

NARCO-VIOLENCE AND MIGRATION IN MEXICO



THE QUESTION

What is the impact of narco-violence on household intra-country migration decisions?

WHY DO WE CARE?

It's Prevalant

Up to **2/3** of violence due to narco-violence

It's Impactful

Est. **265,000** have migrated fearing narco-violence

It's Understated

Under **25%** of violent crimes are reported

It's Polarized

Seven states account for **74%** of all kidnappings

THE THEORY

Households faced with migration pressure will choose based on preferences and constraints:

1. Move the entire household
2. Send children to safer areas

THE ASSUMPTIONS

If possible, households prefer to be together

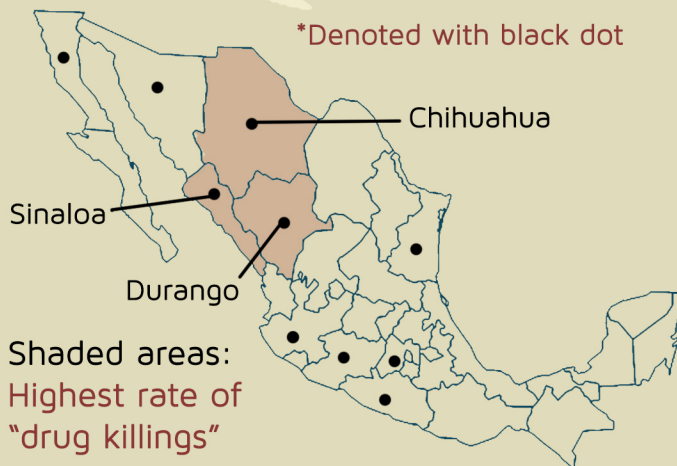
Migration decisions depend on safety, wages, social networks

CHILD FOSTERING

The act of sending one's children to live with relatives or friends

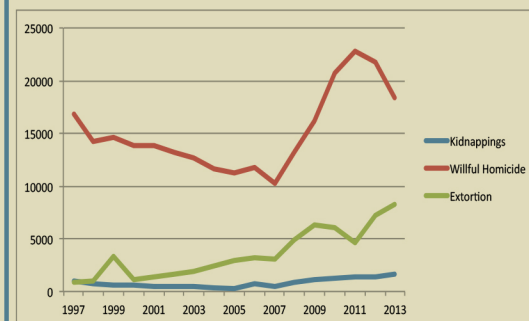
NARCO-VIOLENCE MAP

Provinces with highest death tolls in drug war, 2009-10



National Post; Trans-Border Institute

OFFICIAL DATA, 1997-2013



- ♦ Official estimates are low
- ♦ Homicide most reported
- ♦ ENVIPE: 2012 actual kidnappings may have been over **100,000**



Households with at least one victimization in 2013:
10.7 MILLION

