

MEXICO FACT SHEET

BASIC DATA

Area: 1,958,201 km²: 19% cultivable;
48% suitable for livestock;
29% forested
Population: 85 million
Language: Spanish
Ethnic group: Mestizo 79%
Indian 11%
Caucasian 10%
Life expectancy: 66 years

Major religion: Roman Catholic 93%
Main cities &
population: Mexico City 19.3 million
Guadalajara 3.4 million
Monterrey 3.1 million
Climate: Temperate in the highlands;
tropical in the south; dry in the
north
Measures: Metric
Time: 6 hours ahead of GMT in Mexico
City

POLITICAL STRUCTURE

President: Carlos Salinas de Gortari
(1988-1994)
Foreign
Minister: Fernando Solana
Government: Federal republic, operating under
a centralized structure, 31
states, one federal district
(Mexico City)
Ruling party: Institutional Revolutionary Party
(PRI), which currently holds 61
of 64 seats in the Senate and
319 of 500 seats in the
Chamber of Deputies.

Opposition
parties: Several opposition parties are
guaranteed representation in the
Chamber of Deputies through
access to 200 seats allocated on
the basis of proportional
representation.
Diplomatic
relations
established: April 27, 1944
Canadian
Embassy: Mexico City
Honorary
Consuls: Acapulco, Cancún, Guadalajara,
Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, Tijuana
and Oaxaca

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP
growth: (3.5% in 1991)
Inflation rate: (18.8% in 1991)
Currency: Peso
GDP: (US\$250 billion in 1991)
Per capita
income: (US\$2,285 in 1991)

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