

Mexico Fact Sheet

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Country Overview

- » Located in North America
- » Mexico spans 761,610 square miles
- » Population: 129 million
- » 2023-2024 Human Development Index Ranking: 77 of 193 countries¹

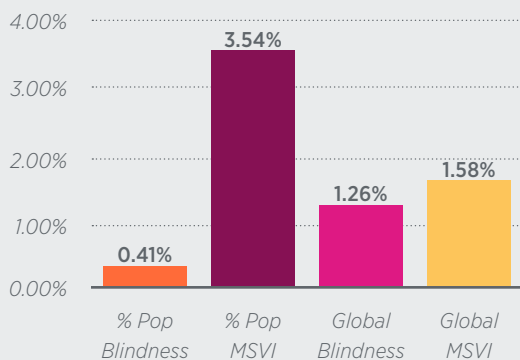
Scope of Eye Care Needs²

- » 0.42% of Mexico's population is blind, as compared to 0.19% in the United States
- » 3.54% of the population has moderate to severe vision impairment or MSVI, as compared to 2.02% in the United States
- » 1.26% of global blindness
- » 1.58% of global MSVI

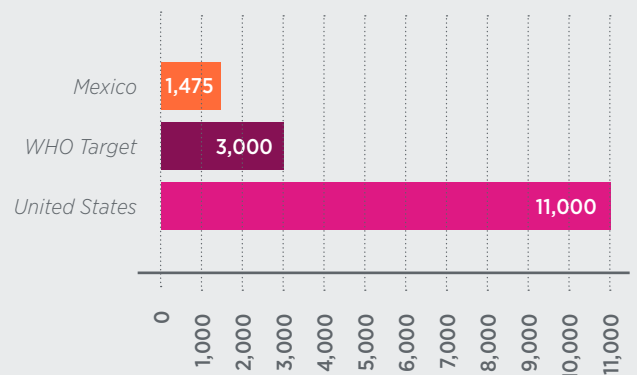
Nationwide Eye Care Response

- » Mexico's Cataract Surgical Rate (CSR) was 1,475 per million in 2013
- » 42.5 ophthalmologists per million people in 2015 (5,400 total)
- » 56.3 optometrists per million people in 2019 (7,257 total)
- » 47 allied ophthalmic personnel per million people in 2014 (5,625 total)

EYE CARE NEEDS



CATARACT SURGICAL RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE



¹ UNDP (United Nations Development Programme). 2024. Human Development Report 2023-24: Breaking the gridlock: Reimagining cooperation in a polarized world. New York.

² Unless otherwise noted, all country sight statistics from IAPB Vision Atlas: <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas/>

SPOTLIGHT ON REACHING CHILDREN

Around the world, an estimated 15 million babies are born each year before 37 completed weeks of gestation (“preterm”), and this number is rising. Babies born preterm risk developing Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP.) ROP is a condition where a baby’s retina does not fully develop, leaving the retina vulnerable to visual impairment and blindness. Most cases of mild ROP spontaneously resolve without treatment, a small proportion of cases are more severe. Untreated cases lead to irreversible vision loss from scarring and retinal detachment. It is imperative to screen babies at risk of ROP and find the condition early to prevent permanent vision damage. Seva expanded its ROP program to Mexico, building upon the foundation we have started, with a goal of screening 2,000 children at risk for ROP over three years.

Seva’s Approach in Mexico

Seva collaborates with local organizations and clinics, linking them with others in the region who know the context and have expertise to share. Our regular connections with these partners positions Seva to link clinics with one another within the network of clinics we work in seven countries across the Latin America and Caribbean region. Working with our partner in Mexico, Seva continued its support for two vision centers in Queretaro. We also included a specific investment to reach children including Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), hoping to drive better visual health in children. This past year, we worked with our partner to finalize the rapid assessment of avoidable blindness in their state. This assessment allows us to better understand the eye care needs of the community and respond accordingly.

EYE CARE PERSONNEL



Ophthalmologists per million people



Optometrists per million people



Ophthalmic personnel per million people

= 1 million people

Resources

- [An Overview of the Evolving ROP Epidemic](#)
- [Seva’s Drivers for Success: Eye Care for Children](#)
- [Seva’s Drivers for Success: Vision Centers](#)

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IMPACT (FY 2023-2024)*

32,843

People receiving services

3,078

Cataract surgeries performed

3,746

Children screened

305

Children receiving surgery

2,402

People receiving services at VCs

* Numbers based on reports received.

