



Enhancing the Arizona-Mexico Relationship: Trade and Economic Development

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MEXICO

fast facts

It has **122 million** inhabitants, about half of the population is **26 years or younger**

Its GDP was 1.3 trillion USD (World Bank, 2014).

15th worldwide

Ranked **25** in the Economic Complexity Index (*out of 144 countries*) and **53** in Doing Business Index 2013 (*out of 189 countries*).

Has **free trade agreements** with nearly **50 countries** such as Japan, Guatemala, Peru, Chile, and the European Free Trade Area.

The total area of the country is 1.9 million sq. km.

14th worldwide

Around **50%** of the population lives below the poverty line.



THE PEÑA AGENDA

Programme of 7 reforms undertaken by President Peña Nieto since he took office in late 2012.

1 ANTI-MONOPOLY*

Strengthens regulatory bodies.
Increases jail terms for offenders.

STATUS:
SECONDARY LAWS
APPROVED

2 BANKING

Improves competition.
Strengthens development banks.

 **STATUS:** APPROVED

3 EDUCATION*

Introduces evaluation of teachers in order to improve standards.
Creates autonomous regulator.

STATUS: SECONDARY LAWS
APPROVED

4 ENERGY*




Ends state monopolies of Pemex and CFE. Enables foreign firms to drill in deepwater fields and shale beds. Existing regulators to be strengthened.

STATUS: SECONDARY LAWS
APPROVED

5 FISCAL

Raises taxes, raises spending, cuts tax loopholes.

 **STATUS:** APPROVED

6 POLITICAL*

Allows re-election of members of Congress and more federal oversight of local elections.

 **STATUS:** APPROVED

7 TELECOMS AND BROADCASTING*

Aims to increase fixed-line, mobile and internet penetration.
Special regulations for America.

