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

as of December 2021

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.)