

LAS CALLES DE JUÁREZ



Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, is one of the largest cities in México with an estimated population of 1.5 million. The city once referred to as the “murder capital of the world” has become a safer place to walk the streets. In 2010, the Mexican National Institute of Statistics reported 3,766 homicides. In 2015, that number dropped to 256.

La Plaza Cervantina is a neighborhood with murals that date back to the 1970s. The buildings were once hotels and shelters, but the area was corrupted by drugs and prostitution. A group of local residents, Punta de Lanza, worked to renovate the area in 2012 and are currently advocating to bring the plaza back to life.



Street vendors often travel from the outskirts of Juárez to sell food and knick-knacks on street corners. With 1.5 million residents in Juárez, there is plenty of pedestrian traffic. At downtown Juárez, by the Santa Fe Bridge, vendors sell to those about to cross by foot or by car into or out of the city.