# Modern slavery in Brazil

### Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot





#### **KEY STATS**

**Population (2021)** 212,559,409 **GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$)** \$14,834

**5.0** 

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people 1,053,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

**47**/100

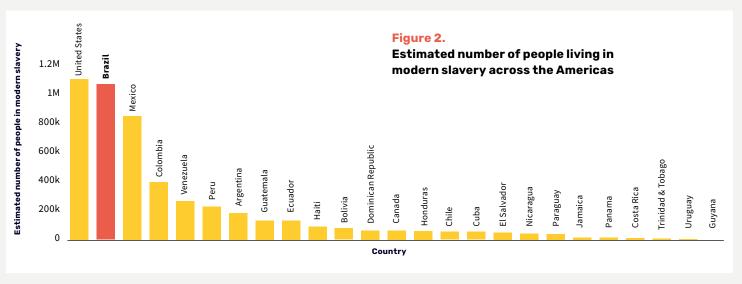
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

**51**/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

### The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 5.0 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Brazil at any point in 2021. In other words, 1,053,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Brazil in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Brazil ranks 91st globally and 16th within the Americas.



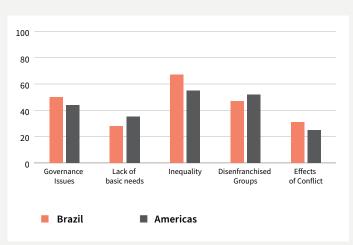
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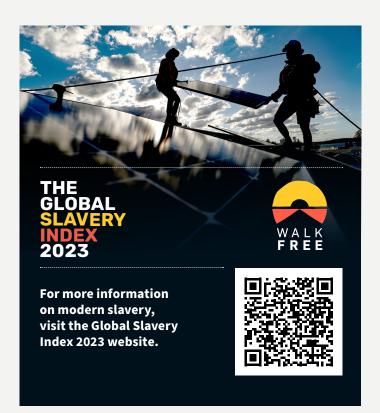
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#### Vulnerability to modern slavery

How vulnerable a country's people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Brazil is rated as 47 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of inequality.

Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Brazil to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



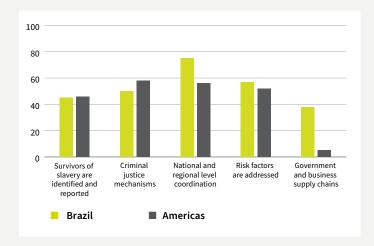


### Government response to modern slavery

The government of Brazil scored 29 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government's response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.

Government of Brazil's responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



#### Importing risk of modern slavery

Brazil imported US\$5.6 billion worth of goods at-risk of modern slavery. This includes:











## **Priority Recommendations** for the government of Brazil

- Repeal the 2018 ruling that created a new category of "volunteer labour," which thereby removed the requirement to pay prisoners for their work while imprisoned.
- Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
- Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.