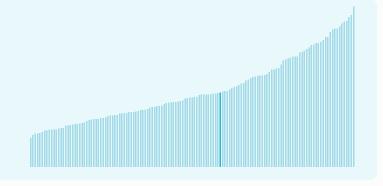


# Mexico ranking in the Global Innovation Index 2025

# Mexico ranks 58th among the 139 economies featured in the GII 2025.

The Global Innovation Index (GII) ranks world economies according to their innovation capabilities. Consisting of roughly 80 indicators, grouped into innovation inputs and outputs, the GII aims to capture the multi-dimensional facets of innovation.



Mexico ranks 10th among the 36 Upper middleincome group economies.



Mexico ranks 3rd among the 21 economies in Latin America and the Caribbean.



### > Mexico GII Ranking (2020-2025)

The table shows the rankings of Mexico over the past six years. Data availability and changes to the GII model framework influence year-on-year comparisons of the GII rankings. The statistical confidence interval for the ranking of Mexico in the GII 2025 is between ranks 53 and 62.

Year	GII Position	Innovation Inputs	Innovation Outputs
2020	55th	61st	57th
2021	55th	62nd	51st
2022	58th	70th	55th
2023	58th	77th	51st
2024	56th	73rd	52nd
2025	58th	81st	52nd

Mexico performs better in innovation outputs than innovation inputs in 2025.

This year Mexico ranks 81st in innovation inputs. This position is lower than last year.

Mexico ranks 52nd in innovation outputs. This position is the same as last year.

Mexico has 1 cluster in the world's top innovation clusters of the Global Innovation Index.



### > Global Innovation Tracker

The Global Innovation Tracker 2025 shows what is the current state of innovation in Mexico, how rapidly is technology being embraced and what are the resulting societal impacts.

For Mexico, 9 indicators have improved in the short-term and 3 indicators have worsened.

#### Science and innovation investment

	Scientific publications	R&D investments	Venture capital deal numbers	International patent filings
Short term	▲ <b>0.2</b> % 2023 - 2024	▲ <b>7.4 %</b> 2022 - 2023	▼ -18.5 % 2023 - 2024	<b>▲ 9.4 %</b> 2023 - 2024
Long term (annual growth)	▲ 3.8 % 2014 - 2024	▼ -2.7 % 2013 - 2023	▼ -4.4 % 2020 - 2024	▼ -5.4 % 2014 - 2024

### Technology adoption

	Safe sanitation	Connectivity		Robots	Electric vehicles
		Fixed broadband	5G		
Short term	▲ <b>0.1%</b> 2023 - 2024	▼ -0.1% 2022 - 2023	<b>▲ 96.8%</b> 2022 - 2023	<b>▲ 7.5%</b> 2022 - 2023	<b>▲ 65.9%</b> 2023 - 2024
Long term (annual growth)	<b>▲ 3.8%</b> 2014 - 2024	<b>▲ 7.4%</b> 2013 - 2023	n/a	▲ <b>23.5%</b> 2013 - 2023	▲ <b>84.3%</b> 2014 - 2024
Penetration	<b>62.7</b> per 100 inhabitants in 2024	20.1 per 100 inhabitants in 2023	<b>37.1</b> per 100 inhabitants in 2023	n/a	<b>0.3</b> per 100 cars in 2024

### Socioeconomic impact

	Labor productivity	Life expectancy	Temperature change	
Short term	▲ 1.1 % 2023 - 2024	<b>▲ 1.5 %</b> 2022 - 2023	<b>+ 1.9 °C</b>	
Long term (annual growth)	▼ -0.6 % 2014 - 2024	▲ <b>0.1%</b> 2013 - 2023	<b>+ 0.9 °C</b> 2014	
Level	<b>57,961.9</b> USD in 2024	<b>75.1</b> years in 2023	n/a	

Notes: Not all indicators of the Global Innovation Tracker are used to calculate the Global Innovation Index. Long-term annual growth refers to the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the indicated period. For each variable, a one-year growth rate is set for the short run, and ten-year CAGR is set for the long run; time windows might differ when gaps exist in data availability. The end period corresponds to the most recent available observation, which may differ among countries. Temperature change is an exception: it indicates the change in degrees Celsius with respect to the average temperature in the countries. from 1951–1980. Figures are rounded.

