Mixed Movements Monitoring

Mexico | December 2024

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Background & Methodology

- The Mixed movement monitoring survey in Mexico regularly collects and analyzes data to identify violations of rights and protection risks for refugees and migrants for the purpose of informing effective responses by UNHCR and its partners.
- During December 2024, 263 interviews were conducted consisting of 597 people.
- Surveys were carried out in 11 locations across Mexico. The Northern region: Acuña. Juarez, Matamoros, Mexicali, Monterrey, Piedras Negras and Reynosa. The Southern region: Palenque, Suchiate and Tapachula.
- The results presented are indicative and should not be interpreted as representative of the total population of refugees and migrants in Mexico.

Highlight

- The reasons for leaving countries of origin continue to show an alarming number of persons fleeing situations of violence and/or persecution, a number that remains at 79% of the total population interviewed. A great number of persons has signaled that they would face risks of violence and/or persecution if returned to their countries of origin, with 71% of the population stating that they fall in this category.

Demographics

53% Girls & Women

47% Boys & Men

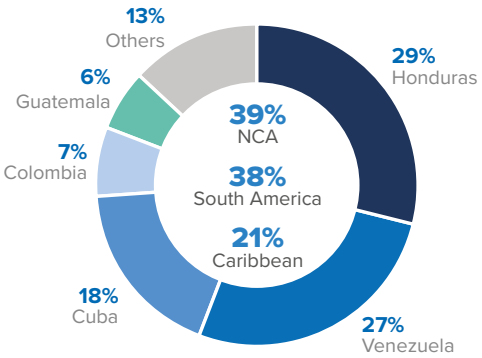
67% Adults

33% Children

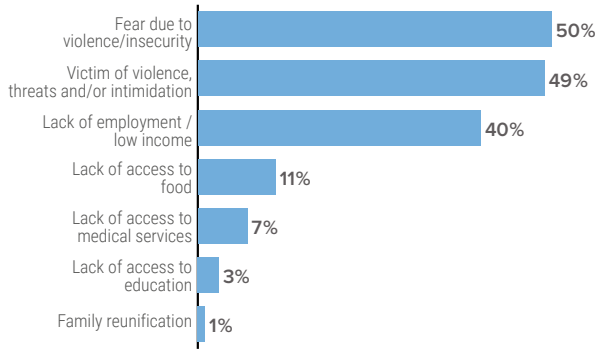
Group composition
44% groups with children
21% groups with children under 5yrs
43% lone adults

Country of Origin

Nationality



*Reasons for leaving**



*Multiple selection question

Risks upon return

56%
of the interviewed individuals expressed facing a risk upon return to their country of origin due to threats, extortion, and/or persecution.

29%
of the interviewed individuals expressed facing a risk upon return to their country of origin due to general violence, and/or discrimination.

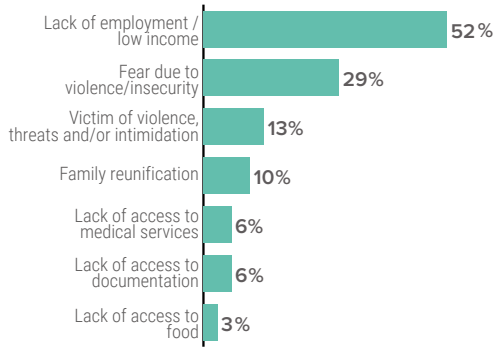
Journey & Incidents during transit

The route

12%
of the interviewed individuals reported living in a country other than their country of origin for more than **six months.** Main countries: Colombia, Chile & Peru.

