

Municipalities of Nayarit

Nayarit is a state in West Mexico, divided into twenty municipalities. According to the 2020 Mexican Census, it is the fourth least populated state with 1,235,456 inhabitants and the 23rd largest by land area spanning 27,856.5 square kilometres (10,755.5 sq mi).^{[1][2]}

Municipalities in Nayarit are administratively autonomous of the state according to the 115th article of the 1917 Constitution of Mexico.^[3] Every three years, citizens elect a municipal president (Spanish: *presidente municipal*) by a plurality voting system who heads a concurrently elected municipal council (*ayuntamiento*) responsible for providing all the public services for their constituents. The municipal council consists of a variable number of trustees and councillors (*regidores y síndicos*).^[4] Municipalities are responsible for public services (such as water and sewerage), street lighting, public safety, traffic, and the maintenance of public parks, gardens and cemeteries.^[5] They may also assist the state and federal governments in education, emergency fire and medical services, environmental protection and maintenance of monuments and historical landmarks. Since 1984, they have had the power to collect property taxes and user fees, although more funds are obtained from the state and federal governments than from their own income.^[5]



Map of Mexico with Nayarit highlighted

The largest municipality by population is Tepic, with 425,924 residents, while the smallest is San Pedro Lagunillas with 7,683 residents.^[1] The largest municipality by land area is Del Nayar which spans 5,142.40 km² (1,985.49 sq mi), and the smallest is Tuxpan with 313.90 km² (121.20 sq mi).^[2] The newest municipality is Bahía de Banderas, established in 1989.^[6]

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Largest municipalities in Nayarit by population



Tepic, largest municipality by population in Nayarit.



Bahía de Banderas, second largest municipality by population.



Santiago Ixcuintla, third largest municipality by population.



Compostela, fourth largest municipality by population.

† **State capital**

Name	Municipal seat	Population (2020) ^[1]	Population (2010) ^[7]	Change	Land area ^[2]		Population density (2020)	Incorporation date ^[6]
					km ²	sq mi		
<u>Acaponeta</u>	<u>Acaponeta</u>	37,232	36,572	+1.8%	1,427.3	551.1	26.1/km ² (67.6/sq mi)	June 21, 1823
<u>Ahuacatlán</u>	<u>Ahuacatlán</u>	15,393	15,229	+1.1%	504.8	194.9	30.5/km ² (79.0/sq mi)	June 21, 1823
<u>Amatlán de Cañas</u>	<u>Amatlán de Cañas</u>	11,536	11,188	+3.1%	518.3	200.1	22.3/km ² (57.6/sq mi)	March 27, 1824
<u>Bahía de Banderas</u>	<u>Valle de Banderas</u>	187,632	124,205	+51.1%	771.4	297.8	243.2/km ² (630.0/sq mi)	December 13, 1989
<u>Compostela</u>	<u>Compostela</u>	77,436	70,399	+10.0%	1,880.5	726.1	41.2/km ² (106.7/sq mi)	June 21, 1823
<u>Del Nayar</u> ^[a]	<u>Jesús María</u>	47,550	34,300	+38.6%	5,142.4	1,985.5	9.2/km ² (23.9/sq mi)	April 4, 1851
<u>Huajicori</u>	<u>Huajicori</u>	12,230	11,400	+7.3%	2,237.4	863.9	5.5/km ² (14.2/sq mi)	February 5, 1918
<u>Ixtlán del Río</u>	<u>Ixtlán del Río</u>	29,299	27,273	+7.4%	493.0	190.3	59.4/km ² (153.9/sq mi)	August 15, 1823
<u>Jala</u>	<u>Jala</u>	19,321	17,698	+9.2%	503.6	194.4	38.4/km ² (99.4/sq mi)	August 15, 1823
<u>La Yesca</u> ^[b]	<u>La Yesca</u>	13,719	13,600	+0.9%	4,316.7	1,666.7	3.2/km ² (8.2/sq mi)	March 27, 1824
<u>Rosamorada</u>	<u>Rosamorada</u>	33,567	34,393	-2.4%	1,840.6	710.7	18.2/km ² (47.2/sq mi)	August 15, 1823
<u>Ruiz</u>	<u>Ruiz</u>	24,096	23,469	+2.7%	520.6	201.0	46.3/km ² (119.9/sq mi)	March 16, 1940
<u>San Blas</u>	<u>San Blas</u>	41,518	43,120	-3.7%	867.1	334.8	47.9/km ² (124.0/sq mi)	June 21, 1823
<u>San Pedro Lagunillas</u>	<u>San Pedro Lagunillas</u>	7,683	7,510	+2.3%	515.7	199.1	14.9/km ² (38.6/sq mi)	February 5, 1918
<u>Santa María del Oro</u>	<u>Santa María del Oro</u>	24,911	22,412	+11.2%	1,091.4	421.4	22.8/km ² (59.1/sq mi)	June 21, 1823
<u>Santiago Ixcuintla</u> ^[c]	<u>Santiago Ixcuintla</u>	93,981	93,074	+1.0%	1,727.8	667.1	54.4/km ² (140.9/sq mi)	June 21, 1823
<u>Tecuala</u>	<u>Tecuala</u>	37,135	39,756	-6.6%	1,044.8	403.4	35.5/km ² (92.1/sq mi)	February 5, 1918
<u>Tepic</u>	<u>Tepic</u> †	425,924	380,249	+12.0%	1,602.6	618.8	265.8/km ² (688.3/sq mi)	June 21, 1823
<u>Tuxpan</u>	<u>Tuxpan</u>	30,064	30,030	+0.1%	313.9	121.2	95.8/km ² (248.1/sq mi)	June 3, 1885
<u>Xalisco</u>	<u>Xalisco</u>	65,229	49,102	+32.8%	536.3	207.1	121.6/km ² (315.0/sq mi)	August 15, 1823
Nayarit	—	1,235,456	1,084,979	+13.9%	27,856.5	10,755.5	44.4/km² (114.9/sq mi)	—
Mexico	—	126,014,024	112,336,538	+12.2%	1,960,646.7	757,010	64.3/km² (166.5/sq mi)	—

Notes

- a. Del Nayar was originally incorporated as Jesús María, changing its name on December 6, 1939.^[6]
- b. La Yesca was originally incorporated as Real de la Yesca, changing its name on June 3, 1885.^[6]
- c. Santiago Ixcuintla was originally incorporated as Sentispac, changing its name on April 6, 1837.^[6]

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