



# BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

## The U.S. – Mexico Border Region



In 2016, the population for the U.S. – Mexico border region, comprised of the four U.S. states of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, and the six Mexican states of Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas was estimated at 97 million inhabitants.<sup>1</sup> The estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the region is \$5 trillion<sup>2</sup> dollars, led by California and Texas. When compared to other U.S. regions, the U.S. – Mexico border region presents unique opportunities and challenges. Currently, there are 697<sup>3</sup>

state legislators aiming for a higher quality of life for the people in their districts. They approve budgets, serve on policy committees and introduce legislation to address the complex issues inherent to the 2,000-mile border region.

Mexico is a federal republic comprised of by 31 sovereign states with one federal district, known as Mexico City.<sup>4</sup> State legislatures in Mexico are unicameral. State legislators serve between two and four years, depending on the laws of individual states. Three political parties are represented within the six Mexican border states - the Partido Accion Nacional (PAN), Partido Movimiento de Regeneracion Nacional (MORENA), and the Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI). Additional parties, as illustrated in the infographic, are represented within some, but not all, of the Mexican states. These include the Partido del Trabajo (PT), Partido Encuentro Social (PES), Partido Nueva Alianza (PANAL), Partido Movimiento Ciudadano (MC), Partido Verde Ecologista de Mexico (PVEM), Partido de la Revolucion Democratica (PRD), Partido de Baja California (PBC), and the Unidad Democratica de Coahuila (UDC) of Baja California and Coahuila.

Every U.S. and Mexico border state are unique in its terrain, climate, culture, demographics and legislative structures. The infographic below shows an overview of population, GDP, gender and number of legislators. To provide a greater understanding of state legislatures within the U.S. – Mexico border region, CSG West will be publishing articles in upcoming issues of The Regional Roundup.

**Up next: Arizona**

<sup>1</sup> Mexico GDP, Capital City, and population retrieved from Mexico's Department of Investment and Trade, <http://mim.promexico.gob.mx/>. U.S. population and Capital City gathered from The Council of State Governments *Book of the States*, Volume 49

<sup>2</sup> U.S. GDP retrieved from the Bureau of Economic Analysis from the U.S. Department of Commerce, <https://www.bea.gov/system/files/2018-02/ggsp1117.pdf>. For Mexico GDP see footnote 1.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. and Mexico Legislator information was retrieved through individual state websites and reflect present day

<sup>4</sup> Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/national-parliaments/mexico.php>



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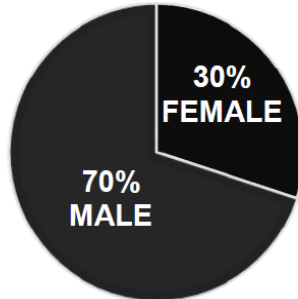
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### United States – Mexico Border Region Infographic Nov 2018

California | Arizona | New Mexico | Texas

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Legislators



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227

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Baja California | Sonora | Chihuahua | Coahuila | Nuevo Leon | Tamaulipas

194

Legislators

47%  
FEMALE

53%  
MALE

PAN  
PRI  
MORENA  
PES  
PT  
MC  
PANAL  
UDC  
PVEM  
PRD  
PBC  
NO PARTY

71

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#### 10 States

State	*Population	Capital City	*GDP	Legislators total	Female	Male
Arizona	6,931,071	Phoenix	311,454,000,000	90	36	54
Baja California	3,603,298	Mexicali	23,000,000,000	25	9	16
California	39,250,017	Sacramento	2,673,868,000,000	120	34	86
Chihuahua	3,795,324	Chihuahua	32,000,000,000	33	16	17
Coahuila	3,042,622	Saltillo	34,000,000,000	25	14	11
New Mexico	2,081,015	Santa Fe	95,269,000,000	112	38	74
Nuevo Leon	4,256,252	Monterrey	69,000,000,000	42	21	21
Sonora	3,026,511	Hermosillo	32,000,000,000	33	15	18
Tamaulipas	3,637,270	Ciudad Victoria	28,000,000,000	36	16	20
Texas	27,862,596	Austin	1,770,282,000,000	181	44	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,485,976</b>		<b>5,068,873,000,000</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>454</b>

\*Data shown representing population and GDP is an estimate to reflect the year 2016 using the following resources:

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