

OTHER PUBLIC-SECTOR EMPLOYERS

Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), the state-owned oil company, *Secretaría de Marina (SM)*, the Secretariat of the Marine, and the *Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (SDN)*, Secretariat of National Defence, operate health care programs for their employees and their families. Their hospitals and clinics are well regarded as good providers of health care services. *PEMEX* hospitals are concentrated in the states where *PEMEX* has a significant number of employees.

In 1992, *PEMEX* operated a total of 191 units. These units included 168 clinics or primary care facilities and 23 hospitals of which eight were specialized hospitals. The total 1992 budget of *PEMEX* was US \$323 million.

The *Secretaría de Marina (SM)*, Secretariat of the Marine, operated a total of 122 units, throughout most of the country, including 95 clinics or primary care facilities and 27 general hospitals.

The *Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (SDN)*, Secretariat of National Defence, operated a total of 243 units in all 31 states, including 217 clinics or primary care facilities and 26 general hospitals.

5. THE PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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Total number of medical service centres	2,250
General hospitals	135
Clinics	1,822
Sanitarium	225
Hospital beds	21,895
Medical centres	68
Medical doctors	5,317
Nursing staff and paramedics	18,522

Source: Recursos y Servicios - Sistema Nacional de Salud, Boletín de Información Estadística, Número 12, 1992.

The market served by the private health care system tends toward the higher socio-economic levels of the Mexican society. Nonetheless, private sector hospitals must set aside five percent of their beds for emergency care to any person needing assistance.

