



## **Celebrating Resiliency:**

## Lessons from the Mexican Experience

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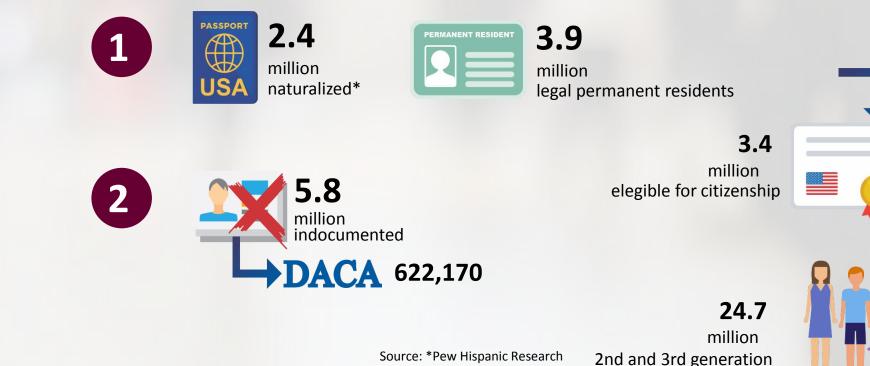
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## **MEXICANS ABROAD**



#### **MEXICANS IN THE US**

#### **TWO different** groups of mexicans born in Mexico :



#### 12 millions 339 thousands



12 million 50 thousand (98%)

94 thousand (0.61%)

47 thousand (0.41%)

18 thousand (0.15 %)

13 thousand (0.10%) 11 thousand (0.07%) 10 thousand (0.06%)

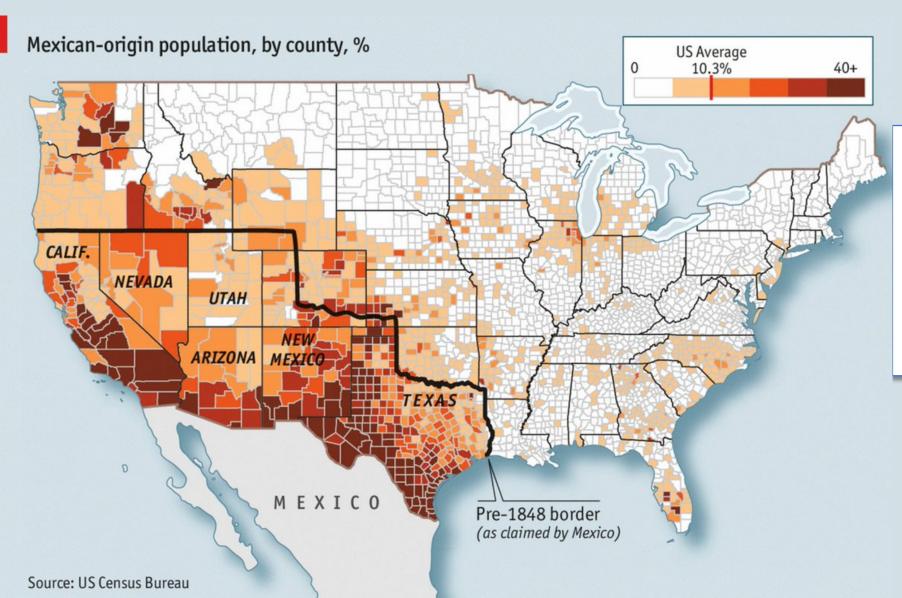
18 thousand (0.15%

9 thousand (0.06%)

7 thousand (0.05%)

Source: Anuario de Migración y remesas 2017 | Fundación BBVA Bancomer, A.C. – Consejo Nacional de Población \*\*USCIS (junio 2016)