STATUS: SECONDARY LAWS
APPROVED

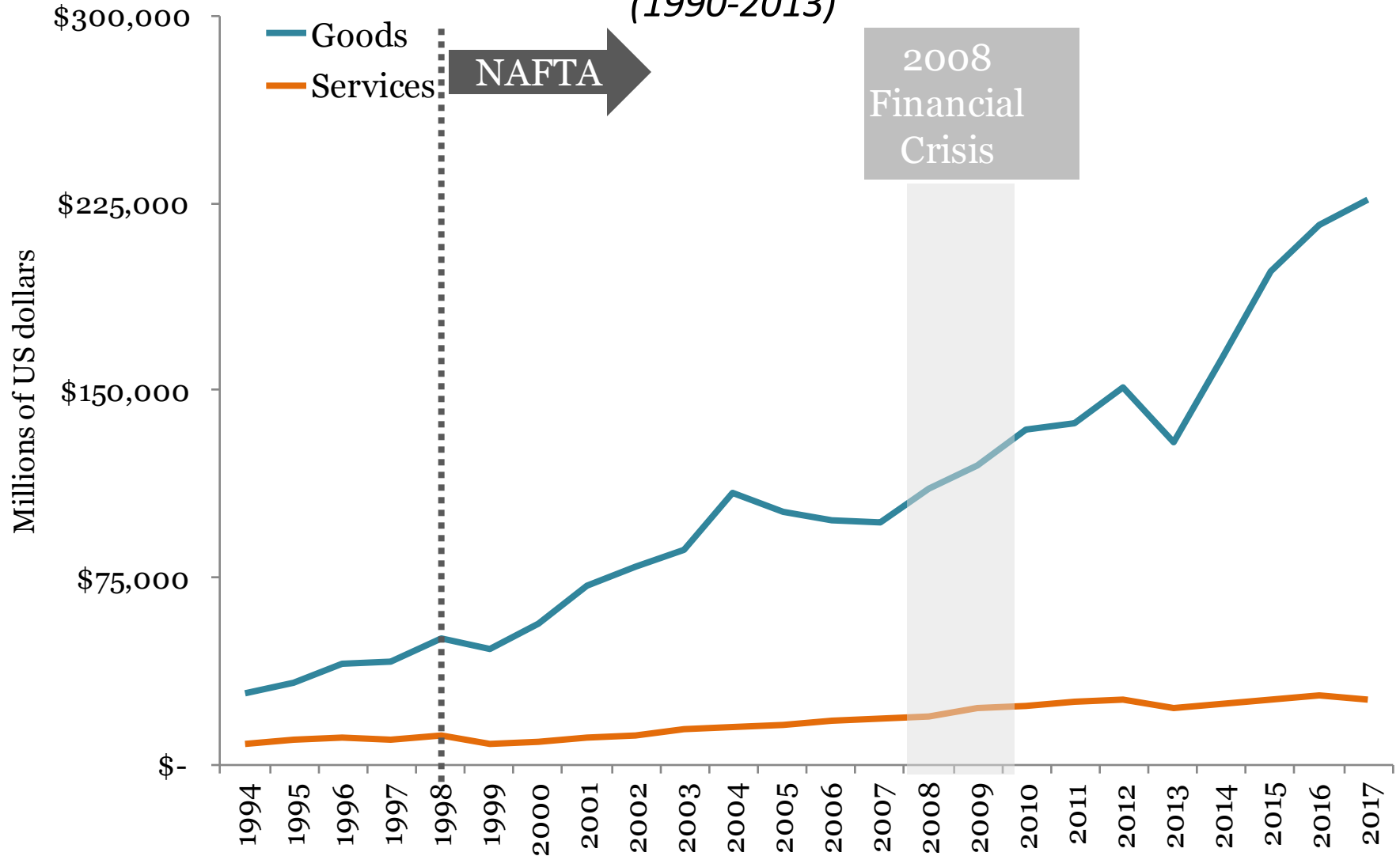


*Constitutional changes

Source: The Economist and Mexico Institute

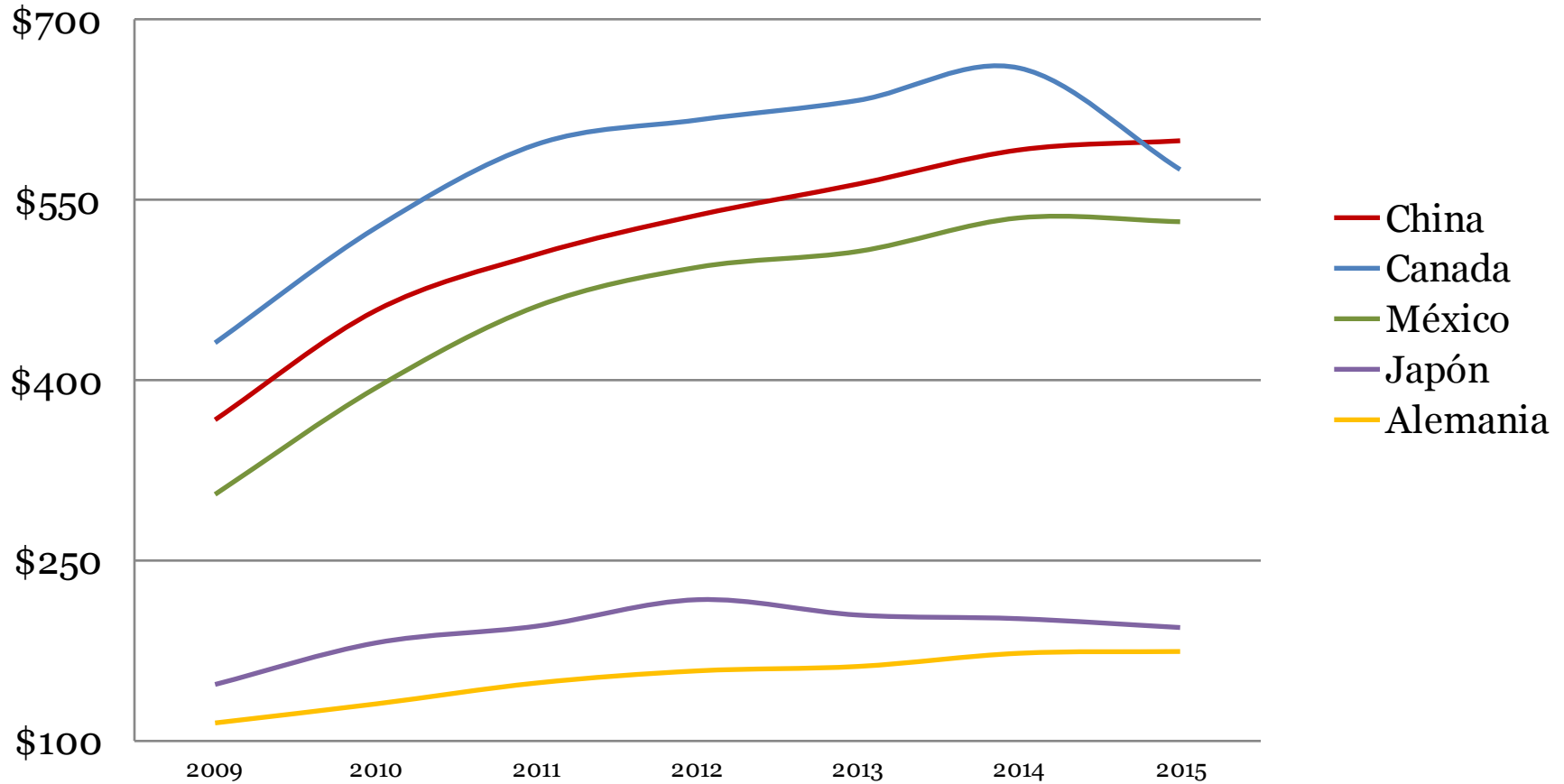
U.S. exports to Mexico

(1990-2013)



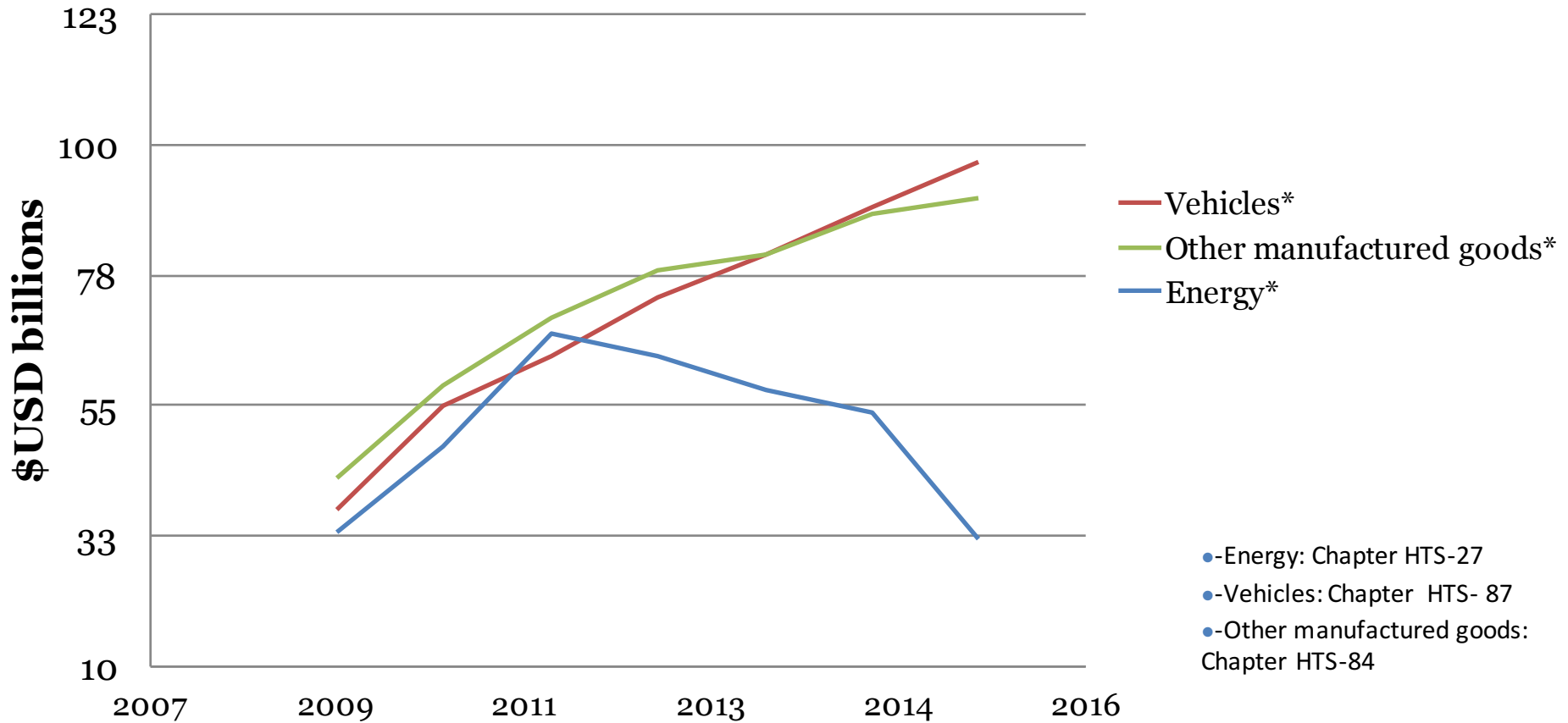
Source: IMF for goods, OECD for services.