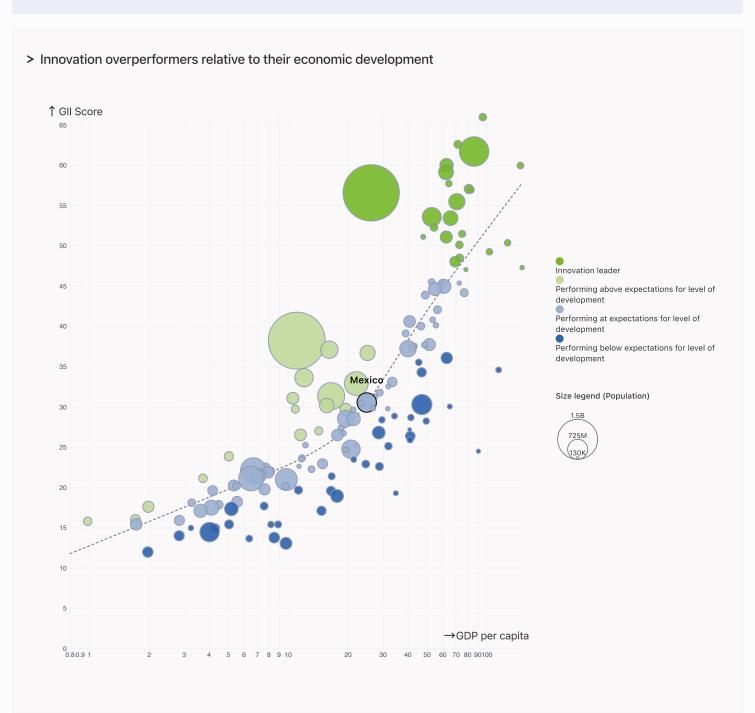


# **Expected vs. Observed Innovation Performance**

The bubble chart below shows the relationship between income levels (GDP per capita) and innovation performance (GII score). The trend line gives an indication of the expected innovation performance according to income level. Economies appearing above the trend line are performing better than expected and those below are performing below expectations.



Relative to GDP Mexico performs at expectations for its level of development.



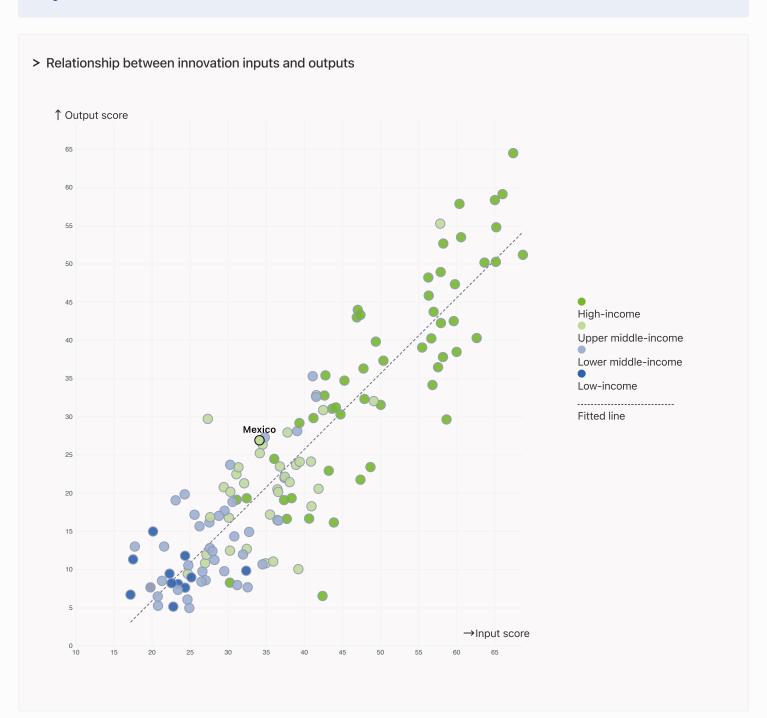


# Effectively translating innovation investments into innovation outputs

The chart below shows the relationship between innovation inputs and innovation outputs. Economies above the line are effectively translating costly innovation investments into more and higher-quality outputs.



