

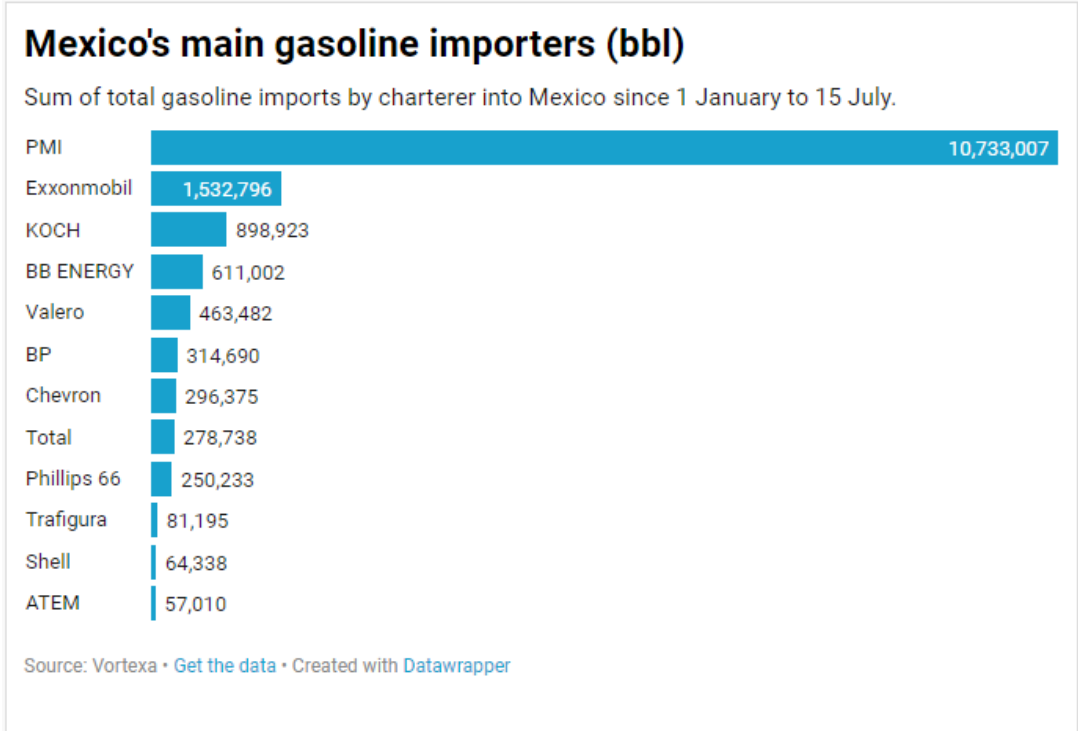
**Mexico’s gasoline private-sector importers remain in Mexico, amid adverse political climate**

International oil companies including ExxonMobil, Koch, Valero, BP and Chevron, among others continue to import gasoline into Mexico despite a highly adverse political climate favoring state-owned Pemex. Mexico’s energy policy, designed by President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, is based on strengthening the state-owned company, which has also meant increasing legal obstacles for non-Pemex companies to compete in the Mexican fuel market.

Mexico does not publish the names of companies importing fuels. Yet shipping tracking software from analytics firm Vortexa showed the names of the main gasoline importers through detailed analysis and filtering. PMI, Pemex’s international trading arm, remains by far as the largest importer of fuel into Mexico with a total of 10.7mn bl (65,000 b/d) of gasoline imported through 15 June, since 1 January, according to the data.

The second in the list, ExxonMobil, follow lagging the amount by a tenth of what PMI imports with 1.5mn bl (9,30 b/d).

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While most of the imports come from the US Gulf coast, Vortexa also gave detail on the origin and destiny of the shipments.