58%
of the interviewed individuals described facing a protection incident in countries of transit prior to entering Mexico

*Reasons for leaving last country of residency**



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Main protection incidents during transit

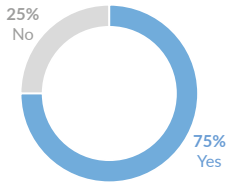
Theft **38%**

Intimidation **11%**

Extortion **10%**

South

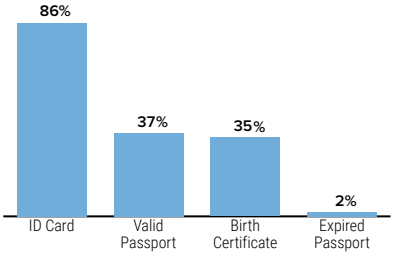
Have applied for asylum (or intend to)



In December 2024, COMAR received 5,706 new asylum applications, a decrease compared to the previous month, (7,122), but an increase compared to the number observed in December 2023 (4,262). 74% of these applications submitted during December were made in Southern Mexico. Main nationalities in the South were Honduras (31%), Cuba (20%), Haiti (18%) and El Salvador (5%).

Source: COMAR

Personal Documentation



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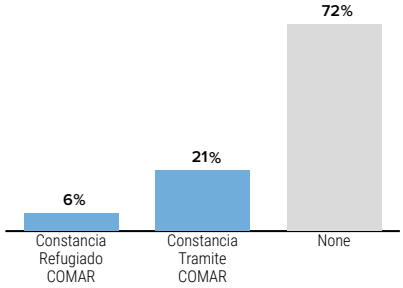
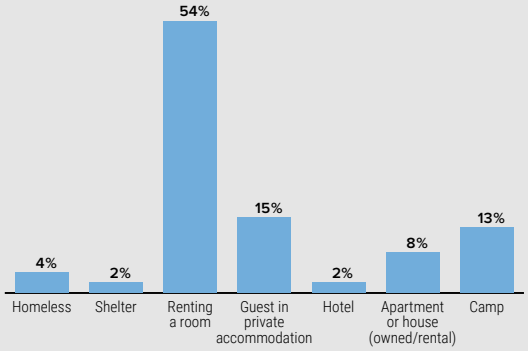
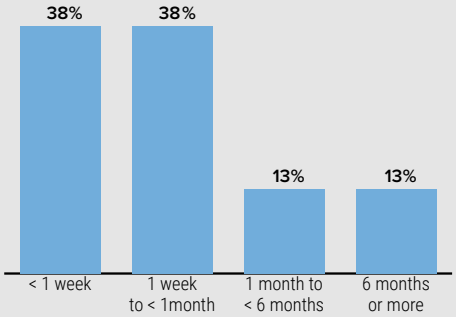


Mexico City

Current accomodation



Current length of stay



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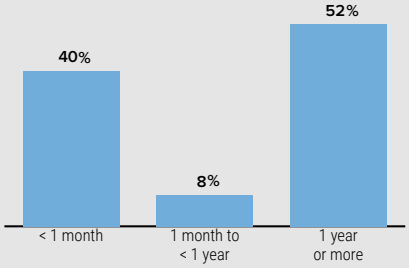

North

Main protection incidents within Mexico

69% of the interviewed individuals in the northern region described facing a protection incident in Mexico

- **44%** Theft
- **18%** Extortion
- **17%** Intimidation
- **7%** Kidnapping
- **3%** Physical assault
- **20%** Fraud/Scam

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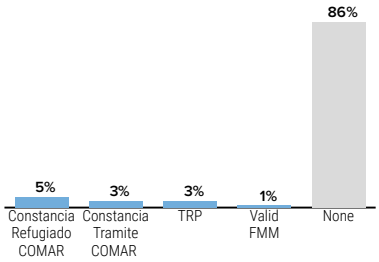
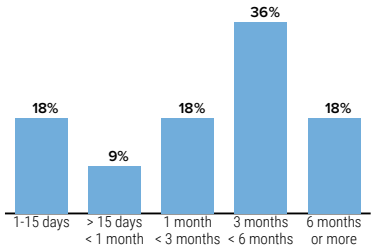


*CBP One - waiting time for appointment**



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