

Overview of Data

Mexico presents high third-party corruption risks, scoring well below global averages on most measures of corruption and government integrity. Some key governance scores have declined over the last decade. Successful FCPA enforcement has penalized companies working in the oil and gas, healthcare, and other sectors. Thorough vetting of vendors and the practices of local subsidiaries is strongly advised.

Corruption and Governance Indicators	Mexico	G7 Average
Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index	28	73
World Bank Control of Corruption Score	19	88
World Justice Project Rule of Law Score	45	77
Major Correlates of Corruption		
Nominal GDP Per Capita Percentile Rank	61	89
World Bank Government Effectiveness Score	48	90

**All indicators are scores/100 or are percentile ranks, 100=best. Some scores have been adjusted accordingly. 1-33 34-66 67-100*

World Bank Enterprise Survey Responses (2010)	Mexico	Top 10 Countries
Share of firms reporting at least one bribe request	18%	1.4%
Share of firms expected to give gifts to secure government contract	35%	1.9%
Share of firms expected to give gifts to officials to “get things done”	12%	1.5%
Share of businesses reporting corruption is a major constraint	50%	7.5%

Illustrative FCPA Cases (as reported)

Total FCPA Enforcement: 22 Cases

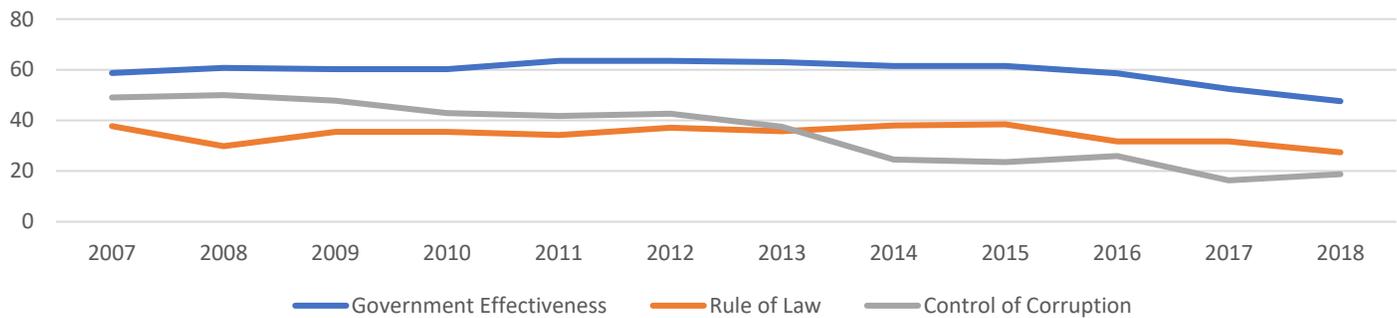
- **Tyson Foods**— Mexico subsidiary allegedly paid “salaries” to nonworking spouses of government meat inspectors to secure approvals.
- **Orthofix**— LATAM subsidiary allegedly paid USD 300k in “chocolate,” an established code word for bribes, to Mexican social security system officials to secure purchases of medical equipment for government healthcare programs.
- **Key Energy Services**— Mexico subsidiary allegedly paid consultant with ties to PEMEX official USD 229k to facilitate extension of contract, but no work seems to have been provided by this consultant. Key Energy allegedly approved subsidiary’s contribution of USD 118k in gifts to PEMEX Christmas raffle, which the Mexican subsidiary allegedly contrived to award to PEMEX officials.
- **Lindsey Manufacturing**— Allegedly hired sales representatives to facilitate contracts with government electrical commission. They granted a 30% commission on sales, which was unusually high, allegedly for the sales representatives to pass along as bribes.

Information Accessibility and Transparency

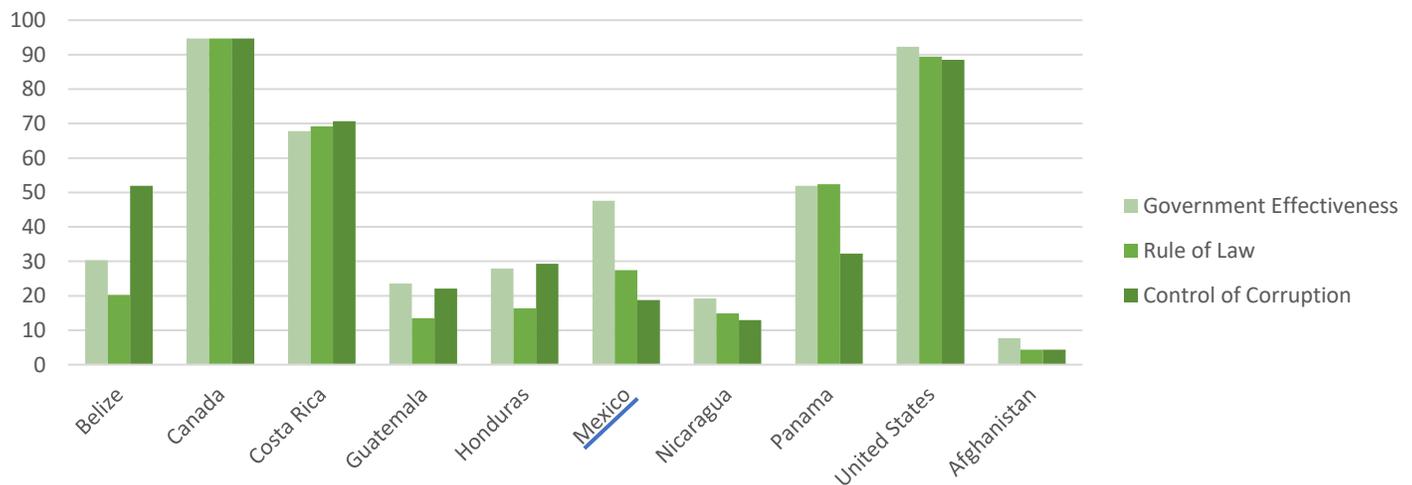
Availability of Records	●	Corporate records must be requested in-person from state registries. There is very limited information found in open-source media. Records are best obtained in-person, although case details and results are not typically disclosed. Officials' expectations of bribes, sometimes significant, may limit available information.
Freedom of Press	●	Reporters without Frontiers rank 147/180 (180=worst) Freedom House score 64/100 (100=least free)
Language Accessibility	●	All records are in Spanish, which is machine translatable with reasonable accuracy.
Financial Disclosure	●	Tax Justice Network Financial Secrecy Score 54/100 (100=most secret).

● Poor ● Moderate ● Accessible

Trendlines—World Bank Worldwide Governance Indicators (100=best)



Country Comparison—World Bank Worldwide Governance Indicators (100=best)



Context: Corruption in Mexico

Corruption in Mexico is pervasive and affects all sectors and areas of public administration. Frequent links between organized crime and public corruption make information gathering about corruption difficult and sometimes dangerous, so Mexicans can be reluctant to share information with researchers or journalists. Mexicans are more likely to pay bribes for everyday government services than any other Latin American group, and a majority of Mexicans believe that corruption is getting worse. However, corruption issues were a major factor in the recent historic election of Andrés Manuel López Obrador. His election is considered to be a major break from a political establishment which has disenchanted voters. He has promised to tackle corruption and crime, although specific policy directions are not yet clear.