Mexico produces more innovation outputs relative to its level of innovation investments.





# Overview of Mexico's rankings in the seven areas of the GII in 2025

The chart shows the ranking for each of the seven areas that the GII comprises. The strongest areas for Mexico are those that rank above the GII (shown in blue) and the weakest are those that rank below.





### **Highest Rankings**

Mexico ranks highest in Creative outputs (49th) and Knowledge and technology outputs (54th).



### **Lowest Rankings**

Mexico ranks lowest in Institutions (104th), Infrastructure (77th) and Business sophistication (72nd).



The full WIPO Intellectual Property Statistics profile for Mexico can be found on

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/statistics-country-profile/en/mx.pdf



# Benchmark of Mexico against other economy groupings for each of the seven areas of the GII Index

The charts shows the relative position of Mexico (blue bar) against other economy groupings (grey bars)



### Upper middle-income economies

Mexico performs above the Upper middle-income group average in Human capital and research, Market sophistication, Business sophistication, Knowledge and technology outputs, Creative outputs.



### Latin America and the Caribbean

Mexico performs above the regional average in Human capital and research, Infrastructure, Market sophistication, Business sophistication, Knowledge and technology outputs, Creative outputs.

Institutions

Top 10 | Score: 78.63

Upper middle-income | Score: 44.7

LCN | Score: 38.69

Mexico | Score: 34.90

Human capital and research

Top 10 | Score: 59.30

Mexico | Score: 32.09

Upper middle-income | Score: 29.7

LCN | Score: 26.83

Infrastructure

Top 10 | Score: 61.36

Upper middle-income | Score: 41.1

Mexico | Score: 39.91

LCN | Score: 36.36

Market sophistication

Top 10 | Score: 61.82

Mexico | Score: 36.05

Upper middle-income | Score: 34.8

LCN | Score: 29.96

Business sophistication

Top 10 | Score: 59.10

Mexico | Score: 27.83

Upper middle-income | Score: 27.7

LCN | Score: 25.00

Knowledge and technology outputs

Top 10 | Score: 54.93

Mexico | Score: 23.47

Upper middle-income | Score: 20.0

LCN | Score: 15.29

Creative outputs

Top 10 | Score: 55.98

Mexico | Score: 30.27

Upper middle-income | Score: 22.6

LCN | Score: 17.22



# Innovation strengths and weaknesses in Mexico

The table below gives an overview of the indicator strengths and weaknesses of Mexico in the GII 2025.



Mexico's best-ranked innovation strengths are **Creative goods exports**, % **total trade** (rank 6), **Domestic market scale**, **bn PPP\$** (rank 13) and **High-tech manufacturing** (rank 13).

### Strengths

Rank	Code	Indicator name	
6	7.2.4	Creative goods exports, % total trade	
13	4.3.3	Domestic market scale, bn PPP\$	
13	6.2.4	High-tech manufacturing	
13	6.3.3	High-tech exports, % total trade	
16	5.3.2	High-tech imports, % total trade	
20	6.3.2	Production and export complexity	
26	2.3.3	Global corporate R&D investors, top 3, mn USD	
30	2.3.4	QS university ranking, top 3*	
32	7.1.2	Trademarks by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP	
34	6.1.5	Citable documents H-index	

#### Weaknesses

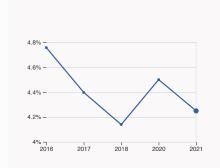
Rank	Code	Indicator name
130	6.3.4	ICT services exports, % total trade
119	5.2.1	Public research-industry co-publications, %
114	6.2.1	Labor productivity growth, %
111	1.2.2	Rule of law*
106	1.3.1	Policy stability for doing business <sup>†</sup>
106	6.1.4	Scientific and technical articles/bn PPP\$ GDP
96	7.2.1	Cultural and creative services exports, % total trade
89	2.2.3	Tertiary inbound mobility, %
75	1.3.2	Entrepreneurship policies and culture <sup>+</sup>
67	5.1.4	GERD performed by business, % GDP



### Mexico's innovation system

As far as practicable, the plots below present unscaled indicator data.