U.S. Top Trading Partners (Billions of USD)



● Source: U.S. Census Bureau

U.S. Energy and Manufactured Goods Trade with Mexico 2009-2015



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Indicators Division

- Energy: Chapter HTS-27
- Vehicles: Chapter HTS- 87
- Other manufactured goods: Chapter HTS-84

Total Value of Arizona Exports in 2015

\$22.563 billion USD

Top Export Destinations



1. Mexico



2. Canada



3. China



Arizona's Top Exports



Civilian Aircraft, Engines, and Parts
\$2.9 billion



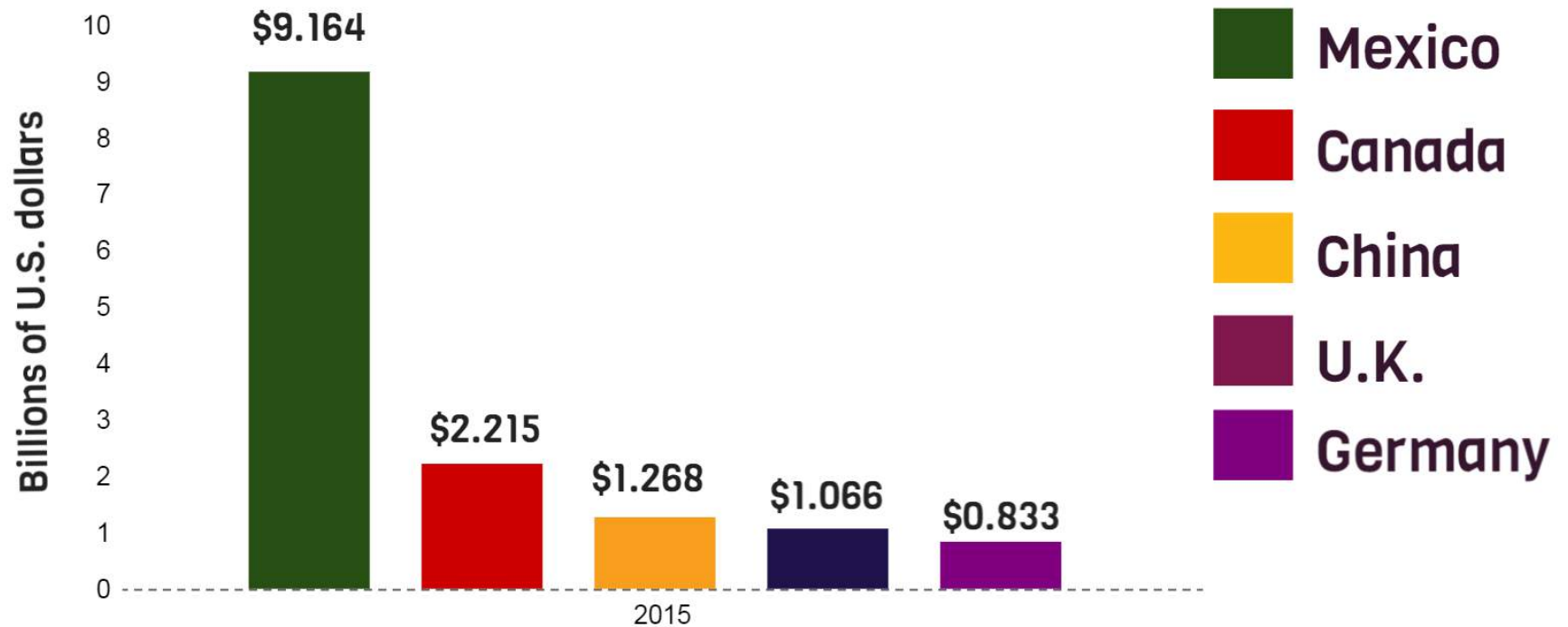
Copper Ores and Concentrates
\$2.5 billion



