



Mexico

Demographics:

Population: 104,907,991 (July 2003 est.)

Area: 1,972,550 sq km

Government: Federal republic



Army

Personnel:

Active: 144,000 (including ~60,000 conscripts)

Terms of service: 1 year conscription (4 hours per week) by lottery

Reserves: 300,000

STRATEGIC RESERVE

4 armored brigades (each with: 2 armored recce, 1 artillery regiment, 1 mechanized infantry battalion, 1 anti-tank group)

1 airborne brigade (3 battalions)

1 Military Police brigade (3 Military Police battalions, 1 mechanized cavalry regiment)

Organization:

12 Mil Regions

44 Zonal Garrisons with:

81 infantry battalions (1 mechanized)

19 motorized cavalry regiments

3 artillery regiments

plus 1 air-mobile SP unit per Garrison

3 Corps HQ each with 3 infantry brigades

Equipment:

LIGHT TANK: 30 M-3, 15 M-5

RECCE: 40 M-8, 120 ERC-90F Lynx, 40 VBL, 25 MOWAG Roland, 50 MAC-1, 15 Humber Mk. IV

APC: 40 HWK-11, 32 M-2A1 half-track, 40 VCR/TT, 24 DN-3, 40 DN-4 Caballo, 70 DN-5 Toro, 495 AMX-VCI, 95 BDX, 26 LAV-150 ST, some BTR-60 (reported)

TOWED ARTY: 75mm: 18 M-116 pack; **105mm:** 16 M-2A1/M-3, 80 M-101, 80 M-56

SP ARTY: 75mm: 5 DN-5 Bufalo

MOR: 81mm: 1,500; **120mm:** 75 Brandt

ATGW: Milan (including 8 VBL)

RL: 82mm: B-300

ATK GUNS: 37mm: 30 M-3

AD GUNS: 12.7mm: 40 M-55; **20mm:** 40 GAI-BO1

SAM: RBS-70

Navy

Personnel: 37,000 (including 1,100 Naval Aviation and 8,700 marines)

Organization: COMMANDS: Gulf: (6 zones), **Pacific:** (11 zones)

Bases: Gulf: Vera Cruz (HQ), Tampico, Chetumal, Ciudad del Carmen, Yukalpeten, Lema, Frontera, Coatzacoalcos, Isla Mujeres; **Pacific:** Acapulco (HQ), Ensenada, La Paz, San Blas, Guaymas, Mazatlan, Manzanillo, Salina Cruz, Puerto Madero, Lazaro Cardenas, Puerto Vallarta

Inventory:

Principal Surface Combatants: 11

Destroyers: 3

DD: 3

2 Ilhuicamina (ex-Quetzalcoatl) (US Gearing) with 2 x 2 127mm guns, 1 Bo-105 helicopter
1 Cuitlahuac (US Fletcher) with 5 x 127mm guns, 5 x 533mm ASTT

Frigates: 8

FF 8

2 Knox with 1 x 127mm gun, 4 x 324mm ASTT, 2 x 8 ASROC SUGW, 1 x Bo 105 helicopter
2 H. Galeana (US Bronstein) with 6 x 324mm ASTR, ASROC SUGW
3 Hidalgo (US Lawrence/Crosley) with 1 x 127mm gm
1 Comodoro Manuel Azueta (US Edsall) (training) with 2 x 76mm gun

Patrol and Coastal Combatants: 109

PATROL, OFFSHORE: 44

4 Holzinger 2000 PCO with MD 902 hel
4 S. J. Holzinger (ex-Uxmal) (improved Uribe) PCO with Bo105 helicopter
6 Uribe (Sp 'Halcon') PCO with Bo-105 helicopter
11 Negrete (US Admirable MSF) PCO with 1 Bo-105 helicopter
17 Leandro Valle (US Auk MSF) PCO