### > Innovation inputs in Mexico



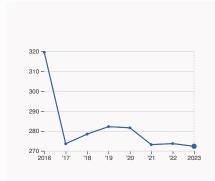
#### 2.1.1 Expenditure on education

was equal to 4.25 % GDP in 2021, down by 0.25 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 65.



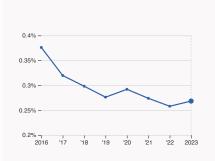
# 2.2.2 Graduates in science and engineering

was equal to 23.75 % of total graduates in 2022, down by 0.59 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 53.



#### 2.3.1 Researchers

was equal to 272.32 FTE per million population in 2023, down by 0.49% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 79.



### 2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D

was equal to 0.27 % GDP in 2023, up by 0.01 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 81.



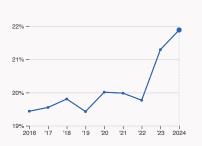
#### 2.3.4 QS university ranking

was equal to an average score of 42.53 for the top three universities in 2024, up by 0.47% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 30.



### 4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification

was equal to an index score of 0.13 in 2022, down by 1.01% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 46.

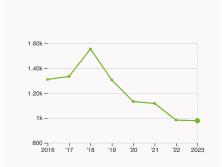


#### 5.1.1 Knowledge-intensive employment

was equal to 21.89 % in 2024, up by 0.59 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 69.

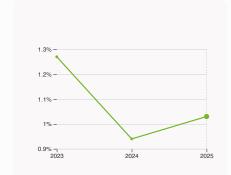


### > Innovation outputs in Mexico



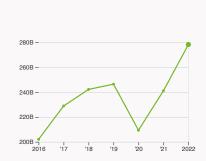
#### 6.1.1 Patents by origin

was equal to 978 patents in 2023, down by 0.51% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 88.



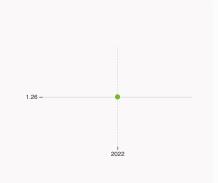
#### 6.2.2 Unicorn valuation

was equal to 1.03 % GDP in 2025, up by 0.09 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 35.



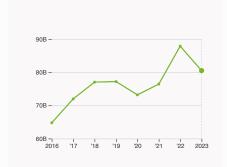
#### 6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing

was equal to 278.27 high-tech manufacturing output in billion USD in 2022, up by 15.41% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 13.



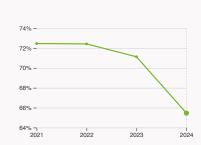
### 6.3.2 Production and export complexity

was equal to a score of 1.26 in 2022 – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 20.



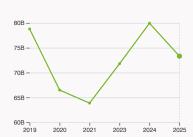
#### 6.3.3 High-tech exports

was equal to 80.51 billion USD in 2023, down by 8.4% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 13.



#### 7.1.1 Intangible asset intensity, top 15

was equal to 65.46 % for the top 15 companies in 2024, down by 5.66 percentage points from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 23.



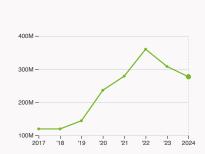
### 7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000

was equal to 73.32 billion USD for the brands in the top 5,000 in 2025, down by 8.28% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 36.



#### 7.2.2 National feature films

was equal to 234 films in 2023, down by 9.3% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 51.



#### 7.3.3 Mobile app creation

was equal to 277.01 million global downloads of mobile apps in 2024, down by 10.03% from the year prior – and equivalent to an indicator rank of 78.