## WHERE ARE WE?

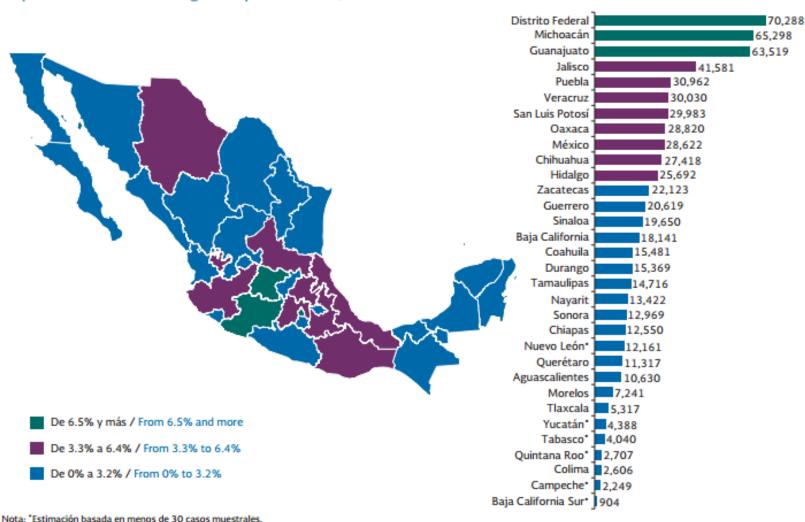


US Census Bureau shows The mexican origin population mostly lives in southern and western states, particularly in the states of California, Texas, Arizona, Illinois Colorado. New important and migration destinations also appear in Nevada, Carolina del Norte, Georgia and Nueva Jersey.

## WHERE DO WE COME FROM ?

Mapa 2.2. Flujo de emigrantes mexicanos según estado de nacimiento, 2009-2014 Map 2.2. Flow of Mexican emigrants by state of birth, 2009-2014

Note: 'Estimate based on fewer than 30 sample cases.



Between 2009 and 2014, the states with higher migration levels were **Mexico City**, **Michoacán**, **Guanajuato**, **Jalisco and Puebla**.

#### **Matrículas Consulares 2016**

MICHOACÁN	10.4%	84,771
GUERRERO	8.4%	68,774
GUANAJUATO	8.0%	65,224
JALISCO	7.5%	60,767
PUEBLA	6.9%	56,259
ΟΑΧΑCΑ	6.6%	53,549
CIUDAD DE MÉXICO	5.8%	47,035
VERACRUZ	5.1%	41,171
ESTADO DE MÉXICO	5.0%	40,974
SAN LUIS POTOSÍ	4.1%	33,124

#### Hispanic Community in the United States: 55 millions

- The US is the largest spanish speaking country after Mexico
- 37 million mexicans and mexican americans in the US; 12 in CA and 4 in LA County
- Young population: 35% of mexican americans are under 18

#### The US Hispanic Market

- Latinos represent 18% of the workforce
- Hispanics own almost 3 million businesses
- Latino population has been starting and growing new businesses at nearly twice the rate of the general population
- Latina entrepreneurs start businesses in the United States at a rate six times the national average
- The hispanic market is almost greater than mexican economy
- Latinos buying power: 1.7 trillions

#### 36 million mexicans

- Latinos are driving demographic change in the USA
- Represent almost 10% of the United States GDP
- Send over 26 billion dollars annually to Mexico

#### **Highly entrepreneurial**

- 40% of Fortune 500 companies belong to 1st and 2nd generation immigrants
- 12% of businesses in the US belong to mexicans
- 570 000 small businesses



# 16 states

Arizona, California, Colorada, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Washington





