

Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara

Country → Mexico

World Region → Latin America and the Caribbean

Population → 5.2 million

Area → 3,266km²



Context

The Guadalajara Metropolitan Area, made up of nine municipalities in Jalisco, operates under the leadership of IMEPLAN, Mexico's first metropolitan-level planning institute. IMEPLAN focuses on strategic territorial planning, mobility integration, environmental resilience, and fostering collaboration among municipalities to address shared challenges and opportunities.



Economic profile

WORLD BANK INCOME GROUP **Upper-middle income**

GDP PER CAPITA **8,671.9 USD**

Major economic activities: Technology and innovation; manufacturing and industry; agriculture and food processing; trade and commerce; creative industries; tourism and events; education and research.

Own source revenues: Property taxes, service fees, business licenses and permits.



Governance structure

YEAR OF CONSTITUTION **2009**

TYPE OF METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT **Metropolitan government**

Legal framework: The Metropolitan Coordination Law of Jalisco (2011) establishes governance for the Guadalajara Metropolitan Area, creating the Metropolitan Board for inter-municipal collaboration, the Planning Institute (IMEPLAN) for planning and sustainability, and the Citizen Council for civil society participation.

Administrative structure: The Guadalajara Metropolitan Area's governance includes decentralised entities like the Metropolitan Board, IMEPLAN, and Citizen Council, coordinating planning across nine municipalities. Municipal councils and presidents are directly elected, while representatives to metropolitan entities are appointed, ensuring alignment. Governance is led by the municipal president and Cabildo, overseeing local laws.

Annual revenue, expenditure and sources: Funded through regular contributions from municipalities, managed by the Metropolitan Fund, to cover basic functions like staffing and office expenses. Additional funding from municipalities, the State Government, social agencies, and private or international organisations supports research, projects, planning, and coordination efforts.

Number and type of administrative units: 9 municipalities.



Key strategic plans



STRATEGIC

Metropolitan Resilience Strategy



RESILIENCE

Metropolitan Climate Action Plan



INNOVATION

Metropolitan Resilience Strategy