Computer chips and integrated circuits
\$1.1 billion

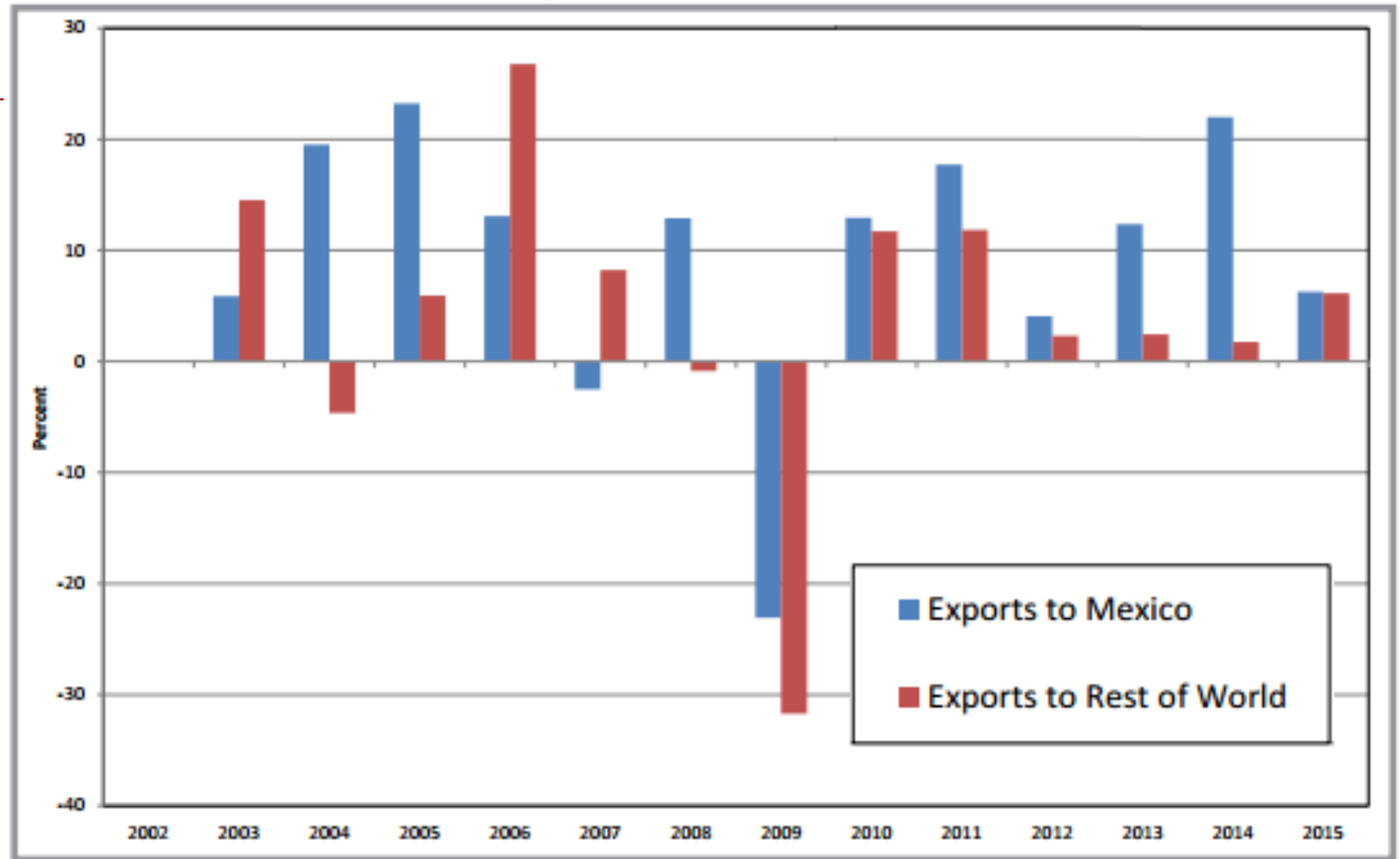
Source: United States Census Bureau

2015 Arizona's Top 5 Export Markets



Source: United States Census Bureau

Exhibit 3: Arizona's Merchandise Export Growth



Source: Arizona-Mexico Economic Indicators

Value of U.S. Content in Final Good Imports from Select Economies

<i>Mexico</i>	40%
<i>Canada</i>	25%
<i>Malaysia</i>	8%
<i>Korea</i>	5%
<i>China</i>	4%
<i>Brazil</i>	3%
<i>European Union</i>	2%
<i>Japan</i>	2%
<i>India</i>	2%
<i>Russia</i>	1%

Studies of the Costs of Border Wait Times and Congestion to U.S. and Mexican Economies

<i>Region of Crossings</i>	<i>Region of Economic Impact</i>	<i>Wait Time (min.)</i>	<i>Year of Potential Impact</i>	<i>Cost to Regional Economy (billions of USD)</i>	<i>Costs in Jobs</i>	<i>Source</i>
<i>San Diego - Tijuana</i>	<i>U.S. and Mexico</i>	...	2007	\$7.2	62,000	SANDAG, 2007 Update
<i>Imperial Valley - Mexicali</i>	<i>U.S. and Mexico</i>	...	2007	\$1.4	11,600	HDR HLB IVAG 2007
<i>Tijuana</i>	<i>Mexico</i>	180	2007-2008	\$1.9	57,000	Del Castillo Vera, COLEF, 2009
<i>Ciudad Juarez</i>	<i>Mexico</i>	132	2007-2008	\$1.5	87,600	Del Castillo Vera, COLEF, 2009
<i>Nuevo Laredo</i>	<i>Mexico</i>	174	2007-2008	\$3.7	133,800	Del Castillo Vera, COLEF, 2009
<i>Nogales</i>	<i>Mexico</i>	66	2007-2008	\$0.2	18,000	Del Castillo Vera, COLEF, 2009
<i>US-Mexico Border</i>	<i>U.S.</i>	63	2008	\$5.8	26,000	Accenture Draft, March 2008
<i>US-Mexico Border</i>	<i>U.S.</i>	99	2017	\$12.0	54,000	Accenture Draft, March 2008
<i>El Paso/Cd. Juarez</i>	<i>El Paso/Cd. Juarez</i>	2008 peak times: ~45 - 220	2035	\$54.0	850,000	Cambridge Systematics Inc., June 2011
<i>US-Mexico Border</i>	<i>U.S.</i>	...	2011	\$7.8	...	Hummer, Bloomberg, 2013

**U.S.-Mexico Border Industry Mapping and Stakeholder Engagement Project,
Apr.-Sept. 2015**



- **Project partners:** NARP + Mexico Institute/WWICS.
- Project looks at **quantitative** and **qualitative** issues that affect border industries that are **concentrated, dynamic** and **binational**.
- Area of analysis = **border counties** and *municipios*.
- **Binational focus groups** in San Diego, Tucson, El Paso, Laredo and Brownsville.
- Designed to **support the crossborder economic development work** of bilateral (HLED), federal, state and local entities.

Clusters



What is a Cluster?

“Clusters are geographic concentrations of interconnected companies, specialized suppliers, service providers, firms in related industries, and associated institutions (e.g., universities, standards agencies, trade associations) in a particular field that compete but also cooperate.” Michael Porter*

**Location, Competition, and Economic Development: Local Clusters in a Global Economy,” Economic Development Quarterly, 2000, 14, 15.*

Where do Cluster-Based Strategies Fit in to Overall Economic Development?



Picking Winners

- Firm Specific
- Weakens Competition and thus incentives to improve
- Politically driven
- Inconsistent across administrations

Examples: Subsidies, Tariff Barriers, Negotiated tax incentives

Cluster-Based Strategies

- Data reveals existing industrial clusters with roots (not politically driven)
- Industry/Cluster specific
- Pro-competition (seeks diversity and numerous firms competing within sector)

Examples: Specialized Education Programs, Industry Worker Training Programs, Specialized Infrastructure (port, pre-inspection), Business-Regulator Dialogue, Joint Marketing

Macro and Overall Business Environment Improvements (Cross-Cluster Strategies)

- Subregion, Region or Nation specific
- Pro-competition (robust business environment fosters competition)

Examples: Education, Responsible Fiscal and Monetary Policy, Trade Liberalization, Cutting Red-Tape, Simplifying Tax Code, General Infrastructure (overall highway network, broadband, etc.), Broad tax incentives

