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- Capital: Tuxtla Gutiérrez
- Municipalities: 118
- Population: 5,406,040 habitantes
- % of the national population: 4.4
- Territorial extension: 72,492 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 (24.4%)

## 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 2017.

POPULATION 2017

Concept	Chiapas	National	% over National A/B
	Total (A)	Total (B)	
Total Population (TP)	5,406,040	123,982,528	4.4%
Population under 15 years of age	1,763,748	31,938,606	5.5%
Working Age Population (WAP)	3,642,292	92,043,922	4.0%
Economically Inactive Population (EIP)	1,735,598	37,347,284	4.6%
Economically Active Population (EAP)	1,906,694	54,696,638	3.5%
Active population	1,858,911	52,865,845	3.5%
Inactive population	47,783	1,830,793	2.6%

Source: INEGI, National Survey of Occupation and Employment, last quarter of 2017.

EMPLOYEES BY BRANCH OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY 2017

Concept	Chiapas	National	% over National A/B
	Total (A)	Total (B)	
Total Active Population	1,858,911	52,865,845	3.5%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	761,394	7,056,744	10.8%
Mining, electricity and water	4,664	409,407	1.1%
Manufacturing	151,697	8,752,268	1.7%
Construction	119,048	4,363,313	2.7%
Commerce	260,517	9,672,477	2.7%
Accommodation and food services	100,594	3,948,343	2.5%
Transport and warehousing	69,959	2,708,764	2.6%
Professional, financial and corporate services	60,152	3,613,309	1.7%
Social assistance	128,874	4,355,484	3.0%
Other services	136,118	5,446,231	2.5%
Public administration and international institutions	63,211	2,224,773	2.8%
Non specified	2,683	314,732	0.9%

Source: INEGI, National Survey of Occupation and Employment, last quarter of 2017.

## Employment

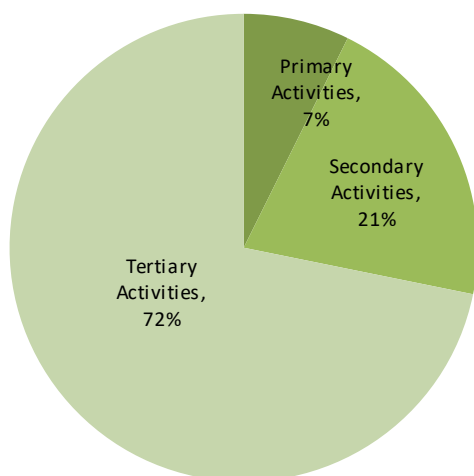
Chiapas recorded 1.9 million workers during 2017, mainly in the agricultural and in commerce activities. In respect to the national level, the state represented 10.8% of the workers in the agricultural sector and 2.7% in commerce.

## Economy

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Chiapas recorded 325 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 (%) A/B
	Total (A)	Total (B)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>325,085</b>	<b>18,858,739</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Primary Activities</b>	<b>23,690</b>	<b>673,818</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	23,690	673,818	3.5%
<b>Secondary Activities</b>	<b>69,787</b>	<b>5,922,111</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	6,715	730,321	0.9%
Utilities	7,133	298,215	2.4%
Construction	25,618	1,491,180	1.7%
Manufacturing	30,320	3,402,396	0.9%
<b>Tertiary Activities</b>	<b>231,608</b>	<b>12,262,810</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Wholesale and Retail trade	79,412	3,719,506	2.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	14,837	1,202,597	1.2%
Information	2,048	335,870	0.6%
Finance and Insurance	7,848	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	31,065	800,896	3.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10,511	445,023	2.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	559	85,261	0.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	7,196	460,224	1.6%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	8,614	400,105	2.2%
Public Administration	18,041	780,534	2.3%

## Foreign Direct Investment

- Chiapas received 204 million dollars in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2017, which represented 0.7% of FDI received in Mexico. Of all the FDI received by the state, almost all was toward the manufacturing industry.

## Salaries

Chiapas recorded an average salary for IMSS contribution of \$291.3 in 2017, which was below the country's average of \$333.2.

Average Salary quote to IMSS*	
Chiapas	291.3
National	333.2

\*Payments per day in 2017.

Source: STPS

Average Salary quote to IMSS by National Activity Sector*	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	194.0
Extractive industry	543.8
Processing industries	346.0
Construction	215.5
Electrical and water supply	823.7
Commerce	288.3
Transport and communications	383.9
Services to companies and individuals	323.3
Social services	460.7

\*Payments per day in 2017.

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 2017 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	1,860
Public	1,796
Private	64
Sites for hosting	983
Rooms	21,177

Source: AEPEF 2017 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

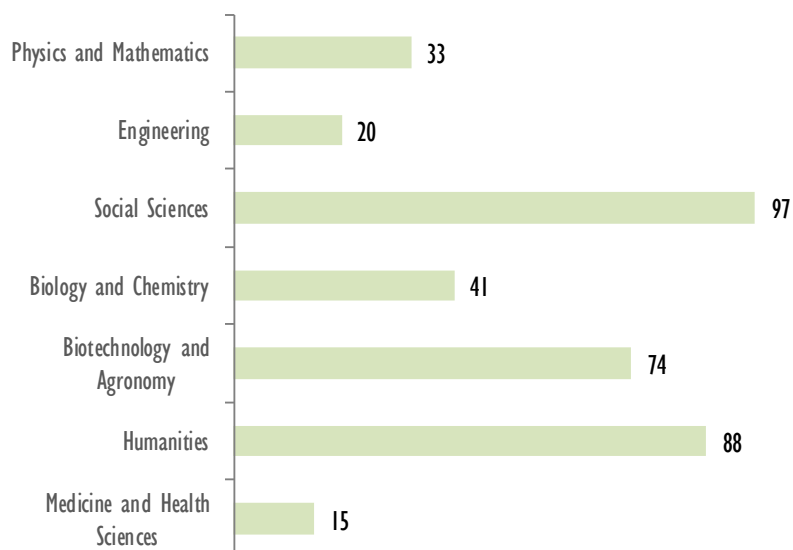
Source: ANUIES, 2017.

### 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, 2018



Mexico recorded 28,633 researchers in January 2018; 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 2018.

Source: National Research System, CONACyT.