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- Capital: Hermosillo
- Municipalities: 72
- Population: 2,987,473 inhabitants
- % of national population: 2.4
- Territorial surface: 179,503 km²
- % of surface of the country: 9.2
- % share in national GDP: 3.0
- Sector with the highest contribution to state GDP: Manufacturing (27.1%)

Why invest in Sonora?

Sonora offers to the investors an excellent location, a high available workforce, first-class infrastructure and provides efficient relationships between high-level research centers and the dynamic business environment supported by the state. Sonora also offers the opportunity of establishing enterprises under the country's best shelter structures.

Population

Sonora's population accounted for 2.4% of Mexico's total population in 2016.

Population 2016

Concept	Sonora	National	% over National A/B
	Total (A)	Total (B)	
Total Population (TP)	2,987,473	122,746,451	2.4%
Population under 15 years of age	763,761	32,269,331	2.4%
Working Age Population (WAP)	2,223,712	90,477,120	2.5%
Economically Inactive Population (EIP)	811,088	36,442,320	2.2%
Economically Active Population (EAP)	1,412,624	54,034,800	2.6%
Active population	1,353,902	52,123,674	2.6%
Inactive population	58,722	1,911,126	3.1%

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

Employees by branch of economy activity 2016

Concept	Sonora	National	% over National A/B
	Total (A)	Total (B)	
Total Active Population	1,353,902	52,123,674	2.6%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	150,581	6,920,547	2.2%
Mining, electricity and water	25,840	379,300	6.8%
Manufacturing	234,314	8,528,629	2.7%
Construction	108,956	4,346,696	2.5%
Commerce	235,418	9,802,437	2.4%
Accommodation and food services	95,588	3,848,043	2.5%
Transport and warehousing	50,367	2,647,569	1.9%
Professional, financial and corporate services	106,306	3,565,476	3.0%
Social assistance	114,795	4,170,171	2.8%
Other services	155,616	5,407,012	2.9%
Public administration and international institutions	52,858	2,217,975	2.4%
Non specified	23,263	289,819	8.0%

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

Employment

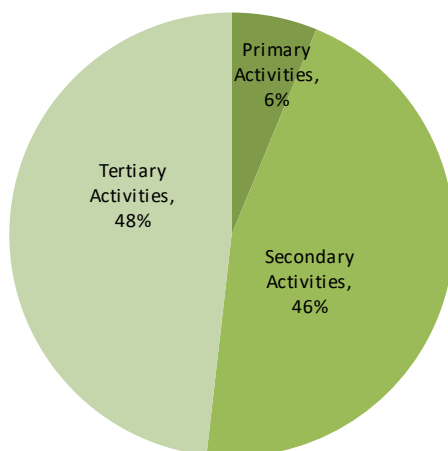
Sonora recorded 1.3 million workers during 2016, mainly in commerce and manufacturing. In respect to the national level, the state represented 2.4% of the workers in commerce and 2.7% in the manufacturing industry.

Economy

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Sonora reached 580 billion pesos in 2015, and contributed 3.3% to Mexico's national GDP.

Tertiary sector, which includes trade and real estate services, contributed 48 of the state's GDP in 2015.

GDP STRUCTURE OF SONORA, 2015



Source: INEGI
Facts: Millions of pesos

GDP 2015	Sonora	National	Share (%) A/B
	Total (A)	Total (B)	
Total	580,226	17,463,436	3.3%
Primary Activities	36,115	593,233	6.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	36,115	593,233	6.1%
Secondary Activities	264,468	5,558,108	4.8%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	51,527	732,529	7.0%
Utilities	12,063	286,317	4.2%
Construction	43,685	1,367,965	3.2%
Manufacturing	157,193	3,171,297	5.0%
Tertiary Activities	279,643	11,312,096	2.5%
Wholesale and Retail trade	107,861	3,296,595	3.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	21,624	1,133,828	1.9%
Information	4,680	331,390	1.4%
Finance and Insurance	10,573	627,866	1.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	45,149	2,028,380	2.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	8,106	352,689	2.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	134	109,452	0.0%
Admin. & Support and Waste Mgmt. & Remediat. Svcs.	10,954	624,279	1.8%
Educational Services	18,925	758,928	2.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10,912	423,027	2.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,630	79,899	2.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	8,483	421,488	2.0%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	11,905	376,888	3.2%
Public Administration	18,705	747,386	2.5%

Foreign Direct Investment

- Sonora received 564.0 million dollars in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2016, which represented 2.1% of FDI received in Mexico. Of all the FDI received by the stat, almost was toward the manufacturing industries.