Figure 1. Employment in Arizona - Sonora

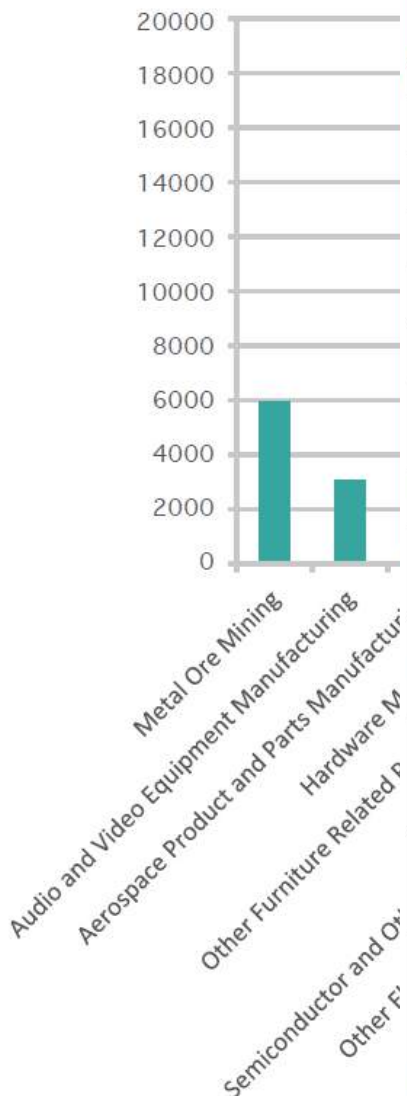
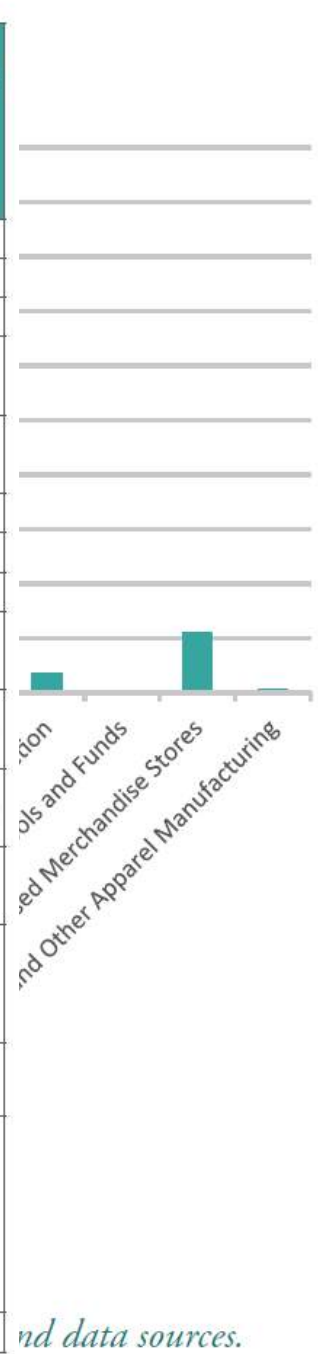


Table 4. Tamaulipas GDP and Exports to the U.S. by Subsector (3-digit NAICS), 2013

Subsector	Subsector Contribution to Tamaulipas GDP (Million USD)	% of Total Tamaulipas GDP	Exports Tamaulipas to the US (Million USD)	% of Total State Exports to U.S.	Exports to U.S./ GDP (%)
Oil and gas extraction (211)	3,092	8.67%	337	1.86%	10.89%
Mining, except oil and gas (212)	13	0.04%	0	0.00%	0.00%
Wood products manufacturing (321)	9	0.03%	3	0.02%	34.32%
Nonmetallic mineral products manufacturing (327)	154	0.43%	164	0.91%	106.37%
Furniture and related products manufacturing (337)	58	0.16%	400	2.21%	688.23%
Miscellaneous manufacturing (339)	191	0.54%	1,006	5.57%	526.93%
Food and beverage and tobacco products manufacturing (311 - 312)	686	1.92%	200	1.11%	25.18%
Textile mills and textile product mills (313 - 314)	42	0.12%	27	0.15%	65.48%
Apparel and leather and allied products manufacturing (315 - 316)	58	0.16%	34	0.19%	59.51%
Paper Manufacturing, Printing and related support activities (322 - 323)	103	0.29%	186	1.03%	179.95%
Petroleum, plastic and chemical product manufacturing (324 - 326)	2,297	6.44%	3,134	17.34%	136.43%
Primary metals manufacturing, fabricated metal products (331 - 332)	179	0.50%	746	4.13%	417.14%
Machinery Manufacturing, Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing, Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing and Motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts manufacturing (333 - 336)	2,180	6.11%	11,841	65.50%	543.22%
State GDP, Subsector Exports	35,682		18,079		

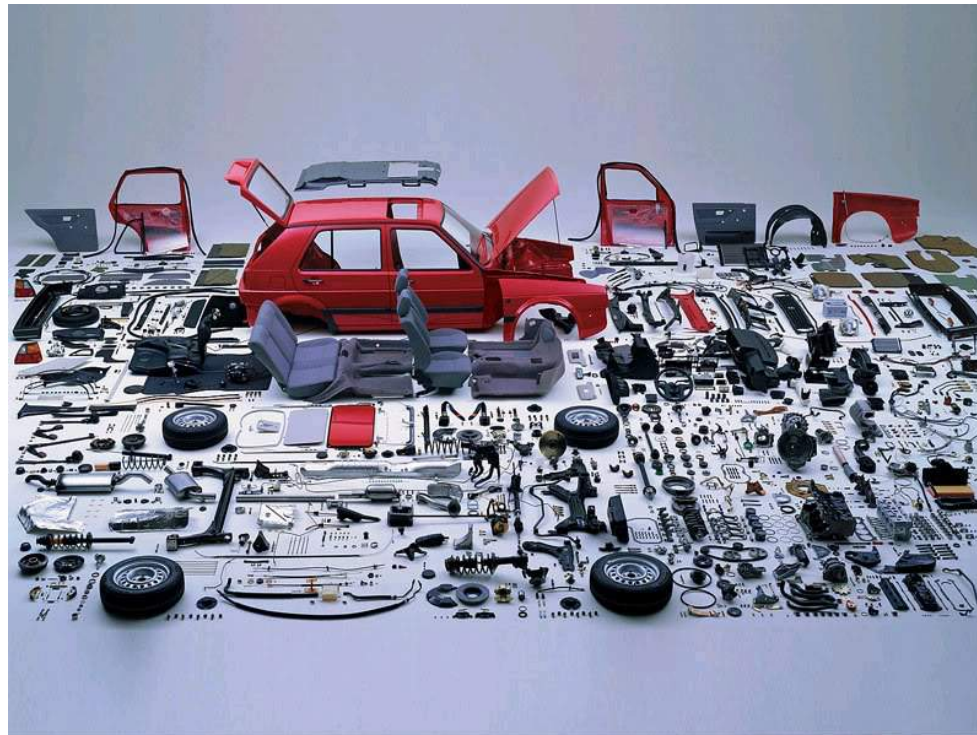
Industries (LQ),



Authors' own elaboration

and data sources.

