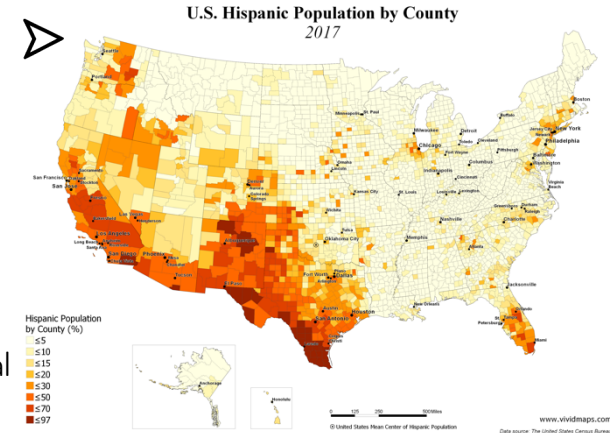


Causes of Mexico to USA migration

Today, approximately 50 million Latino and Hispanic people live in the USA. The southern border states have a larger % of Hispanic people living there than the rest of the US.





	 Mexico	 USA
Birth rate	17.6 /1000 per year	12.4 / 1000 per year
Life expectancy	76	80.3
Infant mortality rate	10.7 /1000 per year	5.3 / 1000 per year
Literacy rate	95.4%	99%
% below poverty line	46.2%	15.1%
GNI per capita	\$19,340	\$63,780
HDI	0.767	0.920
Murder rate	29.07 people / 100,000 per year	4.96 people / 100,000 per year



Image showing rural poverty in Mexico.



Image showing the urban area of San Diego, USA

There is a large wage gap between the USA and Mexico. Wages remain significantly higher in the USA for a large portion of the population. This attracts many Mexicans to the USA. Many people find living in rural Mexico a struggle because they have to survive with very little money. Farmland is often overworked and farms are small.

A text extract from a BBC Bitesize Geography revision page.

The USA is a rich and attractive nation. Mexico has problems with crime rates, drug use and corruption, as well as poor education opportunities. The Mexicans who have migrated fill jobs as farm labourers at harvest time, in factories or as cleaners and maids in large cities such as San Diego. These dirty, poorly paid jobs, commonly with long or unsociable hours, are often jobs which most Americans do not want to do.

A text extract from a Geography textbook.

A table showing selected development indicators.