

Sticky Knowledge

- ✓ There are 12 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.
- ✓ Brazil is the largest country and covers almost half of the continent.
- ✓ South America's largest river is the Amazon, which is the second longest river in the world.
- ✓ Sao Paulo is the largest city in South America.
- ✓ Spanish is the most popular language in South America, even though Brazilians speak Portuguese.
- ✓ The Andes are the world's longest continental mountain range.
- ✓ In South America, there are many street children. Street children are groups of children with no home or parents and are forced to beg for a living.
- ✓ The Incas were the largest group of indigenous people in South America when the Europeans arrived.

Key Studies



Argentina



Chile

- **Population:** 45.5 million people live in Argentina (2020)
- **Capital:** Buenos Aires has a population of about 15.1 million people
- **Name:** *Republica Argentina* or Argentine Republic, *Argentina* means 'land of silver'
- **Government:** Democracy, Republic
- **Language:** Spanish, Italian, English, German, French and indigenous languages
- **Literacy:** 98% can read and write
- **Religion:** mainly Christians (Roman Catholics 92%)
- **Currency:** 1 Argentine peso = 100 centavos

- **Population:** 18 million people live in Chile (2020)
- **Capital:** Santiago, with 6.8 million inhabitants is the country's largest metropolitan area
- **Name:** Republic of Chile
- **Government:** Democracy, Republic
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Literacy:** More than 97% of the people can read and write.
- **Religion:** mainly Christians (Roman Catholics 77%, Protestants 16%)
- **Currency:** 1 Chilean peso = 100 centavos

Big Idea

Brazil is South America's most influential country, a rising economic power and one of the world's biggest democracies. A former Portuguese colony, Brazil has a highly diverse population, including indigenous Americans and the descendants of African slaves and European settlers.



Map of South America



Brazil

- **Population:** 212 million people live in Brazil (2020)
- **Capital:** Brasilia, with 4.2 million inhabitants is the country's fourth largest city. The largest city in Brazil is Sao Paulo with about 12 million inhabitants.
- **Name:** Republica Federativa do Brasil, Federative Republic of Brazil
- **Government:** Democracy, Republic
- **Language:** Portuguese
- **Literacy:** More than 91% of the people can read and write.
- **Religion:** mainly Christians (Roman Catholics 65%, Protestants 22%)
- **Currency:** 1 real=100 centavos

Vocabulary

street children: Street children are groups of children with no homes or parents and are forced to beg for a living.

pampas: The pampas are fertile South American lowlands that cover more than 750,000 km²

I am somebody: A poem which was used in a campaign to bring attention to the street children of Brazil.

Andes: The Andes are the world's longest continental mountain range. They lie as a continuous chain of highland along the western coast of South America.

inhabitants: Is a person or animal that is a permanent resident of a particular place or region.

sparsely populated: Sparsely populated means that there are few people scattered about the area spoken of.

Incas: The Incas, an American Indian people, were originally a small tribe in the southern highlands of Peru.

Atacama desert: The **Atacama desert** is one of the driest places in the world. It has a stony terrain.