A little over 10% of Brazilians have a university degree. Almost half of the population has not completed middle school.

Almost half of candidates in the 2014 national election had university degrees. Most candidates in the 2016 local elections had at least a high school diploma.

Education also influences citizens’ interest and engagement with politics. Citizens with a college degree are more likely to:
- Say they would vote even if voting were not mandatory
- Be affiliated to political parties and unions
- Follow political news on print and online sources
- Engage in political activity such as protesting, signing petitions, striking, and online activism

College graduates are also more critical of the current political situation, but have more faith in democracy as a form of government:
- 82% Of citizens with college degrees perceive the public sector as corrupt
- 41.4% Express little to no satisfaction with the Brazilian democracy current state
- 75.3% Believe that democracy is always the best form of government

Sources: