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- Capital: Tuxtla Gutiérrez
- Municipalities: 118
- Population: 5,342,304 habitantes
- % of the national population: 4.4
- Territorial extension: 73,289 km<sup>2</sup>
- Area of the country: 3.7
- National GDP contribution: 1.7
- Sector with the highest distribution to the state GDP: Wholesale and retail trade (24.5%)

## Why invest in Chiapas?

Chiapas is the geographical center of the Mesoamerica Project, which is located along the Trans-Isthmus Corridor of America. This project gives access to Mexico into the Central American Market. Chiapas is a leader state in gas, oil, animal breeding, poultry and industrial production. The state also offers the largest diversity of microclimates in the country. Chiapas provides to the investors excellent business connectivity and infrastructure, for example, the state has highways and roads, five airports and Puerto Chiapas, which connects the state with the Pacific markets, through a multimodal logistics system.

## Population

Chiapas's population accounted 4.4% of Mexico's total population in 2016.

POPULATION 2016

Concept	Chiapas	National	% over
	Total (A)	Total (B)	National A/B
Total Population (TP)	5,342,304	122,746,451	4.4%
Population under 15 years of age	1,732,445	32,269,331	5.4%
Working Age Population (WAP)	3,609,859	90,477,120	4.0%
Economically Inactive Population (EIP)	1,645,262	36,442,320	4.5%
Economically Active Population (EAP)	1,964,597	54,034,800	3.6%
Active population	1,910,292	52,123,674	3.7%
Inactive population	54,305	1,911,126	2.8%

Source: INEGI, National Survey of Occupation and Employment, last quarter of 2016.

EMPLOYEES BY BRANCH OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY 2016

Concept	Chiapas	National	% over
	Total (A)	Total (B)	National A/B
<b>Total Active Population</b>	1,910,292	52,123,674	3.7%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	747,190	6,920,547	10.8%
Mining, electricity and water	7,829	379,300	2.1%
Manufacturing	157,177	8,528,629	1.8%
Construction	141,086	4,346,696	3.2%
Commerce	288,883	9,802,437	2.9%
Accommodation and food services	89,043	3,848,043	2.3%
Transport and warehousing	67,127	2,647,569	2.5%
Professional, financial and corporate services	53,453	3,565,476	1.5%
Social assistance	124,660	4,170,171	3.0%
Other services	155,286	5,407,012	2.9%
Public administration and international institutions	75,659	2,217,975	3.4%
Non specified	2,899	289,819	1.0%

## Employment

Chiapas recorded 1.9 million workers during 2016, mainly in the agricultural and in commerce activities. In respect to the national level, the state represented 10.8% of the workers in the agricultural sector and 2.9% in commerce.

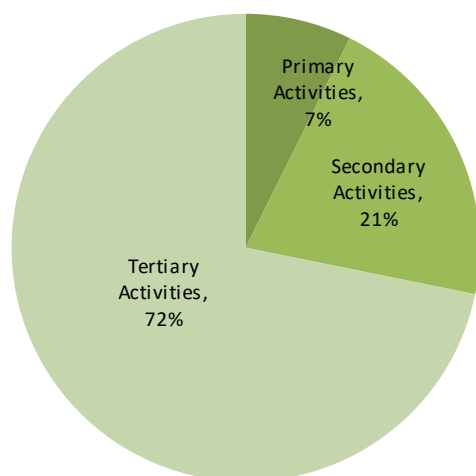
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## Economy

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Chiapas was almost 320 billion pesos in 2016, and contributed 1.7% of Mexico's national GDP.

Tertiary sector, which includes wholesale and retail trade and retail trade services, contributed with 72% of the state's GDP in 2016.

### GDP STRUCTURE OF CHIAPAS, 2016



Source: INEGI  
Facts: Millions of pesos

GDP 2016	Chiapas	National	Share (%)
	Total (A)	Total (B)	A/B
<b>Total</b>	320,473	18,841,226	1.7%
<b>Primary Activities</b>	23,487	673,975	3.5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	23,487	673,975	3.5%
<b>Secondary Activities</b>	66,854	5,895,701	1.1%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	6,646	733,066	0.9%
Utilities	7,137	298,215	2.4%
Construction	24,922	1,491,382	1.7%
Manufacturing	28,148	3,373,038	0.8%
<b>Tertiary Activities</b>	230,132	12,271,550	1.9%
Wholesale and Retail trade	78,558	3,717,794	2.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	14,914	1,206,964	1.2%
Information	2,048	335,870	0.6%
Finance and Insurance	7,839	744,498	1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	45,548	2,114,587	2.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,897	391,874	0.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	112,269	0.0%
Admin. & Support and Waste Mgmt. & Remediat. Svcs.	4,031	669,564	0.6%
Educational Services	29,777	800,229	3.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10,705	445,465	2.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	559	85,261	0.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	7,178	458,493	1.6%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	8,615	401,441	2.1%
Public Administration	18,463	787,241	2.3%

## Foreign Direct Investment

- Chiapas received 107.7 million dollars in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2016, which represented 0.4% of FDI received in Mexico. Of all the FDI received by the state, almost all was toward the mining industry.

