Mexico has the lowest public investment among OECD countries. Public investment in Mexico was 1.3% of GDP in 2019, below the OECD average of 3.4%. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from 2007, when Mexico’s public investment was 2.0% of GDP (Figure 2.32).

Chapter 2 – Public finance and economics

Mexico is one of two OECD countries to achieve gender equality in parliament. In 2021, 48% of parliamentarians were women, the second largest share among OECD countries, where the average is 32%. This was an 11 percentage point increase from 2012, when the share of female parliamentarians in Mexico was 37% (Figure 3.10).

Chapter 3 – Public employment

Mexico has good practices for ensuring the independence of regulators in some sectors. Mexico is above average for the independence of energy and e-communications regulators (Figure 7.8). Mexico could increase the independence of regulators in rail and air transport.

Chapter 7 – Regulatory governance

Figure 2.32. Government investment as percentage of GDP, 2007, 2019 and 2020

Figure 3.10. Gender equality in parliament and electoral gender quotas, 2012, 2017 and 2021

Figure 7.8. Independence indicator scores for regulators in OECD countries by sector, 2018
Public governance practices

Composite indices of public service leadership and capability (2020)
From 0 (worst) to 1 (best)

Green budgeting tools (2021)

Objectives included in infrastructure and public procurement strategies (2020)

Citizen and stakeholder participation (2020 or 2021)

Digital government index (2019)
Composite index from 0 (worst) to 1 (best)
Government results

Citizens who express satisfaction with public services (2020)

- Police: 38% (38 - 92%)
- Healthcare: 78% (26 - 93%)
- Education: 48% (27 - 92%)
- Judiciary: 71% (15 - 91%)

Source: Gallup World Poll

Citizens who express trust in public institutions (2020)

- Civil service: 49% (8 - 71%)
- Parliament: 15% (5 - 70%)
- Government: 50% (15 - 85%)

Source: World Justice Project, Rule of Law Index 2020

Citizens who believe they have a say in what government does (2018)

- 58% (38 - 92%)

Source: Gallup World Poll, World Values Survey and European Values Study

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Figure notes

- Data on Public finance and economics, which are based on the System of National Accounts (SNA), were extracted on 11 May 2021 and data on General government employment were extracted on 12 April 2021. The range of country values refers to year 2019.
- Fiscal balance as reported in SNA framework, also referred to as net lending (+) or net borrowing (-) of government, is calculated as total government revenues minus total government expenditures.
- Government gross debt is reported according to the SNA definition, which differs from the definition applied under the Maastricht Treaty. It is defined as all liabilities that require payment or payments of interest or principal by the debtor to the creditor at a date or dates in the future. All debt instruments are liabilities, but some liabilities such as shares, equity and financial derivatives are not debt.
- The range of country values for the central government workforce by age refers to the 18-34 group.
- Data on trust in public institutions and parliament are 2018 for most countries.
- The range of country values for share of women in management positions in the central government refers to senior management.
- Citizens who express satisfaction with public services: for the judiciary and the police, the data reflect the proportion of citizens who express having confidence in the institution.
- The range of country values for income inequality before taxes and post taxes and transfers refers to GINI after taxes and transfers for the working age population.