### Mexico's innovation top performers

Disclaimer: This section contains only the top performers per country. For the complete list, please visit the GII Innovation Ecosystems and Data Explorer website.

#### 2.3.3 Global corporate R&D investors from Mexico

Rank	Firm	Industry	R&D [mn EUR]	R&D Growth [%]	R&D Intensity [%]
1	PETROLEOS MEXICANOS	Oil & Gas Producers	657	67	n/a
2	INDUSTRIAS PENOLES	Mining	211	3	n/a

Source: WIPO, based on European Commission's Joint Research Centre (https://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/scoreboard/2024-eu-industrial-rd-investment-scoreboard) and Orbis database (https://www.moodys.com/web/en/us/capabilities/company-reference-data/orbis.html).

Note: Data is based on the 2024 EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard from the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, which ranks the top 2,000 firms by R&D investment annually. For countries not represented in the Scoreboard, companies from Orbis with R&D expenditure above USD 50 million were identified and used to complement the dataset.

### 2.3.4 QS university ranking of Mexico's top universities

Rank	University	Score
94	UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MEXICO (UNAM)	61.40
185	TECNOLOGICO DE MONTERREY (ITESM)	48.10
691-700	UNIVERSIDAD PANAMERICANA (UP)	n/a

Source: QS Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd (https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2024). Note: QS Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd annually assesses over 1,200 universities across the globe and scores them between [0,100]. Ranks can represent a single value 'x', a tie 'x=' or a range 'x-y'.

### 5.2.3 University industry and international engagement, top 5 universities

Rank	University	Score
1	TECNOLOGICO DE MONTERREY	64.40
2	NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO	61.40
3	UNIVERSIDAD PANAMERICANA (UP)	32.65

Source: Times Higher Education (THE), World University Rankings 2025.

Note: Rank corresponds to within economy ranks. The score is calculated as the average of the International Outlook score (encompassing international staff, students, and co-authorship) and the industry score (reflecting industry income and patent citations). The 2025 ranking corresponds to data from the academic year that ended in 2022.



# 6.2.2 Top Unicorn Companies in Mexico

Rank	Unicorn Company	Industry	City	Valuation, bn USD
1	KAVAK	Industrials	Lerma de Villada	9
2	BITSO	Financial Services	Mexico City	2
3	CLIP	Financial Services	Mexico City	2

Source: CBInsights, Tracker – The Complete List of Unicorn Companies: https://www.cbinsights.com/research-unicorn-companies

### 7.1.1 Top 15 intangible-asset intensive companies in Mexico

Rank	Firm	Intensity, %
1	SIEFORE XXI BANORTE BASICA INICIAL, S.A. DE C.V.	98.69
2	AMERICA MOVIL, S.A.B. DE C.V.	52.93
3	GRUPO MEXICO, S.A.B. DE C.V.	58.12

Source: Brand Finance (https://brandirectory.com/reports/gift-2024). Note: Brand Finance only provides within economy ranks.

### 7.1.3 Top 5,000 companies in Mexico with highest global brand value

Rank	Brand	Industry	Brand Value, mn USD
1	CORONA EXTRA	Beers	13,355.2
2	MODELO ESPECIAL	Beers	7,051.7
3	BODEGA AURRERA	Retail	4,627.4

Source: Brand Finance (https://brandirectory.com). Note: Rank corresponds to within economy ranks.