## Salaries

Chiapas recorded an average salary for IMSS contribution of \$282.9 in 2016, which was below the country's average of \$317.9.

Average Salary quote to IMSS*	
Chiapas	282.9
National	317.9

\*Payments per day in 2016.

Source: STPS

Average Salary quote to IMSS by National Activity Sector*	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	180.4
Extractive industry	519.9
Processing industries	325.3
Construction	209.2
Electrical and water supply	793.2
Commerce	274.0
Transport and communications	369.5
Services to companies and individuals	309.1
Social services	443.9

\*Payments per day in 2016.

Source: STPS

## Infrastructure

Infrastructure in Chiapas	
Railways (Km)	568
Trunk and branches	500
Secondary	52
Special	16
Sea ports	1
International Maritime Ports	1
Coastal Shipping Ports	0
Airports	3
Domestic	0
International	3

Source: AEPEF 2016 from INEGI.

Chiapas has 568 kilometers of railways. It has one international maritime port. It also has three international airports.

Infrastructure in Chiapas	
Medical units	1,563
Public	1,497
Private	66
Sites for hosting	966
Rooms	20,917

Source: AEPEF 2016 from INEGI.

## Education

### EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE 2016-2017

Chiapas	Senior High Schools	Higher Education
Institutions	n.a.	120
Schools	1,067	216
Students	235,714	83,191
Teachers	13,638	9,788

Source: SEP, 2017.

Out of 125,481 students with completed studies from engineering, manufacturing and construction in Mexico, 3,431 are from Chiapas.

### POPULATION OF HIGHER TECHNIC UNIVERSITY BY FIELD OF STUDY 2016-2017

Chiapas	Enrolment	With completed studies	Graduates
Total	2,136	778	712
Agronomy and Veterinary	88	24	24
Humanities and Arts	0	0	0
Natural and Exact Sciences, and Computing	103	10	10
Social Sciences, Business and Law	1,074	387	380
Education	0	0	0
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	517	262	262
Health	281	81	35
Services	73	14	1

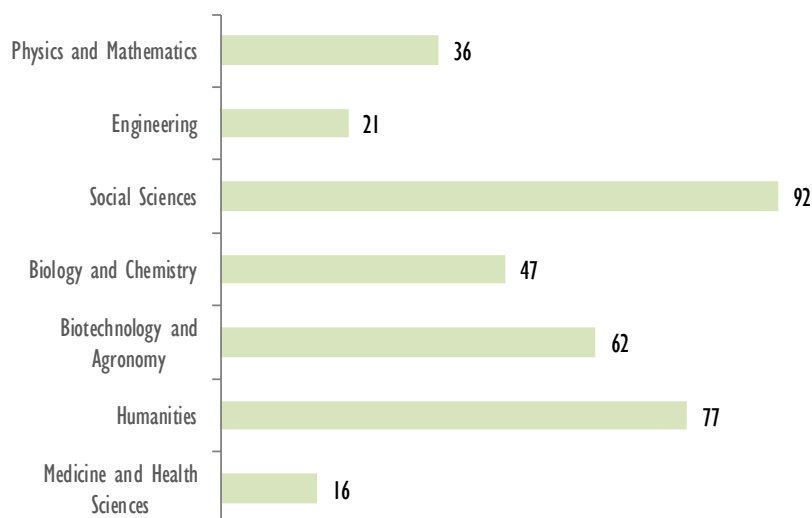
Source: ANUIES, 2017.

### UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION BY FIELD OF STUDY 2016-2017

Chiapas	Enrolment	With completed studies	Graduates
Total	104,190	20,840	13,275
Agronomy and Veterinary	3,043	459	364
Humanities and Arts	3,246	574	335
Natural and Exact Sciences, and Computing	5,327	1,216	753
Social Sciences, Business and Law	46,583	9,885	5,949
Education	8,540	2,027	1,379
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	20,624	3,431	2,470
Health	15,294	2,591	1,779
Services	1,533	657	246

Source: ANUIES, 2017.

### NUMBER OF RESEARCHERS BY AREA OF SCIENCE, 2017



Mexico recorded 27,186 researchers in January 2017; 1.3% of them were in Chiapas.

Most of the researchers in the state focused on the social sciences and humanities.

Considering only member of National Research System in 2017.

Source: National Research System, CONACyT.