Automotive Sector



Automotive Sector

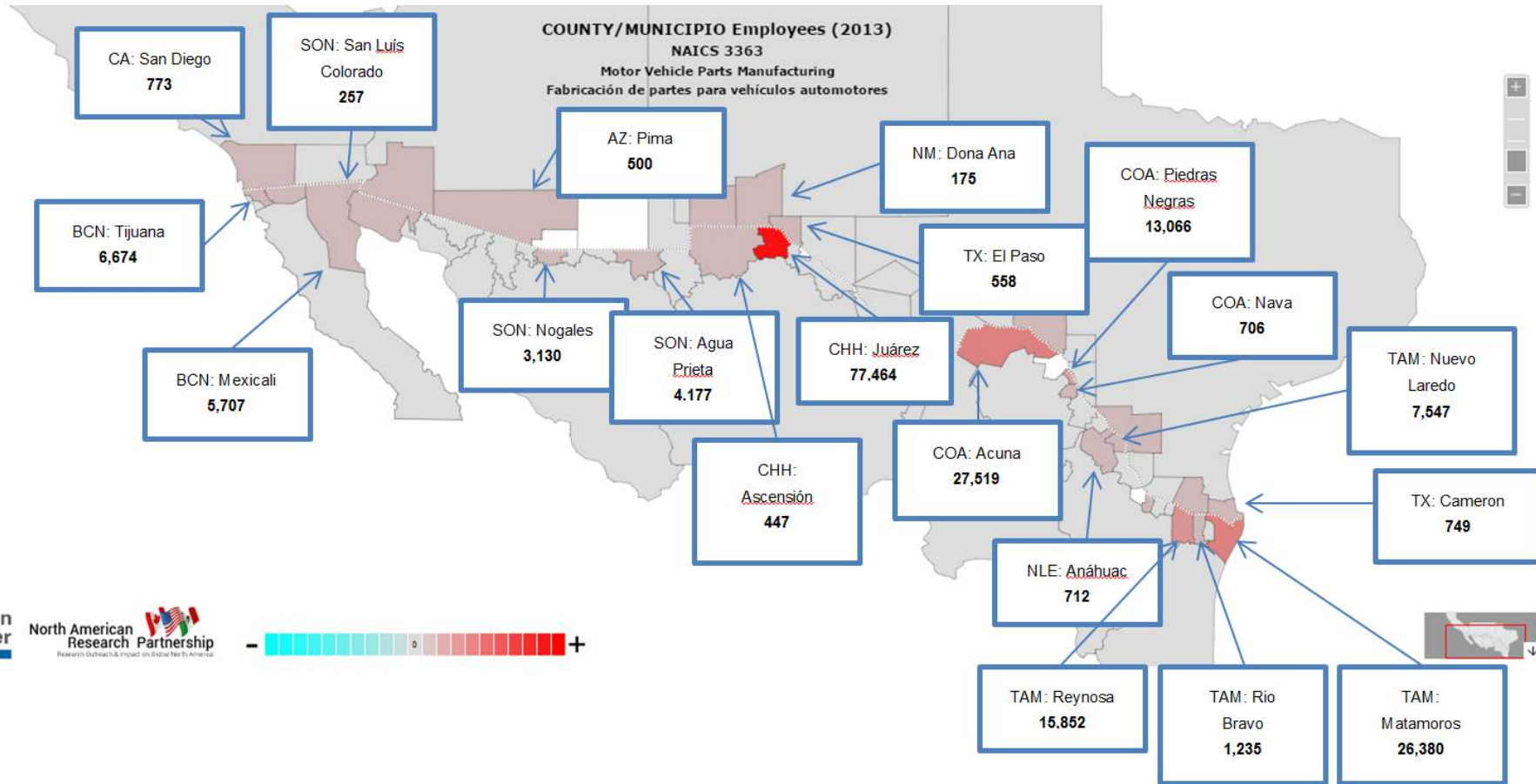


Auto-Sector Employment (approx.) in the U.S.- Mexico Border Region, 2013

California-Baja California Border Subregion	17,000
Arizona-Sonora Border Subregion	8,500
Paso Del Norte Subregion	80,000
Coahuila-Nuevo León-Tamaulipas-Texas Border Subregion	50,000
Lower Rio Grande Valley-Tamaulipas Subregion	47,000

Includes: 3362- Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing; 3363-Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing; and 3369-Other Transportation Equipment Manufacturing; and is supported by industries such as 3321- Forging and Stamping.

