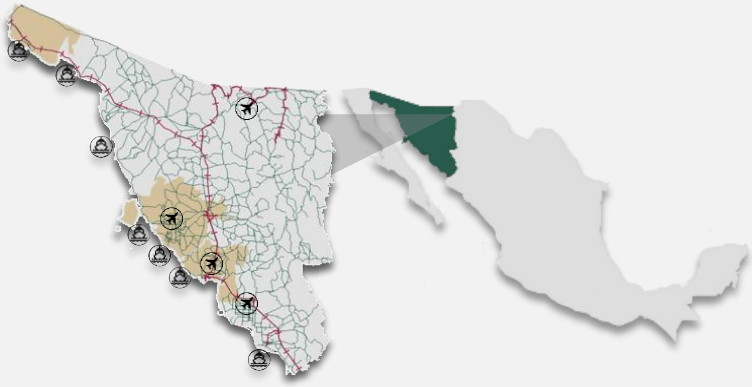
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INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES



179,355 km² of surface area, 9.2 % of the national territory

3 million people (Mar. 2026)

1.5 million
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72 Municipalities

27 Industrial Parks (2023)

Highways **25,331 km** in length (2022)

Railroads **2,008 km** in length (2021)

Concessionaires:
Ferrocarril Mexicano, S.A. de C.V.

5 International airport (2022)
Passenger capacity: **1,112,152**
Load capacity: **14,869,276 kg**

7 Ports (2021)

Nearby ASIPONA (2021): **Puerto de Guaymas**

Gas pipeline infrastructure (2023): **Yes, Public and Private**

Households with internet access (2022): **80.6 %**

Water resources (2019):
Number of aquifers: **60**
Availability: **Very low**

Types of customs: **Borderline and maritime**

Distance to the 3 main customs border roads (km) (2022):

- Nuevo Laredo: **1,247.0**
- Ciudad Juárez: **742.9**
- Tijuana: **870.7**

Source: SICT-INEGI

MEXICAN TALENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

15,506
Graduates (2024-2025)

34
Institutions

6,602
STEM fields graduates

4,815
Engineering, manufacturing and construction

723
Information and communication technologies

662
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics

Main institutions
with the highest number of STEM graduates

UNIVERSIDAD DE SONORA	INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO DE SONORA	INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO DE HERMOSILLO
1,202	860	836

Engineering, manufacturing and construction
graduates and postgraduates:

- **397** Architecture and construction
- **3,864** Mechanical, electrical, electronic, engineering, chemical and related professions
- **554** Manufacturing and processes

Source: ANUIES (2024-2025 school year)

10.7
Average of schooling (2024-2025)

1.4
Economically Active Population (EAP) (Mar. 2026)

3%
Unemployment Rate (Mar. 2026) Relative to the EAP

Source: INEGI-SEP

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MSMEs

127,926
enterprises

Micro	116,545
Small	9,581
Medium-sized	1,800

Source: INEGI – DENUE (Accessed Jul. 2026)

POTENTIAL SECTORS

- Cultural and sporting recreation services
- Temporary accommodation services and food and beverage preparation services
- Business support services, waste management and remediation services

Source: Data MX

FOREIGN TRADE

4,090
M USD
International purchases

8,007
M USD
International sales

Main export sectors

1,714 M USD	1,566 M USD	825 M USD
Metallic minerals, slag, and ashes	Electrical machinery, appliances and material, and parts	Fine or cultured pearls; precious metals and stones; costume jewelry

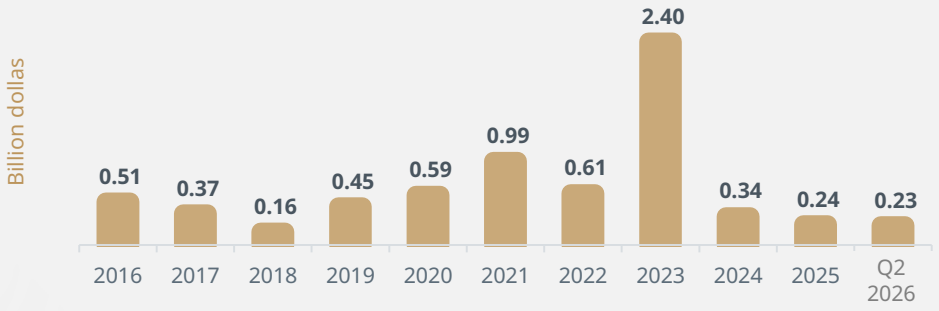
Source: Mexico's Trade Balance (Mar. 2026)

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

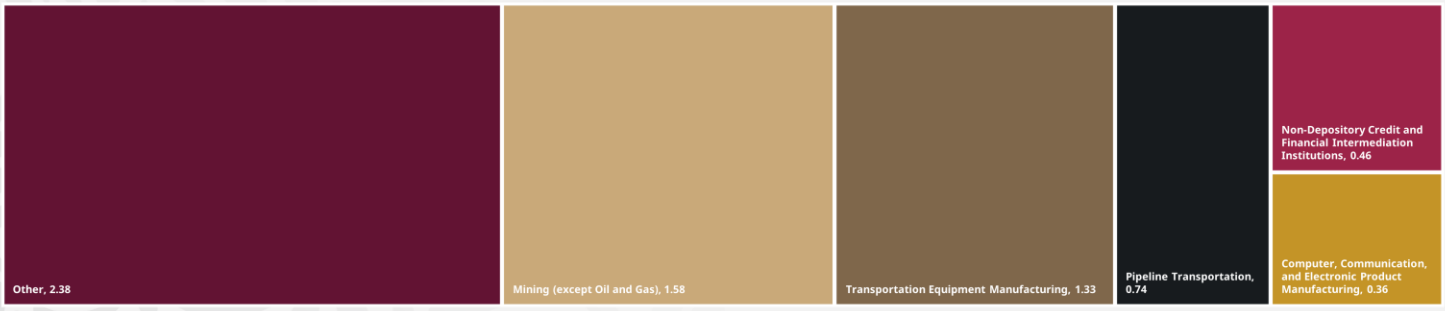
6.86 (BUSD) Historic FDI (2016 - Q2 2026)

Top 3 by investment origin country

1 USA 3.72 BUSD
2 Spain 0.57 BUSD
3 Luxembourg 0.18 BUSD



FDI by sector (Billion dollars)



Source: SE (Q2 2026)