



MEXICO



INTRODUCTION

The site of several advanced Amerindian civilizations - including the Olmec, Toltec, Teotihuacan, Zapotec, Maya, and Aztec - Mexico was conquered and colonized by Spain in the early 16th century. Administered as the Viceroyalty of New Spain for three centuries, it achieved independence early in the 19th century.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Andres Manuel LOPEZ OBRADOR

Head of Government

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Government Type

federal presidential republic

Capital

Mexico City

Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso de la Union consists of the Senate or Camara de Senadores (128 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (500 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,964,375 sq km

Land: 1,943,945 sq km

Water: 20,430 sq km

Climate

varies from tropical to desert

Natural Resources

petroleum, silver, copper, gold, lead, zinc, natural gas, timber

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

one of the world's largest economies; USMCA buttresses its manufacturing sector; has underperformed growth targets for three decades; COVID-19 disrupted export-based economy; corruption and cartel-based violence undermine economic stability

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2.306 trillion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$17,900 (2020 est.)

Industries – food and beverages, tobacco, chemicals, iron and steel, petroleum, mining, textiles, clothing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, tourism

Agricultural products - sugarcane, maize, milk, oranges, sorghum, tomatoes, poultry, wheat, green chilies/peppers, eggs

Exports \$434.9 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, computers, delivery trucks, crude petroleum, insulated wiring (2019)

partners: US 75% (2019)

Imports \$410.7 billion (2020 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, cars/vehicle parts, office machinery/parts, telephones (2019)

partners: US 54%, China 14% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

130.2 million (2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.04% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

mestizo (Amerindian-Spanish) 62%, predominantly Amerindian 21%, Amerindian 7%, other 10% (mostly European) (2012 est.)

Language

Spanish only 93.8%, Spanish and indigenous languages 5.4%, indigenous only 0.6%, unspecified 0.2%; note - indigenous languages include various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional languages (2020 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 78%, Protestant/evangelical Christian 11.2%, other 0.002%, unaffiliated (includes atheism) 10.6% (2020 est.)

