

MEXICO

Continent: North America

[Population](#): 130.3 million

[Life Expectancy \(at Birth\)](#):

[Governance System](#): Federal Republic

Capital: Mexico City

[Area](#): 1,943,950 km²

Major Languages: Spanish

[GDP \(2021\)](#): 1,293,038 US\$ Millions

Select Global Rankings

[Human Development Index](#): 86

[Fragile States Index - Inverted](#): 96

[Soft Power 30 rank](#): NR

[Human Freedom Index](#): 93

[World Happiness Ranking](#): 46

[Good Country Index](#): 67

Elite Sport System Rankings

[Global Cup Ranking](#):

[Per Capita Cup Ranking](#):

[Olympic Medals – Summer '20](#):

[Olympic Medals – Winter '22](#):

Football/World Cup Profile

[FIFA Region](#): CONCACAF

[FIFA Ranking](#): 13

World Cup Appearances: 16

Best World Cup Performance(s): Quarter Finals (1970, 1986)

Qualification: 2nd Place CONCACAF

[World Cup Group](#): C

Last World Cup Appearance: 2018

MEXICO in INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (by Mallory Haggith)

Mexico, officially the United Mexican States, is a [federal republic comprising 31 states and the capital](#)—Mexico City. It is the [tenth-most populous country](#) and is the [most-populous Spanish speaking country](#). The current President is Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO), who was elected in 2018. Because presidents cannot seek re-election, Mexico is already looking ahead at [who might succeed AMLO in 2024](#).

Mexico is bordered to the north by the United States (US) and to the south by Guatemala and Belize. US-Mexico relations have remained [generally cordial](#), however, [tensions have emerged](#) with regard to trade policy and tariffs, and immigration. Former President Donald Trump, whose electoral campaign was characterized [by a strong anti-immigration stance and by insulting comments about Mexico](#) and the Mexican population, particularly harmed US-Mexico relations. Because the US and Mexico have strong economic ties, however, both countries have worked to maintain the bilateral relationship. [Mexico is the US' third-largest trading partner, and the US is Mexico's largest trading partner](#). Mexico consequently has a higher degree of dependency on the US.

Nonetheless, Mexico is among the [world's 15 largest economies](#). Its success can be attributed largely to effective and well-thought-out trade agreements. Mexico has [13 free trade agreements covering 50 countries](#)—and trading networks spanning north, south, east, and west—making it one of the world’s broadest networks of free trade agreements. Mexico is notably [a party to the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement \(USMCA\)](#), which entered into force in July 2020, and replaced the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Mexico, accordingly, has been praised by the international community for [being an international trade leader](#).

Mexico is a middle power, however it has the potential to be a great regional power. [Mexico is a member of](#) the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and the Pacific Alliance.

Moreover, Mexico is a member of the United Nations (UN) and was [elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council \(UNSC\)](#) for 2021-22. Mexico also sits on [the UN Human Rights Council \(UNHRC\) and the Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\) and was re-elected to the ECOSOC](#) for the 2021-2024 term. Additionally, Mexico is a member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the Group of 20 major industrialized and important emerging market nations (G20). Thus, Mexico plays an active role in the international community.

Despite the fact that Mexico sits on the UNHRC, Mexico has [committed human rights violations](#), including torture, enforced disappearances, abuses against migrants, and extrajudicial killings. The international community, including international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), have [condemned Mexico for its human rights crisis](#).