



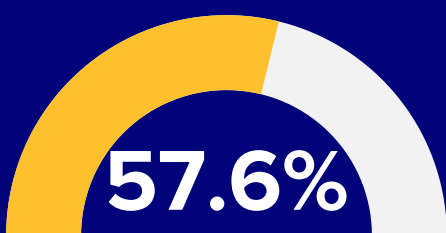
# WHY NORTH AMERICA MATTERS?

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This week's North American Leaders' Summit will focus on opportunities for deepened collaboration on issues such as health, commerce and investment, security, and migration. The Leaders' meeting – following a five-year hiatus – reaffirms the importance of US-Mexico-Canada cooperation. A vibrant and more economically integrated North America is fundamental to advance common interests.

## HEALTH

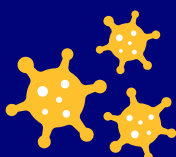
Shared borders means shared outcomes. **The health of our neighbors is tied to the health and prosperity of US citizens.** Defeating COVID-19 is a regional responsibility and one that requires long-term planning to be prepared for the next pandemic.



of the North American population is **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19.

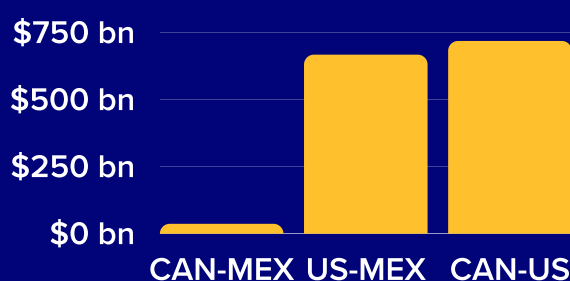
North America has been a champion of worldwide COVID-19 vaccine donations.

**CAN 7.2 million delivered**  
**MEX 1.3 million delivered**  
**US 223 million delivered**



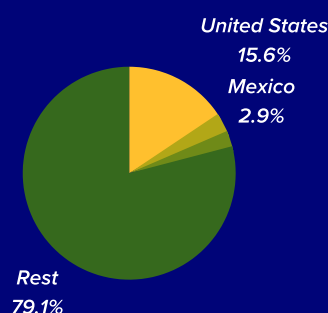
## COMMERCE & INVESTMENT

Total annual trade in goods and services between the North American countries.



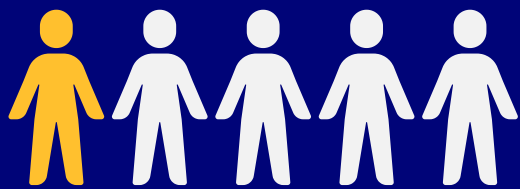
Trade with Canada and Mexico supports **11 million** U.S. jobs.

North America accounts for **20 percent** of total global foreign direct investment.



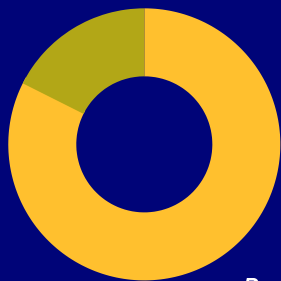
## MIGRATION

**1 in 5** migrants in the world lived in North America in 2020.



North America  
60 mn

**60 million** migrants lived in North America in 2020.



Rest of the world  
281 mn

Demographically, over **36 million** people of Mexican origin live in the United States, and almost **a million** US citizens live in Mexico; each country is the top destination for its own nationals living abroad.

## SECURITY

To face the complex threats of the 21st century, the United States and Mexico opened a new era of security cooperation under the **US-Mexico Bicentennial Framework for Security, Public Health and Safe Communities** at the 2021 High-Level Security Dialogue.

**\$386k** in illicit currency seized every day by US Customs and Border Patrol.

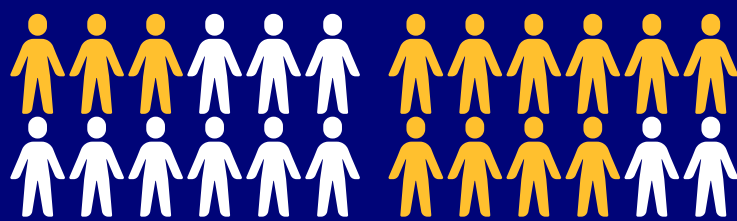
## A DAY ON THE BORDER

Average border activity per day pre-pandemic (APR 2019 - MAR 2020).

**US-MEX** 20,878 truck & rail container crossings  
**US-CAN** 23,154 truck & rail container crossings

**US-MEX** 200,234 car crossings  
**US-CAN** 74,241 car crossings

**\$3.4 billion** daily in products and services cross the US-MEX and US-CAN border combined.



**147,145** people cross the US-Canada border. **515,696** people cross the US-Mexico border.

 = 50,000 people

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