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**Figure 1.** Prevalence of modern slavery across the Americas

**Figure 2.** Estimated number of people living in modern slavery across the Americas

**KEY STATS**

| Population (2021) | 128,932,753 |
| GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl $) | $18,671 |

| PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people | 6.6 |
| NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY | 850,000 |

| VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY | 58/100 |
| GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY | 55/100 |

**The scale of modern slavery**

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 6.6 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Mexico at any point in 2021. In other words, 850,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Mexico in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Mexico ranks 64th globally and 13th within the Americas.
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Vulnerability to modern slavery
How vulnerable a country’s people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Mexico is rated as 58 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of effects of conflict.

Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Mexico to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Mexico scored 55 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.
Government of Mexico’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average

Importing risk of modern slavery
Mexico imported US$9.2 billion worth of goods at-risk of modern slavery. This includes:

Priority Recommendations for the government of Mexico

1. Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
2. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
3. Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.