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 |
| **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) |
| **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. |
| **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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