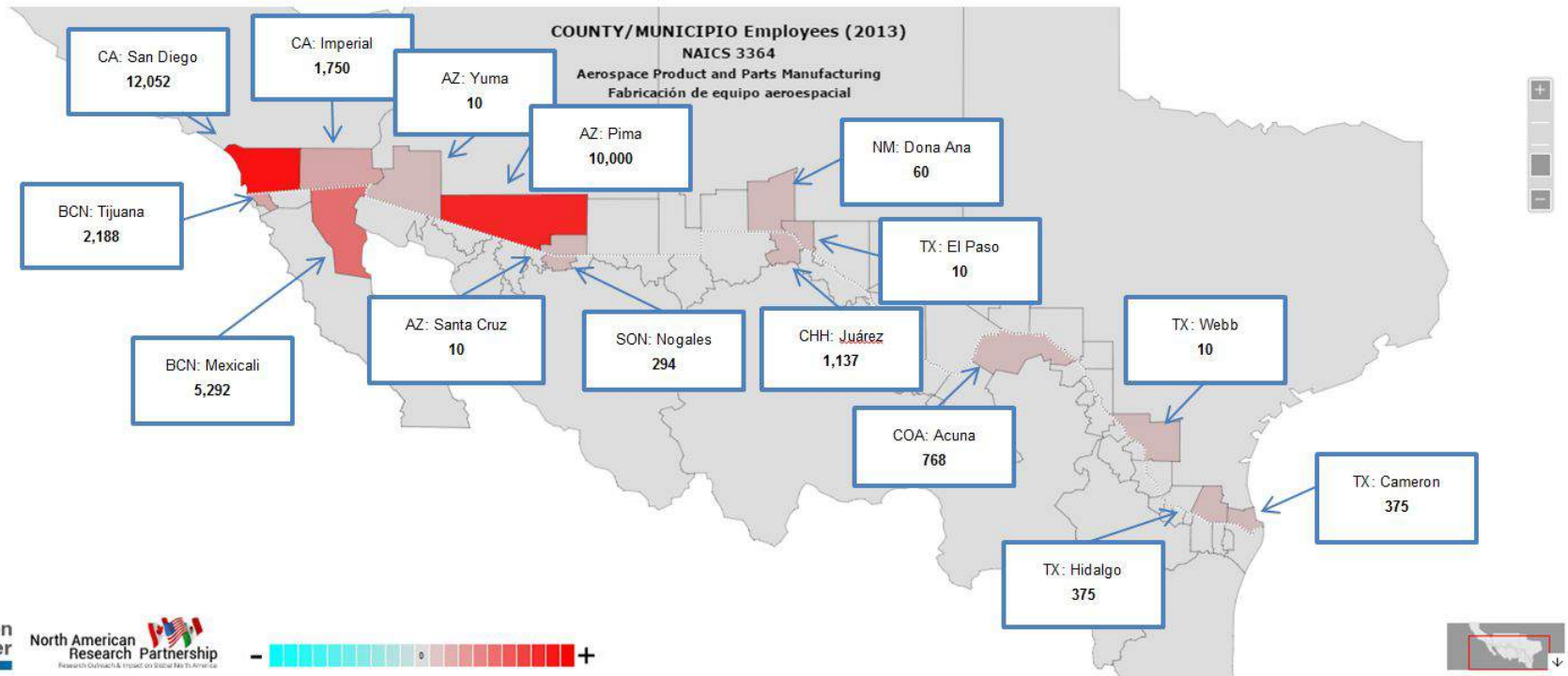
Parts Manufacturing Employment



Aerospace Industry



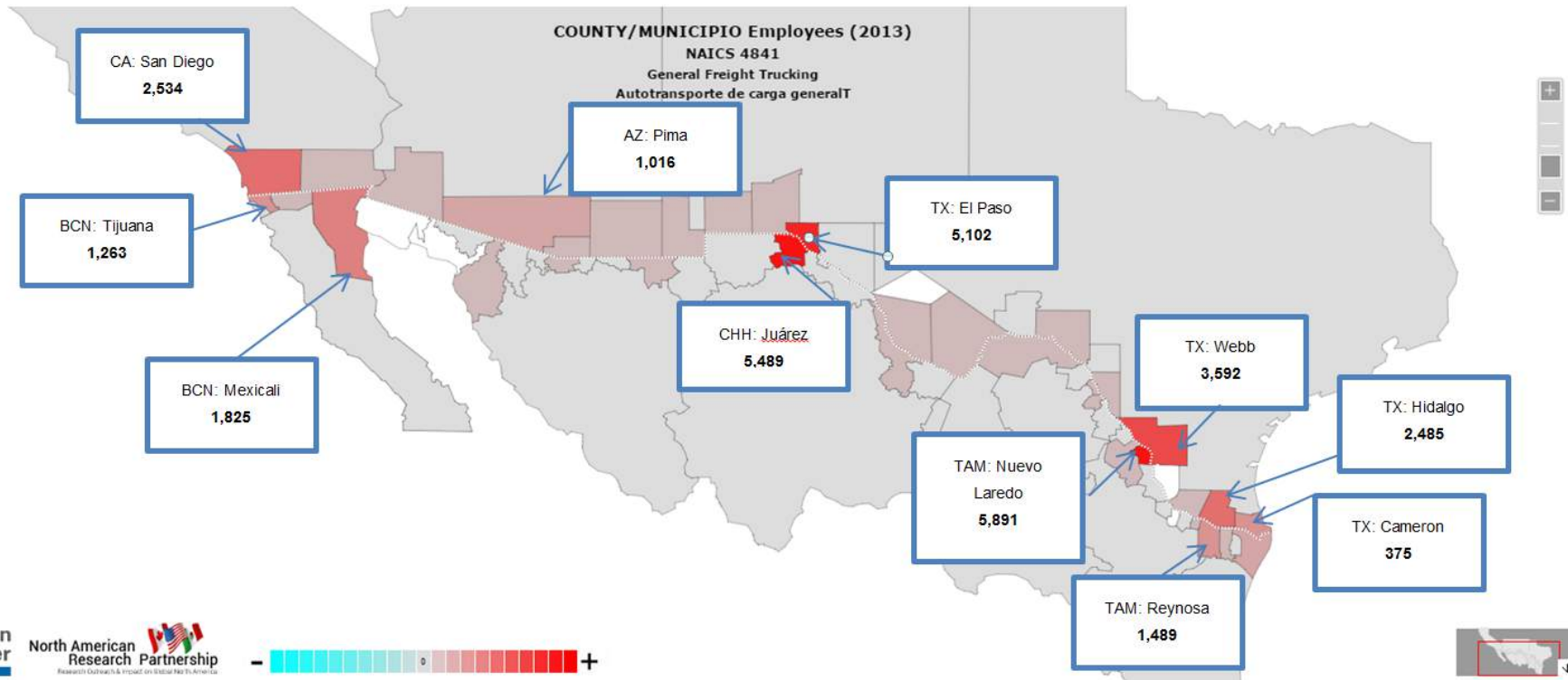
Aerospace Industry



Transportation, Logistics, and Trade



Logistics Sector: General Freight Trucking Employment



Border-Wide Findings



- Highly specialized manufacturing industries on the Mexican side of the border.
- Strong logistics industries on the U.S. side
- Fewer signs of deep supply chain connections or non-logistics service provision by U.S. firms along the border to Mexican border industries than we had expected.
- Highly uneven nature of cluster organization and crossborder economic development efforts throughout the border region.
- The predominance of border security over trade has affected the overall business environment at the border.
- Highly uneven distribution of manufacturing operations poses a challenge for the cultivation of binational clusters.
- Crossborder mobility and human capital development continues to be a challenge in the region.

Thank You

Recommendations



1. The United States and Mexican federal governments must play an especially important role in cross-border economic development efforts.
2. Border communities should actively utilize cluster-based economic development, with its focus on collaboration among government, industry and educational institutions, as an opportunity to engage federal officials managing the border as partners in a joint effort.

Recommendations (cont.)



3. Link up economic development organizations along the border through a variety of formal and informal mechanisms.
4. Minimize crossborder travel restrictions for university faculty, staff and students.
5. The two federal governments need to further harmonize (and localize) data collection across the border.

Recommendations (cont.)



6. Update and streamline specialist, worker and student internship NAFTA visas to foster mobility.
7. Create binational cluster councils with public, private and education sectors all at the table.
8. Mega regions should monitor the growth of emerging binational industries that could be good candidates for cluster-based economic development.



