

| CITY (State) | Elevation (feet) | Population (2015 est.) | Urban or Rural? | Coastal or Inland? | Mountain, Desert, Tropical? | Int'l Airports | Driving: To US Border |
|--|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Acapulco (Guerrero) | 1 | 886,975 | U | C | T | ACA | 1427 Km. |
| Alamos (Sonora) | 1356 | 14,000 | R | I | D/M | HMO | 275 Km. |
| Cancún (Quintana Roo) | 1 | 763,121 | U | C | T | CUN | 2418 Km. |
| Chihuahua State | 4690 | 3,615,500 | R | I | D/M | CUU | 969 Km. |
| Coahuila State | 5249 | 3,600,000 | R | I | D/M | TRU | 408 Km. |
| Cozumel Island (Quintana Roo) | 1 | 86,4151 | R | C | T | CZM | 2388 Km. |
| Cuernavaca (Morelos) | 5001 | 983,351 | U | I | M/T | MEX | 1081 Km. |
| Chapala Area (Jalisco) | 4921 | 50,738 | R | I | M | GDL | 1048 Km. |
| Ensenada | 1 | 498,329 | U | C | D | TIJ/ESE | 108 Km. |
| Guadalajara (Jalisco) | 5220 | 4,887,383 | U | I | M | GDL | 1018 Km. |
| Guanajuato City (Guanajuato) | 6562 | 184,329 | R | I | M | BJX | 1012 Km. |
| Guaymas (Sonora) | 1 | 101,507 | R | C | D | GYM | 255 Km. |
| Hidalgo State | 7960 | 2,665,018 | R | I | M | MEX | 921 Km. |
| Huatulco | 1 | 26,886 | R | C | T | HUX | 1499 Km. |
| Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo (Guerrero) | 1 | 62,376 | R | C | T | ZIH | 1801 Km. |
| La Paz (Baja CA. Sur) | 1 | 272,711 | U | C | D | LAP | 1464 Km. |
| Loreto (Baja CA. Sur) | 1 | 15,000 | R | C | D | LTO | 721 Km. |
| Los Cabos (Baja CA. Sur) | 1 | 132,386 | U | C | D | SJD | 1623 Km. |
| Manzanillo (Colima) | 1 | 110,728 | R | C | T | ZLO | 1537 Km. |
| Mazatlán (Sinaloa) | 1 | 502,547 | U | C | T | MZT | 1212 Km. |
| Mérida (Yucatán) | 30 | 1,143,041 | U | I | T | MID | 2118 Km. |
| Mexico City (CDMX) | 7240 | 9,058,411 | U | I | M | MEX | 1021 Km. |
| Michoacán State | 6302 | 4,644,700 | R | I/C | M | MLM | 1008 Km. |
| Monterrey (Nuevo León) | 1749 | 1,133,070 | U | I | D | MTY | 323 Km. |
| Nuevo Vallarta/Bucerias/Punta Mita (Riviera Nayarit) | 1 | 150,250 | U | C | T | PVR | 1684 Km. |
| Oaxaca City (Oaxaca) | 5068 | 671,447 | U | I | M | OAX | 1371 Km. |
| Playa del Carmen (Quintana Roo) | 1 | 209,634 | R | C | T | CUN | 2458 Km. |
| Puerto Escondido (Oaxaca) | 1 | 20,178 | R | C | T | PXM | 1299 Km. |
| Puerto Peñasco (Sonora) | 1 | 44,647 | R | | | PPE | 106 Km. |
| Puerto Vallarta (Jalisco) | 1 | 425,890 | U | C | T | PVR | 1684 Km. |
| Queretaro City (Queretaro) | 5971 | 1,323,139 | U | I | | QRO | 722 Km. |
| Rosarito (Baja CA) | 1 | 96,734 | R | C | D | TIJ | 38 Km. |
| San Miguel de Allende (Guanajuato) | 6140 | 68,034 | R | I | M | BJX | 1012 Km. |
| Sonora State | 1 | 2,884,200 | R | I/C | D | HMO | 275 Km. |
| Tamaulipas State | 1 | 3,620,900 | R | I/C | D | TRC | 508 Km. |
| Taxco (Guerrero) | 5500 | 50,415 | R | I | T | ACA | 1412 Km. |
| Veracruz State | 1 | 8,241,200 | R | I/C | D | VER | 916 Km. |
| Zacatecas State | 8187 | 1,654,600 | R | I | D | ZCL | 781 Km. |

Note: Some population figures are for "municipio" of principal city. State elevation figures are for capital city.
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| CITY (STATE) | Rental Affordability | Year 'round Outdoor Living | Active Foreign Retirees? | "Real" Mexico | Private Hospitals & Care | Hospital Proximity Comments | Costco, Walmart/ Sam's Club |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Acapulco (Guerrero) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | Mexico City | C/W/S |
| Cancún (Quintana Roo) | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | | C/W/S |
| Cuernavaca (Morelos) | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | Mexico City | C/W/S |
| Chapala Area (Jalisco) | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | Guadalajara | W GDL has all |
| Ensenada (Baja CA) | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | Tijuana/ San Diego | C/W/S |
| Guadalajara (Jalisco) | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | C/W/S |
| Guanajuato City (Guanajuato) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | Leon, Queretaro, Mexico City | C/W/S |
| Guaymas (Sonora) | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | Phoenix | |
| Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo (Guerrero) | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | Acapulco/ Mexico City | W |
| La Paz (Baja CA. Sur) | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Loreto (Baja CA. Sur) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | La Paz | |
| Los Cabos (Baja CA. Sur) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | | C/W/S |
| Manzanillo (Colima) | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Guadalajara | W/S |
| Mazatlán (Sinaloa) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | |
| Mérida (Yucatán) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | C/W/S |
| Morelia (Michoacán State) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | Mexico City | C |
| Nuevo Vallarta/Punta Mita (Riviera Nayarit) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | Pto. Vallarta | W/S |
| Oaxaca City (Oaxaca) | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | Mexico City | W/S |
| Playa del Carmen (Quin. Roo) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | Cancun | C/W/S |
| Puerto Peñasco (Sonora) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | Hermosillo/ Mexicali | W/S |
| Puerto Vallarta (Jalisco) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | Guadalajara | C/W/S |
| Rosarito (Baja CA) | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | Tijuana | W/S |
| San Miguel de Allende (Guanajuato) | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | Leon, Queretaro, Mexico City | W/S |

Note about Rankings: 1 is lowest/least desirable.