

ECONOMIC PROFILE OF MEXICO

GENERAL

Capital	:	Mexico City
Area (km ²)	:	1,978,800
Population	:	66,633,000 (1979 est.)
Annual Growth Rate	:	2.6%
Ethnic Groups	:	Indian-Spanish (mestizo) 60%, American Indian 30%, Caucasian 9%, Other 1%
Religion	:	Roman Catholic 97%
Official Language	:	Spanish
Literacy	:	65% (84% claimed officially)
Life Expectancy	:	61 years.

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS - 1979 (est.)

GDP	:	US \$100 billion
GDP per capita	:	US \$1,515
Real GDP growth	:	8% estimate
Rate of Inflation	:	18%

FOREIGN TRADE - 1978

Mexican Exports	:	US \$6.5 billion
Mexican Imports	:	US \$8.0 billion
Deficit	:	US \$1.5 billion
Major Exports	:	petroleum, coffee, metals and manufactures, machinery and parts, chemicals, shrimp, raw cotton, fluorspar, auto parts and accessories, fresh fruit.
Major Markets	:	U.S.A., Canada (Can. stats), Brazil, West Germany, Venezuela; (using Mexican statistics, Canada is 9th market in importance).
Major Imports	:	machinery, chemicals, auto parts for local assembly, iron/steel foundry pieces, corn, oil seeds, resins and plastic materials, precision instruments, paper, railway equipment.
Major Suppliers	:	U.S.A., West Germany, Japan, Canada (in descending order).