## **BUILDING RESILIENCY**



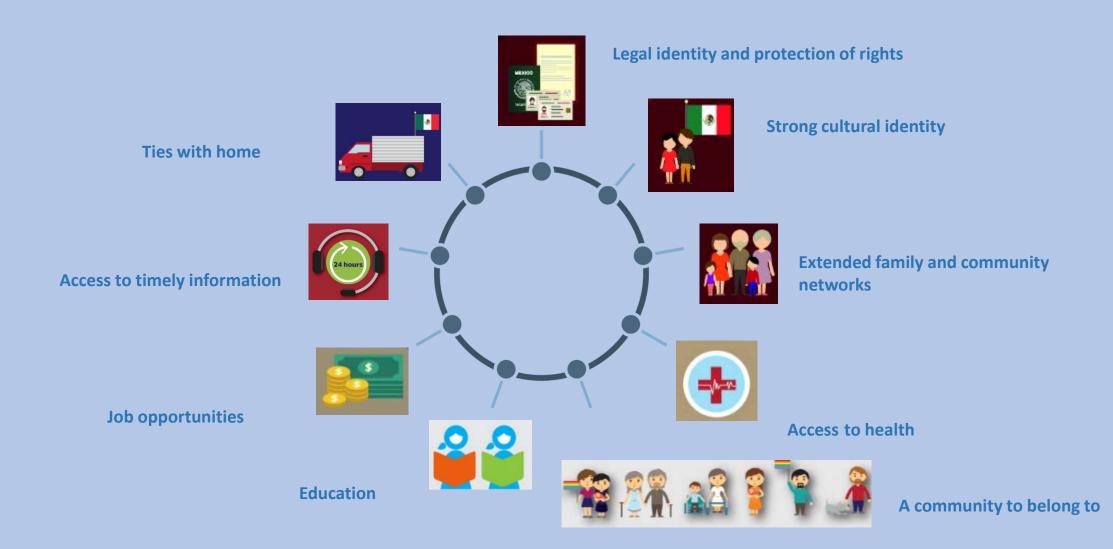
Mexican immigrants (mostly first generation) living in the United States face substantial adversity.

The stress of migration, the language barrier, low income, poor educational and occupational opportunities, inadequate access to housing, health care, and exposure to discrimination are just some of the many risk factors to which immigrants are exposed everyday.

Nevertheless ... They are thriving in many aspects

So, what influences the development of resilience on the mexican population?

## What builds resiliency



## WHAT ROLE DOES THE GOVERNMENT PLAY?

#### Mexican Migration Policy in the Twentieth Century

1910-1930: Mexico resisted emigration and sought to induce mass repatriation.

1942-1964: Programa Bracero

1964-1990: No interest in immigrants or programs

1990: New dialogue and focus on immigrants. Programa de Comunidades Mexicanas

2003: Creation of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME)

2011: IME changes its objective and incorporates the INTEGRATION of migrants into the host country as one of its goals

Mexican policy toward emigration and its diaspora has changed repeatedly over the last two centuries

## Conoce lo que un Consulado hace por ti



## **INSTITUTE FOR MEXICANS ABROAD**



The Institute for Mexicans Abroad is a decentralized agency of the Mexican government, whose main aim is to design public policies that improve the standard of living of mexican migrants and promote their effective integration into their host society, cultivating, at the same time, their ties with Mexico.

This is achieved through the provision of services and information about the different opportunities, programs and services that the mexican government and other partner institutions provide.

## To empower the mexican diaspora and increase its visibility and voice we operate in four different areas



## **RESULTS 2017**

## FINANCIAL LITERACY AND ASSETS PROTECTION

People Served/ Stations opened monthly





## **EDUCATION**



#### SECRETARÍA DE **RELACIONES EXTERIORES**

#### Strengthened relationship with the Ministry of **Education in Mexico**



48 Consulates offering scholarships 211 institutions awarded with IME BECAS



- ✤ 300 "Plazas comunitarias".
- ✤ 30 plazas in prisons or detention centers.
- ✤ 46 consulates in 36 states operated "Plazas"
- 23, 716 students (k12, english and IT).
- ✤ 1,168 graduates.



## HEALTH



People Served

1,133,392



#### **XVII Binational Health Week**



- \* 1,446 Events
- 5,927 Partners
- 190,588 People Served





AWARDED IME'S VENTANILLA A RECOGNITION FOR THE PROGRAM'S SUCCESS



HAVE BENEFITTED MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE SINCE THEIR CREATION IN 2003

### **Red Global MX**

Projects







- Internet access to two communities in Hidalgo
- Professional internships to foster mexican talent
- ✤ Adopt a high school
- Sewage water treatment project

