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ABSTRACT

The Metropolitan Zone of Mexico City, with 20.3 million inhabitants in 2015, generates 23.1% of the national gross domestic product. This article begins by describing its demographic and urban expansion from 1950-2015, when it was transformed into a megacity. Immediately afterwards, it analyzes its macroeconomic dynamics from 1960-2013 and the intra-metropolitan pattern of manufacturing, trade and services. It then presents the characteristics of each area of infrastructure and calculates the amount of accumulated investment. This figure is related to the fixed capital of all its private companies, whose high coefficient validates the concept of the city as a production factor. Lastly, a summary is provided of the main problems it faces as a city in a medium development country.

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