Salaries

Sonora recorded an average salary for IMSS contribution of \$271.3 in 2016, which was below the country's average salary of \$317.9.

Average Salary quote to IMSS*	
Sonora	271.3
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 Sonora	
Railways (Km)	2,008
Trunk and branches	1,572
Secondary	340
Special	97
Sea ports	7
International Maritime Ports	2
Coastal Shipping Ports	5
Airports	5
Domestic	0
International	5

Source: AEPEF 2016 from INEGI.

Sonora has 2,008 kilometers of railways. It has seven seaports, two international maritime ports and 5 coastal shipping ports. It also has five international airports.

Infrastructure in Sonora	
Medical units	549
Public	505
Private	44
Sites for hosting	518
Rooms	22,353

Source: AEPEF 2016 from INEGI.

Education

Educational Infrastructure 2015-2106

Sonora	Senior High Schools	Higher Education
Institutions	n.a.	63
Schools	367	152
Students	117,271	105,718
Teachers	9,938	9,971

Source: SEP, 2017.

Out of 125,481 students who completed studies from engineering, manufacturing and construction in Mexico, 3,330 are from Sonora.

Population of Higher Technic University by Field of Study 2016-2017

Sonora	Enrolment	With completed studies	Graduates
Total	7,503	2,359	968
Agronomy and Veterinary	198	42	21
Humanities and Arts	118	51	2
Natural and Exact Sciences, and Computing	0	5	5
Social Sciences, Business and Law	2,246	686	277
Education	50	5	4
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	3,904	1,312	578
Health	987	258	81
Services	0	0	0

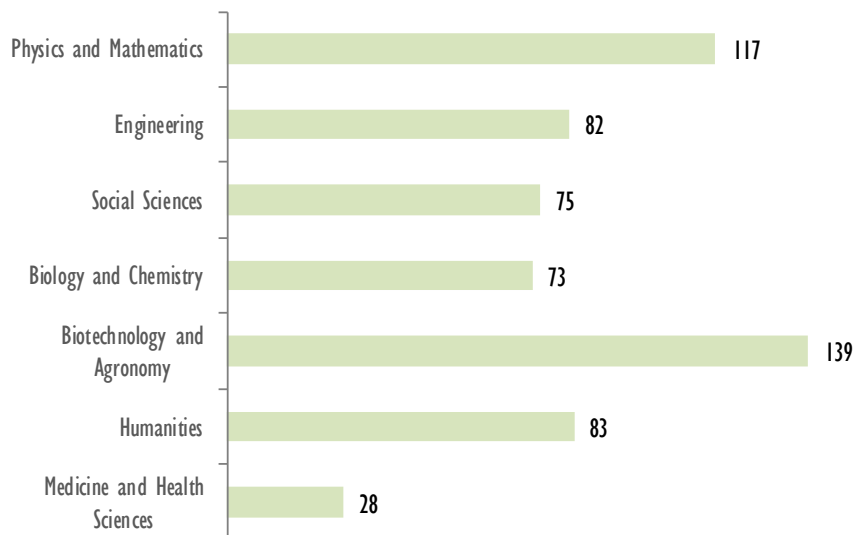
Source: ANUIES, 2017.

Undergraduate Population by Field of Study 2016-2017

Sonora	Enrolment	With completed studies	Graduates
Total	95,493	12,324	9,921
Agronomy and Veterinary	2,312	318	177
Humanities and Arts	2,511	296	235
Natural and Exact Sciences, and Computing	7,016	675	694
Social Sciences, Business and Law	37,925	5,281	4,338
Education	4,450	958	803
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	29,068	3,330	2,652
Health	9,395	1,151	784
Services	2,816	315	238

Source: ANUIES, 2017.

NUMBER OF RESEARCHERS BY AREA OF SCIENCE, 2017



Mexico recorded 27,186 researchers at January 2017; 2.2% of them were in Sonora.

Most of the researchers in the state focused on the areas of Biotechnology and Agronomy, and Physics and Mathematics.

Considering only member of National Research System in 2017.

Source: National Research System, CONACyT.