

# Mexico by the Numbers

*Rankings, Ratings, and Sundry Facts*



- 1** An estimated 1 million U.S. citizens live in Mexico, representing the largest number of U.S. citizens living outside the country and 25 percent of all U.S. citizens living abroad.
- 2** Mexico is the second most populous country in Latin America, with 107,449,525 people living in the country as of 2006.
- 2** Second-largest supplier of oil to the United States, with Mexico exporting a total of nearly 2 million barrels a day out of a total production of nearly 3.5 million barrels a day, according to a 2005 estimate.
- 2** Second-highest per capita Gross Domestic Product at \$7,593.53 in Latin America as of 2006.
- 4.6** Percent unemployment rate, the third lowest in Latin America as of 2006.
- 5** The number of Mexican states to which Mexican President Felipe Calderon has deployed approximately 24,000 federal police and troops in a crackdown on drug trafficking organizations across Mexico since taking office on December 1, 2006.
- 9** Ninth-largest percent of people in Latin America living below the poverty line. Forty percent of Mexicans live below the poverty line.
- 15** Number of Mexicans extradited to the United States by Mexico on drug trafficking charges as part of a concerted effort to crack down on drug trafficking organizations in Mexico at the beginning of President Calderon's term.
- 16** Million Mexicans are estimated to live in the United States.
- 23.5** Billion dollars were remitted from the United States to Mexico in 2005.
- 29** Percentage of Mexicans with a favorable opinion of President Bush, compared with 22 percent with a favorable opinion of Fidel Castro, 13 percent with a favorable opinion of Hugo Chavez, and 40 percent who have a favorable view of Brazilian President Lula de Silva.
- 45** The per pound price of corn tortillas, a basic staple of the Mexican diet, which has more than doubled in the past year. The price increase, spurred in part by the ethanol boom in the United States, has created financial hardship for Mexico's poor who, on average, get 40 percent of their daily protein from consumption of corn tortillas.
- 60** President Calderon's approval rating.
- 85.7** Percentage of Mexico's exports that go to the United States, its top trading partner, which is the source of more than 50 percent of its imports. No other country accounts for more than 8 percent of Mexico's imports or exports.
- 226.9** Percentage increase in trade between the United States and Mexico since the inception of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994.
- 400** The number of people who die each year attempting unauthorized crossings of the U.S.-Mexico each year, according to Mexican officials.
- 700** The number of miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border mandated by the Secure Fence Act that President Bush signed into law in October 2006. Mexican President Calderon has called the construction of the fence along the 2,000-mile border "offensive."