

State	Number of states contacted	States contacted	Areas covered	Frequency of meetings
Aguascalientes	5	Baja California, Colima, Guanajuato, Querétaro and San Luis Potosí	Starting a business Registering property Enforcing contracts	Once a year
Baja California	2	Jalisco and Sinaloa	Starting a business	Every 2 months
Chiapas	1	Guanajuato	Starting a business Enforcing contracts	Once a month
Durango	5	Baja California, Colima, Chihuahua, Jalisco and Puebla	Starting a business Dealing with construction permits Registering property	Every 6 months
Guanajuato	6	Aguascalientes, Chiapas, Guerrero, Jalisco, Querétaro and Quintana Roo	Dealing with construction permits Registering property	Every 6 months
Hidalgo	6	Mexico City, Morelos, Puebla, Querétaro, State of Mexico and Tlaxcala	Dealing with construction permits Registering property	Every 2 months
Jalisco	4	Colima, Mexico City, Puebla and Querétaro	Dealing with construction permits	Once a month
Michoacán	4	Aguascalientes, Colima, Mexico City and Sonora	Starting a business Registering property	Once a month
Morelos	7	Hidalgo, Jalisco, Mexico City, Puebla, Querétaro, Sinaloa and State of Mexico	Starting a business	Once a month or every 6 months
Nuevo León	3	Jalisco, Sinaloa and State of Mexico	Starting a business Registering property	Every 6 months
Puebla	6	Hidalgo, Mexico City, Morelos, Nuevo León, Querétaro and State of Mexico	Dealing with construction permits Starting a business	Every 3 months
Querétaro	7	Hidalgo, Jalisco, Mexico City, Morelos, Puebla, State of Mexico and Tlaxcala	Dealing with construction permits	Every 2 months
Quintana Roo	4	Campeche, Colima, Tabasco and Yucatán	Starting a business Registering property	Once a month
Sinaloa	5	Mexico City, Nayarit, Sonora, State of Mexico and Tabasco	Starting a business Dealing with construction permits Enforcing contracts	Once a year
Sonora	9	Aguascalientes, Baja California, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Durango, Guanajuato, Jalisco and Sinaloa	Starting a business Dealing with construction permits Registering property Enforcing contracts	Once a week, month or every 6 months
Tabasco	5	Baja California, Guanajuato, Querétaro, Sonora and State of Mexico	Starting a business Registering property	Once a month
Veracruz	1	Guanajuato	Starting a business	Once a year
Zacatecas	2	Colima and Nuevo León	Starting a business Dealing with construction permits Registering property	Once a month

Note: The information was obtained through surveys sent in October 2011 and answered by state government authorities.

Source: Doing Business database.

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## NOTES

1. Information available at: [http://www.promexico.gob.mx/en\\_us/promexico/Trade\\_agreements](http://www.promexico.gob.mx/en_us/promexico/Trade_agreements)
2. Source: International Monetary Fund.
3. *Enterprise Surveys* provides the most comprehensive databases of firm-level data in emerging economies. The data provides information on more than 130,000 firms in 125 economies. See: <http://enterprisesurveys.org/>
4. Data on labor productivity and firm size were gathered from firm-level surveys performed between August 2009 and June 2010 in 7 Mexican states (Coahuila, Jalisco, Mexico City, Nuevo León, Puebla, State of Mexico and Veracruz). Labor productivity is defined as annual sales in the fiscal year 2009, divided by the number of employees having contracts for an indefinite term during the same period. Small and medium-sized enterprises are those with fewer than 100 employees. The states with the most efficient courts were identified as those above the median of the 7 states analyzed in accordance with the ranking of the contract enforcement indicator of *Doing Business in Mexico 2009*. Methodology details may be obtained at: <http://www.enterprisesurveys.org>
5. Linz University, Austria. 2002. Featured in the workshop of the Australian National Tax Centre, Australia, July 17, 2002.
6. Bruhn, Miriam. 2011. "License to Sell: The Effect of Business Registration Reform on Entrepreneurial Activity in Mexico." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 93(1): 382–86.
7. Kaplan, David S., Eduardo Piedra and Enrique Seira. 2007. "Entry Regulation and Business Start-Ups: Evidence from Mexico." Policy Research Working Paper 4322. Washington, DC: World Bank.
8. Campeche, Chiapas, Colima, Durango, Guanajuato, Hidalgo, Jalisco, Morelos, Nuevo León, Puebla, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Sinaloa, Sonora, State of Mexico, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Veracruz, Yucatán and Zacatecas.
9. Aguascalientes, Baja California, Baja California Sur, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Guerrero, Nayarit and Tlaxcala.
10. An improvement in the rankings results from the difference between the previous adjusted rank and the current rank, both on the overall ranking and on each indicator.
11. Presentation by the Governor of the State of Colima, Lic. Mario Anguiano Moreno, Bogotá, Colombia, December 2011.