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Economic Impact of Violence in Mexico 2003-2016

In 2016, the economic impact of violence in Mexico totalled:

- **MXN$3.07 trillion pesos**
- 18% of the country’s GDP
- **US$180 billion**
- **MXN$25,130** pesos per capita
- More than one month’s average salary

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**Timeline of Peace in Mexico 2003-2016**

**Changes in the MPI Indicators Since 2011:**

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**Public Confidence in the Police:**

- **Federal:** 63%
- **State:** 52%
- **Municipal:** 41%
- **Transit:** 41%

**Perception of Frequency with Which Criminals Are Punished:**

- **Always:** 72%
- **Most of the time:** 11%
- **Sometimes:** 10%
- **Never:** 5%

**Women in the Labor Force:**

- **2012:** 35%
- **2014:** 40%
- **2016:** 58%

In 2016, women represented more than 50% of the labor force.

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