Brazil's Addressable Market for Applicants & Opportunities for Growth



AGENDA

Brief Intro

- Overview of Brazil's education landscape and growing interest in international education
- Key objectives: To highlight the size, potential, and growth opportunities in Brazil's college-bound student market
- A few ways you can tap into this potential



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- Bandeirantes founded in 1944
- **2,700** students from 1st to 12th grade
- Graduating class: ~450 students
- **10-12%** tend to apply to universities outside of Brazil
- Dedicated 3-person counseling team
- Over 1,000 1-on-1 counselor meetings every year
- **150+** annual visits from international universities
- Have workshops and SAT prep classes
- **700+** acceptances to universities outside of Brazil in the past 5 years
- Acceptances into 240+ international universities including Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Stanford, UChicago, Duke, Penn, Brown, Dartmouth, Hopkins, UBC, UToronto, Bocconi, IE University and many more





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Brazil's Demographics – College-Bound Age Group

- Brazil and Mexico are the two largest markets in Latin America in terms of GDP and population, followed by Colombia
- Together, Brazil and Mexico account for ~330M people (50% of LatAm) and ~USD 4T of GDP (60% of LatAm)
 - Brazil has ~200mn people vs. Mexico's 130mn
 - Brazil's GDP is USD 2.2T vs. Mexico's USD 1.8T
 - Brazil and Mexico account for 50% of total students across Higher Education and K-12
- Brazil's Population: 214 million (2023 estimate)
 - Ages 15-24: Approx. 34 million young people in the prime college application age
- Growing middle- and upper-middle-class population with aspirations for global education
- Increased English proficiency and international curriculum adoption (IB, AP, A-Levels, etc)



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rces: IBGE (Brazilian Institute of Geography & Statistics), British Council, Bain Consulting, IMF, S&P Global, UNESCO 📃

Brazil's Demographics – A Comparison

Brazil can be compared to South Korea in many ways:

- Population Size: Brazil ~214M vs. Korea ~52M
- South Korea sends ~200K+ students abroad annually vs. Brazil ~50-60K but growing fast
- Both have strong private education sectors
- **Cultural aspirations for international degrees**
- South Korea shows what Brazil could become with more structured international pathways



Sources: IBGE (Brazilian Institute of Geography & Statistics), UNESCO, Korean Ministry of Education, KOSIS (Korean Statistical Information Service



Addressable Market for Students Applying Abroad

- Brazil has over 3.5 million students graduating from high school annually
- Rising numbers of students from top-tier private schools applying internationally
- Estimated 100,000+ Brazilian students currently enrolled in universities abroad (up from 58,000 in 2017 → up 70% in 7 years)
- **50,000-60,000** students apply abroad each year



Sources: Brazilian Ministry of Education (MEC), UNESCO, Brazilian Association of International Education (FAUBAI), EducationUSA, Fundação Estudar



Addressable Market for Students Applying Abroad

- Increasing outbound student numbers seeking quality higher education, career opportunities, and global mobility
- Strong and growing demand for global higher education, particularly in STEM, business, and liberal arts
- **Families increasingly willing and able to invest in international education**
- Large, growing bilingual student population well-prepared for international education
- Strong international school network fostering more globally competitive graduates
- Access to scholarships and financial aid fueling interest, including government and private-sector initiatives supporting study-abroad scholarships





Household Income & Capacity to Pay for Colleges Abroad

Upper-Middle-Class & Affluent Households (A & B classes):

- Class A: Avg monthly income of USD 10K+
- Class B: Monthly income of USD 2.5-10K



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Families investing in education as a priority:

- Private school tuition (international schools) averages USD 15-30K per year
- Capacity to pay for university tuition abroad (especially in the US, Canada, UK)

Sources: IBGE Household Income Survey – PNAD, ANEC - National Association of Private Schools, Brazilian Association of Private Higher Education - ABMES



What's Driving the Demand?

- International Experience: Exposure to diverse cultures and global perspectives is a significant motivator
- Enhanced Career Prospects: Degrees from internationally recognized institutions can improve employability and career advancement
- Language Acquisition: Improving proficiency in languages like English is a key factor
- Scholarship Opportunities: Availability of financial aid and scholarships makes studying abroad more accessible
- Prestige" Factor: Cultural drive towards aspirational "brands" and networking opportunities



What's Suppressing Demand?

- High tuition and cost of living abroad
- **Fears regarding immigration / shifting political climates**
- English proficiency concerns
- Family hesitation to sending kids away
- Limited understanding of the number of possibilities (beyond the "lvies" and optionality to transfer, etc)
- Large segment of population not taught to "dream big"



International M&A Activity in Brazilian Education

- Inspired Education Group: Acquired multiple international schools in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Brasília
- Nord Anglia Education: Recently expanded its footprint in Latin America, targeting premium private education institutions
- Cognita Schools: Entered the Brazilian market, focusing on high-quality bilingual and international education







Importance to diversify within Brazil itself:

- Southeast (São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais):
 - Highest concentration of elite international and bilingual schools, with São Paulo being the economic hub with highest GDP and purchasing power
- South (Paraná, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande do Sul):
 - European-influenced education culture, high levels of English proficiency and growing interest in STEM and business degrees abroad
- Northeast (Bahia, Pernambuco, Ceará):
 - Rapidly growing private education sector with affluent families seeking international education
- Midwest (Brasília, Goiás, Mato Grosso):
 - Brasília: High GDP per capita, strong diplomatic and expatriate communities
 - Agribusiness driving income growth
 - Demand for international programs growing in secondary cities





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- Tailored Marketing: Develop campaigns that resonate with Brazilian cultural values and educational aspirations
- Language Support: Offer preparatory language courses to assist with language proficiency requirements
- Scholarship Programs: Highlight available scholarships and/or financial aid options to alleviate cost concerns
 - More financial aid and/or merit-based scholarships directed at the region to attract extraordinary talent
- □ Alumni Success Stories: Share testimonials from Brazilian graduates who have excelled after studying abroad → BRASA help?



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- Potential for partnerships, dual-degree programs, and pathway programs with Brazilian higher education institutions
- Include Brazil in recruitment trips (maybe longer trips or even 2x per year?)
- Map out the key players in terms of Brazilian schools that have large cohorts of applicants
- Reach out if you need help!

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