1 Guanajuato PCO with 2 x 102mm gun
1 Centenario PCO

PATROL, COASTAL 41

31 Azteca PCC
3 Cabo (US Cape Higgon) PCC
7 Tamiahua (US Poliniar) PCC

PATROL, INSHORE 6

4 Isla (US Halter) PCI<
2 Punta (US Point) PCI<

PATROL, RIVERINE 18<, plus boats

Amphibious: 3

2 Panuco (US-511) LST
1 Grijalva (US-511) LST

Support and Miscellaneous: 19

1 tanker
4 cargo ships
2 logistic support vessels
6 ocean-going tugs
1 sail training
2 hydrographic survey vessels
3 oceanographic research vessels

Naval Aviation (*Aviación de la Armada de Mexico*):

Personnel: 1,100

Bases: Guerrero, Guyamas, La Paz, Mexiko-Benito Juarez, Tapachula, Vera Cruz

Organization:

Aviación de la Armada de Mexico		
1/o. Escuadron Aeronaval	Learjet, DHC-8	Mexiko-Benito Juarez
2/o. Escuadron Aeronaval	AS-555, Mi-2, L-90TP	Tapachula
3/o. Escuadron Aeronaval	An-32, MD-902, MU-2, F-33	Vera Cruz
??/o. Escuadron Patrulla	Cessna 152/206/210	Vera Cruz
??/o. Escuadron Patrulla	F-33C, Mi-8	Guyamas

2/o. Escuadron Patrulla	An-32, C-212	La Paz
2/o. Escuadron Embarcado	Bo105	La Paz
Escuela de Aviacion Naval	Zlin 242L, Lancair, R-22, B-55	La Paz
Liaison Flight	Lancair, R-22, B-55	La Paz
VIP Flight	R-44	La Paz

Aircraft Inventory:

Antonov An-32 'Cline'	6
Beech 90 King Air	1
Beech B-55 Baron	6
Beech F-33C Bonanza	11
Bombardier Learjet 24D/25D/31A/60	1/1/1/1
CASA C-212-200 Aviocar	8
Cessna 152	6
Cessna 206 Stationair	1
Cessna 337	2
Cessna 402 Utiliner	2
Cessna 404 Titan	1
Cessna 441 Conquest II	1
de Havilland Canada DHC-5D Buffalo	1
de Havilland Canada DHC-8-200 Dash-8	1
Eurocopter AS-550 Fennec	2
Eurocopter Bo105C/CBS	11
Hughes 500E	4
Kaman SH-2G Super Seasprite	4 (on order)
Lancair IVP	4
Lancair Super ES	4
Lockheed-Martin P-3B Orion	5 (on order)
Maule MX-7-180	10
MD Helicopters MD-902 Explorer	8 (on order)
Mil Mi-8 'Hip'	28
Mil/PZL Mi-2 'Hoplite'	5
Mitsubishi MU-2	1
Piper PA-23-250 Aztec	2
Robinson R-22 Mariner	2

Robinson R-44 Clipper	1
Rockwell 1000/980 Turbo-/Commander	3/2
Tonatiuh II	3
Valmet L-90TP RediGo	6
Zlin 242L	10

Marines: 8,700

3 marine brigades (each 3 battalions)

1 Airborne regiment (2 battalions)

1 Presidential Guard battalion

11 regional battalions

1 Coast defense group: 2 coast arty battalions

1 independent security company

EQUIPMENT

AAV: 25 VAP-3550

TOWED ARTY: 105mm: 16 M-56

MRL: 51mm: 6 Firos

MOR: 100 including **60mm, 81mm**

RCL: 106mm: M-40A1

AD GUNS: 20mm: Mk 38; **40mm:** Bofors

plus 60 Swedish assault craft

Air Force *Fuerza Aérea Mexicana***Personnel:**

Bases: Chihuahua, Colonia Federal, Cozumel, Culiacan, El Cipres, Hermosillo, Ixtepex, La Paz, Merida, Pie de la Cuesta, Santa Gertrudis, Santa Lucia, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Zapopan

Organization:

