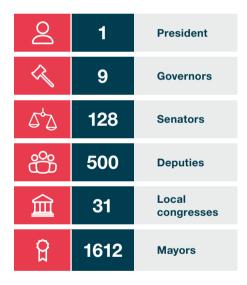


General elections will be held in Mexico on 2 June 2024. The choice is between the continuity of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO)'s national project or allowing the opposition coalition (Frente Amplio por México) to govern the country for the next six years.

Who will be elected?



Electoral geography



Main presidential hopefuls



Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo

Juntos Hacemos Historia coalition: Morena, PT, PVEM

- Former Mexico City governor (2018-23)
- ➤ BSc in Physics by the National Autonomous University (UNAM)
- MSc and PhD in Energy Engineering by the UNAM
- Close to AMLO
- Left-wing ideology, nationalistic-leaning narrative but pragmatism vis-à-vis the private sector



Bertha Xóchitl Gálvez Ruiz

Frente Amplio por México coalition: PAN, PRI, PRD

- Senator (since 2018), businesswoman in the tech sector, former Miguel Hidalgo borough mayor (Mexico City) (2015-18)
- Computer Engineer by the UNAM
- Indigenous origin and citizen profile with no party affiliation
- Centrist ideology that supports the development of the private sector

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Risks for the election process

In the context of political stability that characterises Mexico, the general elections of 2024 will be democratic and incidents threatening the presidential system are unlikely.

However, there are latent risks that may materialise under certain conditions.



- 1. Institutional instability due to the intervention of the bureaucratic apparatus in the elections
- 2. Political violence affecting private sector personnel or operations
- 3. Operational disruption related to social discontent
- 4. Influence of organised criminal groups in the business environment
- Challenges related to corruption stemming from the illegal financing of political campaigns
- 6. Uncertainty due to the questioning of the legitimacy of election results
- Regulatory changes that negatively affect the private sector
- Deterioration of the economic environment due to internal and/or external factors
- 9. Public finances strained by public spending for electoral purposes
- 10. Increased activity by unions and interest groups due to the mobilisation of clientelistic structures

Impact

Election scenarios

The results of the presidential election will mainly depend on the strength of the current administration headed by AMLO and society's appetite for change concerning the direction the country must take in the coming years. The most likely scenario is the Morena coalition's victory due to citizens expressing their interest in the continuation of AMLO's project.

AMLO and the 4T's strength

Opposition with strong chances of winning **Solid Morena victory** AMLO maintains strong popular support despite missteps in key policy AMLO's popularity remains high but the opposition leverages criticism of his project and public policy to present a candidate and an areas (such as healthcare and security). This results in widespread popular support for the continuation of Morena's national project, so alternative national project that inspire citizens to call for change. AMLO's coalition wins the presidency and a supermajority in Congress. Probability: Medium Probability: Low Higher Lower Morena victory with waning support Strong opposition triumph Despite competitive Morena and opposition candidates, the elections AMLO's popularity is significantly affected by a series of negative do not stir enough interest among citizens to change the status quo. developments. Citizens question the continuity of his project and look Therefore, the ruling party wins due to AMLO's popularity and to the opposition for an alternative to govern the country for the next Morena's territorial control and clientelistic structures rather than to its candidate's political platform generating citizen enthusiasm. Probability: High Probability: Very low

Appetite for change

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Private sector impact

The government change will have different repercussions for the country's various economic sectors during its first year in office.

In our most likely scenario, the following challenges and opportunities stand out:

- ➤ Unlike during AMLO's administration, clean energy will be encouraged by a more favourable narrative albeit with new bureaucracy that will have to deal with slower licencing and permitting processes, contributing to operational delays.
- The extractive and manufacturing industries will be the most affected by social conflicts and security challenges.
- Although the tech sector will be boosted, businesses in this industry will likely face a bigger tax burden.
- Financial services will face an environment similar to the current one including particular challenges regarding cyber security.



Key aspects to consider

The private sector will benefit from considering the expected changes in international, economic, social and regulatory factors stemming from the new political environment in order to successfully navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by the change in government.

The following are a few aspects to bear in mind:



Foreign policy

Watch for adjustments in foreign policy concerning China within the framework of that country's growing interest in investing in Mexico.



Trade issues

- Monitor the results of trade disputes to understand the challenges the incoming administration and affected sectors will face.
- Know candidates' stances on key issues to anticipate new commercial disputes, negotiation mechanisms and their potential impact on different economic sectors.



Security

- Keep track of proposals concerning the security strategy in order to forecast its impact and establish action plans to safeguard personnel, assets or operations accordingly.
- Study changes in organised crime dynamics during the election process and their direct impact on the private sector.



Corruption and integrity

Observe campaign financing sources to forecast corruption scenarios.



Regulatory

- Analyse which areas candidates prioritise, which fiscal frameworks they propose and how they intend to change regulation concerning access to strategic resources (such as energy and water).
- Prepare for potential delays in the granting of permits and licences ahead of upcoming changes in the bureaucratic apparatus.
- Evaluate candidates' stances concerning regulatory bodies to assess the likelihood of changes in the effectiveness of businessrelated regulation.

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Social

- Map emerging leadership structures to efficiently manage community relations for the successful development of projects.
- Gauge changes in union dynamics and new labour policy initiatives.



Other aspects to consider

- Weigh political adjustments at the local level in order to efficiently navigate the new political, social and operational risk environments.
- Ponder the impact of the expected configuration of congress coalitions to anticipate legislative changes.



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Overview of the federal electoral process: Including key dates, electoral scenarios, and forecast results of the presidential election.los recursos de protección ejecutiva.

Profile of the main contenders for the Presidency: Candidates' background, track record, ideology, and positioning on key issues such as security and the economy, as well as their agendas with regards to specific industries.

Stakeholder mapping: Control Risks will evaluate how close key actors are to the main candidates for the Presidency, and their intention and ability to influence – positively or negatively – the agenda of Mexico's next president. This will include:

- > Actors that have influenced and/or will influence the candidates' agenda, their probability of occupying relevant positions in the next federal cabinet, and the consequences of their influence in key industries.
- Actors who antagonize the candidates, their likelihood of hindering the contenders' agenda, and the consequences of their influence in key industries.

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