

MEXICO 2006 PANEL STUDY

Criteria for classifying the socioeconomic level of dwellings and neighborhoods

LEVEL A

Neighborhoods with large residences, built on plots of 1000 squared meters. They may have a pool, tennis court, pediment, or large garden. They have a garage and three or more luxury cars, as well as private security and guardhouse. They are located in areas with trees, paved roads, and sidewalks in good condition, with underground electric cable and without mass transit.

LEVEL B

Residential neighborhoods with large houses on plots of 500-1000 squared meters. They have a garage for two cars and, occasionally, a yard. They are located in paved areas with good sidewalks. They have electric cable above ground and, in some areas, under ground.

LEVEL C

Neighborhoods with finished houses or medium-sized apartments, on surfaces of 150-300 squared meters. The majority have garages for one car. Generally, they do not have a yard or it is very small. This includes subsidized housing units. The areas are paved and have sidewalks. Public transportation runs frequently.

LEVEL D

Public housing developments (for example, INFONAVIT or FOVISSSTE) with small apartments. Irregular maintenance in the buildings and in the housing complex. Not all areas are paved or have sidewalks. If there are any green spaces, these are poorly kept.

LEVEL E

Areas with mainly small houses, unfinished. The majority have exposed corrugated metal, wood, cardboard, fiberglass, etc. They are located in poor neighborhoods or in irregular lots. Pavement is lacking or is in poor conditions. They lack any or all public services, such as running water or electricity.