GII 2025 rank

GDP per capita, PPP\$

24.971.3

## Mexico

Input rank

81

Income

Upper middle

Output rank

52

Score / Value Rank Score / Value Rank Business sophistication 72 **m** Institutions 34.9 104 5.1 Knowledge workers 26.9 108 1.1 Institutional environment 42.8 92 5.1.1 Knowledge-intensive employment, % 21.9 69 1.1.1 Operational stability for businesses\* 47.3 102 5.1.2 Females employed w/advanced degrees, % 11.2 69 1.1.2 Government effectiveness\* 38.2 83 5.1.3 Youth demographic dividend, % 41 58 1.2 Regulatory environment 37.7 101 5.1.4 GERD performed by business, % GDP 0.05 67 1.2.1 Regulatory quality\* 42.8 83 5.1.5 GERD financed by business, % 16.1 69 1.2.2 Rule of law\* 32.7 111 5.2 Innovation linkages 24.4 70 24.2 112 1.3 Business environment 5.2.1 Public research-industry co-publications, % 0.6 119 1.3.1 Policy stability for doing business<sup>†</sup> 28.7 106 C 36 64 5.2.2 University-industry R&D collaboration<sup>†</sup> 1.3.2 Entrepreneurship policies and culture+ 19.8 75 С 5.2.3 University industry & international engagement, top 5\* 241 64 2 Human capital and research 5.2.4 State of cluster development<sup>+</sup> 57 47 2.1 Education 44.4 88 5.2.5 Patent families/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.03 73 2.1.1 Expenditure on education, % GDP 0 4.2 65 5.3 Knowledge absorption 32.3 45 2.1.2 Government funding/pupil, secondary, % GDP/cap 69 13.9 5.3.1 Intellectual property payments, % total trade 0.8 47 2.1.3 School life expectancy, years 14.5 61 5.3.2 High-tech imports, % total trade 15.1 16 2.1.4 PISA scales in reading, maths and science 406.8 55 5.3.3 ICT services imports, % total trade 99 0.8 2.1.5 Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary 15.2 81 5.3.4 FDI net inflows. % GDP 2.4 77 2.2 Tertiary education 24.8 83 5.3.5 Research talent, % in businesses 0 32.3 42 2.2.1 Tertiary enrolment, % gross **Q** 46.4 74 2.2.2 Graduates in science and engineering, % 23.7 53 6.1 Knowledge creation 10.5 79 **1**.2 89 2.2.3 Tertiary inbound mobility, % 6.1.1 Patents by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.3 88 2.3 Research and development (R&D) 27 37 6.1.2 PCT patents by inventor origin/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.06 68 2.3.1 Researchers, FTE/mn pop. 272.3 79 6.1.3 Utility models by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.2 44 2.3.2 Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP 0.3 6.1.4 Scientific and technical articles/bn PPP\$ GDP 5.2 106 2.3.3 Global corporate R&D investors, top 3, mn USD 26 57.9 6.1.5 Citable documents H-index 29.5 34 • 2.3.4 QS university ranking, top 3\* 436 30 6.2 Knowledge impact 31.8 47 nfrastructure 39.9 6.2.1 Labor productivity growth, % -0.6114 00 3.1 Information and communication technologies (ICTs) 75.1 73 6.2.2 Unicorn valuation, % GDP 1 35 3.1.1 ICT access\* 76.3 89 6.2.3 Software spending, % GDP 0.2 71 3.1.2 ICT use\* 77.5 71 6.2.4 High-tech manufacturing 46.1 13 3.1.3 Government's online service\* 60 71.6 6.3 Knowledge diffusion 28 48 3.2 General infrastructure 28.4 86 45 6.3.1 Intellectual property receipts, % total trade 0.2 3.2.1 Electricity output, GWh/mn pop. 2.756.1 72 6.3.2 Production and export complexity 77 20 3.2.2 Logistics performance\* 36.4 65 6.3.3 High-tech exports, % total trade 12.2 13 3.2.3 Gross capital formation, % GDP 24 65 6.3.4 ICT services exports, % total trade 0.2 130 3.3 Ecological sustainability 16.2 92 6.3.5 ISO 9001 quality/bn PPP\$ GDP 3.2 70 3.3.1 GDP/unit of energy use 13.9 40 Creative outputs 3.3.2 Low-carbon energy use, % 9.8 7.1 Intangible assets 33.7 50 3.3.3 ISO 14001 environment/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.8 74 23 7.1.1 Intangible asset intensity, top 15, % 65.5 **Ш** Market sophistication 36.1 68 7.1.2 Trademarks by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP 32 48.1 4.1 Credit 19.4 7.1.3 Global brand value, top 5,000, % GDP 4 36 4.1.1 Finance for startups and scaleups† 37.3 64 7.1.4 Industrial designs by origin/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.3 92 4.1.2 Domestic credit to private sector, % GDP 33.3 88 7.2 Creative goods and services 30.3 32 4.1.3 Loans from microfinance institutions, % GDP 34 7.2.1 Cultural and creative services exports, % total trade 96 0.1 73 4.2 Investment 4.8 7.2.2 National feature films/mn pop. 15-69 2.6 51 4.2.1 Market capitalization. % GDP 33.9 45 7.2.3 Entertainment and media market/th pop. 15-69 39 8.6 4.2.2 Venture capital (VC) received, deal count/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.06 74 7.2.4 Creative goods exports, % total trade 7.4 6 4.2.3 Late-stage VC deal count, % global VC 0.1 29 7.3 Online creativity 81 23.4 4.2.4 VC investors, deal count/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.07 79 7.3.1 Top-level domains (TLDs)/th pop. 15-69 3.9 69 4.2.5 VC investor co-participation/bn PPP\$ GDP 0.03 79 7.3.2 GitHub commits/mn pop. 15-69 4.3 87 4.3 Trade, diversification and market scale 83.9 14 7.3.3 Mobile app creation/bn PPP\$ GDP 62 78 4.3.1 Applied tariff rate, weighted avg., % 1.7 4.3.2 Domestic industry diversification 87.6 46 4.3.3 Domestic market scale, bn PPP\$ 3,303.1 13