## **IN LOS ANGELES**

- 300+ Tax Preparations
- >30,000 Financial literacy
- >25,000 Spanish textbooks donated
- Community College Day
- Back to School Fair
- English, GED, Cosmetology and Occupational Safety Classes
- 15 Plazas Comunitarias operating
- >50 graduates
- \$110,000 Awarded in Scholarships
- 600 kids participating in "Este es Mi Mexico"
- 30 Health Fairs
- >30,000 health services
- >1500 services on mobile health unit
- >150 mental health services
- >30000 Health Guide booklets distributed
- New "Red Global LA" chapter inaugurated
- Over 200 presentations
- 800 in Buque Escuela Cuauhtemoc
- OTHER EVENTS: DÍA DEL NIÑO, DÍA DE REYES, SB1159 FORUMS, FAFSA, DREAM ACT, EL GRITO, CINCO DE MAYO, DÍA DE LA SANTA CRUZ, AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS, DÍA DEL ABUELO, REUNIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR

The consulate receives **about 800 daily visitors** in its headquarters **and another 1000 in the mobile consulates** that operate from Wednesday through Sundays in different areas of Los Angeles county. The majority of our visitors are low to middle income mexicans with limited financial literacy, low education, limited access to health and education and most of the times, limited English as well.

Reshaping the idea about the consulate and making it a onestop access to information and one-on-one consultations are helping Mexican nationals and their families in Los Angeles participate more fully in the American society.









#### **PRIORITIES 2018**



#### **Mental Health Stations Expansion**

Ventanilla de Asesoría Financiera y Protección al Patrimonio Familiar

Asset protection and financial literacy

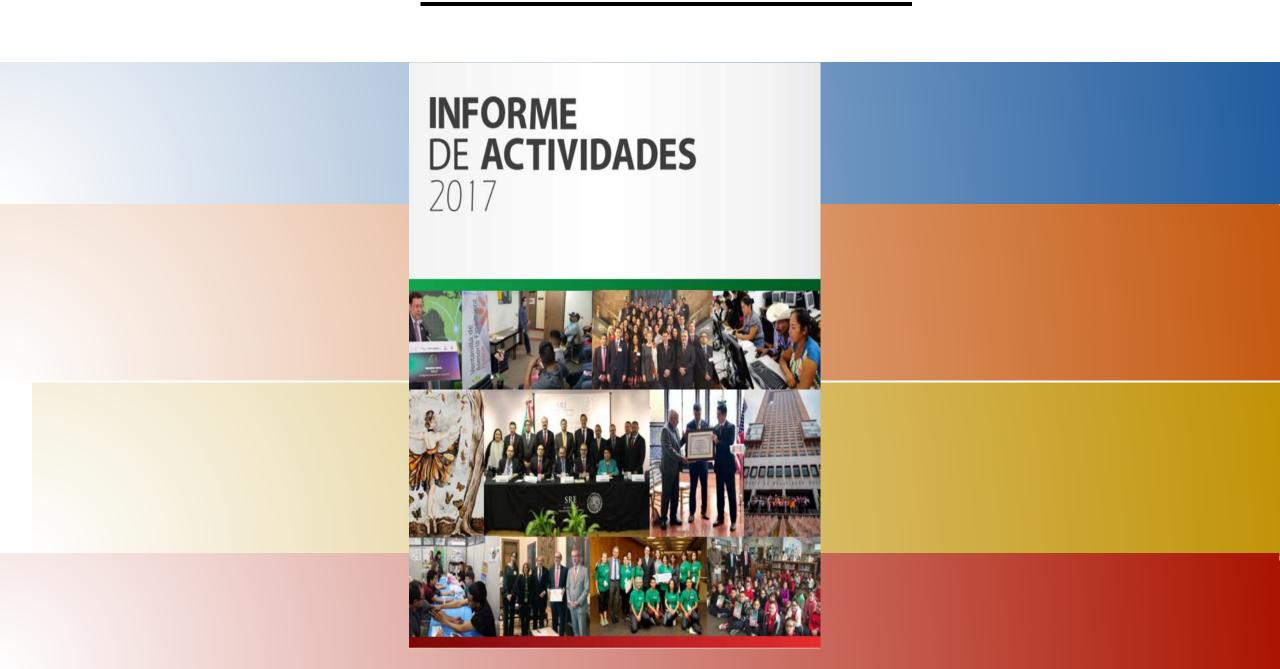




**Strengthening education services** 

IME-BECAS and Youth Programs / Reaching 2nd and 3rd generation mexicans

For additional information or to learn more about IME











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