- naresearchpartnership.org/projects/binationalindustries/map
- wilsoncenter.org/specialinitiatives/binationalindustries

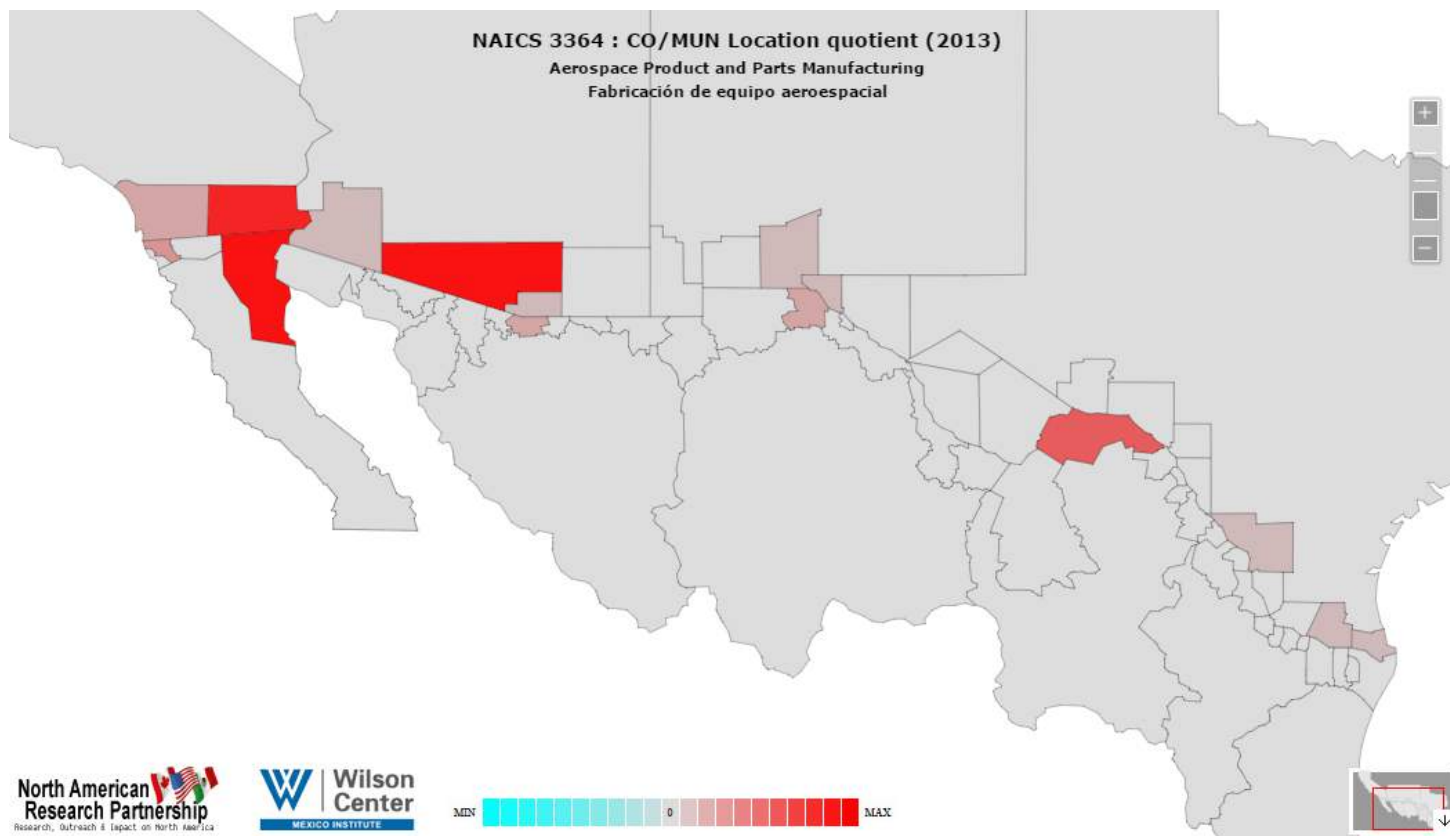
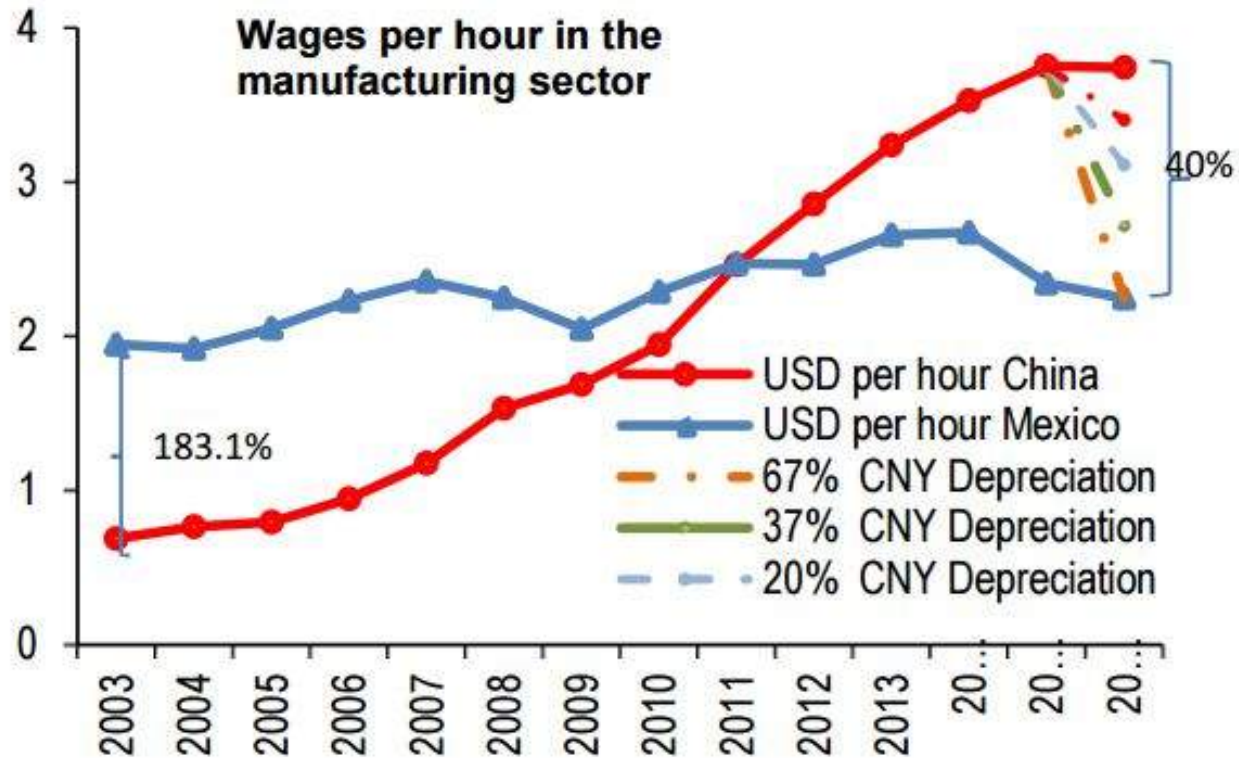




Chart 5: Wages per hour are lower in Mexico than in China



Source: Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research, INEGI, ILO, Bloomberg