Region Aérea del Centro		Colonia Federal
Unidad Especial del Transporte del Alto Mando	Boeing 737, C-140, IAI 201, UH-60	Colonia Federal
Coordinacion General de Transporte Aereos Presidenciales	Boeing 737/757, Gulfstream	Colonia Federal
1/o. Grupo Aereo		Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo 101	UH-60L	Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo 112	MD530	Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo de Defensa 401	F-5E/F	Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo de Defensa 402	AT-33	Ixtepec
2/o. Grupo Aereo		Pie de la Cuesta
Escuadron Aereo 102	Bell 212	Pie de la Cuesta
Escuadron Aereo 201	PC-7	Cozumel
Escuadron Aereo 202	PC-7	Tuxtla Gutierrez
Escuadron Aereo 204	PC-7	Pie de la Cuesta
3/o. Grupo Aereo		Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo 301	IAI-201, An-32	Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo 302	C-130, Boeing 727	Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo 303	Mi-2/8/17/26	Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo 501	Turbo/Commander, Cessna 206/210/500	Santa Lucía
Escuadron Aereo 502	King Air, C-26, SA-2-37A, M-7-235, PC-6	Santa Lucía
4/o. Grupo Aereo		Zapopan
Escuadron Aereo 105	Cessna 182S	Zapopan
Escuadron Aereo 111	Bell 206	Zapopan
5/o. Grupo Aereo		Culiacan
Escuadron Aereo 103	Bell 212	Oaxaca
Escuadron Aereo 104	Bell 212	Merida
Escuadron Aereo 106	Cessna 182S	El Cipres
Escuadron Aereo 107	Cessna 182S	Hermosillo

Escuadron Aereo 108	Cessna 182S	Nuevo Leon
Escuadron Aereo 109	Cessna 182S	Culiacan
Escuadron Aereo 110	Cessna 182S	Chihuahua
Escuadron Aereo 203	PC-7	La Paz
Escuela Militar de Aplicacion Aerotactica de la Fuerza Aerea	PC-7	Santa Gertrudis
Colegio del Aire		Zapopan
Escuadron Basico	MXT-7-180	Zapopan
Escuadron Primario	SF-260EU, F-33C	Zapopan
Escuadron Avanzado	PC-7	Zapopan
??	PT-13/17	Zapopan
Fuerza de Reaccion Aeromovil para Caso de Desastres		Santa Lucía
MD530, Cessna 182S, UH-60L, Mi-8/17/26, An-32, C-130, Boeing 727		Santa Lucía

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Antonov An-32 'Cline'	4
Beech 90 King Air	4
Beech F-33C Bonanza	29
Bell 206B/L Jet Ranger/Long Ranger	15/7
Bell 212	24
Boeing-Stearman PT-17 Kaydet	12
Cessna 182S	73
Cessna 206 Stationair	11
Cessna 210	3
Cessna 500 Citation I	1
Convair CV-580	1
Douglas C-118 Liftmaster	1
EMBRAER EMB-145AEW&C/MP	1 (on order)/2 (on order)
Fairchild Dornier C-26 Metro	4
Hughes MD530F Defender	24
IAI 201 Arava	9
Lockheed C-140 Jetstar	1
Lockheed T-33A T-Bird	17
Lockheed-Martin C-130A/H/L-100-30 Hercules	7/1/1
Maule M-7-235 Rocket	6
Maule MX-7-180	21

Mil Mi-26 'Halo'	2
Mil Mi-8/17 'Hip'	35
Mil/PZL Mi-2 'Hoplite'	4
Northrop F-5E/F Tiger II	8/2
Pilatus PC-6B Turbo-Porter	4
Pilatus PC-7 Turbo-Trainer	70
Rockwell Turbo/Aero Commander	6/10
Schweizer SA-2-37A	2
SIAI-Marchetti SF-260EU	30
Sikorsky S-70A Black Hawk	6

Paramilitary

Personnel: ~11,000 active

Organization:

FEDERAL PREVENTIVE POLICE (Ministry of Interior): ~11,000

RURAL DEFENCE MILITIA (Reserves) 14,000

COASTGUARD

4 Mako 295 PCI<