Region

Latin America and the Caribbean

Population (mn)

130.9

GDP, PPP\$ (bn)

3.303.1



# **Data Availability**

The following tables list indicators that are either missing or outdated for Mexico.



Mexico has missing data for zero indicators and outdated data for eleven indicators.

### Outdated data for Mexico

Code	Indicator name	Economy year	Model year	Source
2.1.1	Expenditure on education, % GDP	2021	2023	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
2.1.3	School life expectancy, years	2022	2023	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
2.1.5	Pupil–teacher ratio, secondary	2022	2023	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
2.2.1	Tertiary enrolment, % gross	2022	2023	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
2.2.3	Tertiary inbound mobility, %	2022	2023	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
5.1.4	GERD performed by business, % GDP	2022	2023	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
5.3.1	Intellectual property payments, % total trade	2022	2023	World Trade Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
5.3.3	ICT services imports, % total trade	2022	2023	World Trade Organization and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
5.3.5	Research talent, % in businesses	2022	2023	UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Eurostat; OECD; RICYT
6.3.1	Intellectual property receipts, % total trade	2022	2023	World Trade Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
6.3.4	ICT services exports, % total trade	2022	2023	World Trade Organization and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development



# Top innovation clusters in Mexico



Mexico has 1 cluster in the world's top innovation clusters of the Global Innovation Index

The table and map below give an overview of the top innovation clusters in Mexico.

Rank	Cluster name	Top patent field	Top academic subject
79	Mexico City	Pharmaceuticals	Chemistry



The table and map below give an overview by intensity of the top innovation clusters in Mexico.

Rank	Cluster name	Top patent field	Top academic subject
99	Mexico City	Pharmaceuticals	Chemistry



### **About the Global Innovation Index**

- The Global Innovation Index (GII) is published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- Recognizing that innovation is a key driver of economic development, the GII aims to provide an innovation ranking and rich analysis referencing around 140 economies. Over the last decade, the GII has established itself as both a leading reference on innovation and a "tool for action" for economies that incorporate the GII into their innovation agendas.



The Index is a ranking of the innovation capabilities and results of world economies. It measures innovation based on criteria that include institutions, human capital and research infrastructure, credit, investment, linkages, the creation, absorption and diffusion of knowledge and creative outputs.

The GII has two sub-indices: the Innovation Input Sub-Index and the Innovation Output Sub-Index, and seven pillars, each consisting of three sub-pillars.