore, soybeans, footwear, coffee, automobiles, and sugar | Sugar, nickel, tobacco, fish, medical products, citrus, and coffee |
| **IMPORTS** | Metal working machines, steel mill products, agriculture machinery, electrical equipment, car parts, and repair parts for motor vehicles, aircrafts, and aircraft parts | Agricultural products, livestock, raw materials, machinery and equipment, transport equipment, construction materials, medical equipment. pharmaceuticals, chemicals, iron and steel products | Petroleum, food, machinery and equipment, and chemicals | Machinery, electrical and transport equipment, chemical products, oil, car parts, electronics |
| **NATURAL RESOURCES** | Petroleum (oil), silver, copper, gold, lead, zinc, natural gas, and timber | Petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, gold, bauxite, hydropower, and diamonds | Iron ore, sugar-cane ethanol, oranges, oil, aluminum, water, and hydroelectric power | Nickel, iron ore, copper, gold, silver, chromium, and cobalt |

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