## Mexico

- Population: 126 million (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 28.6 years
- Language(s): Spanish and 66 indigenous languages
- Government: Federal Presidential Republic
- President: Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (since December 1, 2018)
- Independence Day: September 16, 1810
- Land Area: : 761,610 square miles (about one fourth of the contiguous United States)
- Capital: Mexico City
- Agricultural Land: 54.9% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 33.3% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: petroleum, silver, antimony, copper, gold, lead, zinc, natural gas, timber
- Agricultural Products: corn, wheat, soybeans, rice, beans, fruits and vegetables, cotton, coffee, beef, poultry, dairy products, wood products
- Currency: 20 Mexican Pesos = 1 US Dollar

## **Fun Facts**

- The U.S. Mexico border is the 2nd. largest in the World, only after the U.S. - Canada border
- Chichen Itza, once part of the Mayan Empire, is one of the seven wonders of the world
- A Mexican tamale called the Zacahuil is three feet long and weighs about 150 pounds
- The jaguar, the largest wildcat in North America, can be found in Mexico's southern jungles
- The first printing press in the Americas was used in Mexico City in 1539
- Millions of monarch butterflies from the United States and Canada migrate to Mexico each year
- The U.S. "cowboys" originated from the Mexican "vaqueros" from Northern Mexico

