

Essential Question: How do location, climate, and natural resources affect people in Latin America?

SS6G3 Explain the impact of location, climate, distribution of natural resources, and population distribution on Latin America.

a. Explain how the location, climate, and distribution of natural resources impact trade and affect where people live in Mexico, Brazil, and Cuba..

Comparing Mexico and Venezuela





Mexico

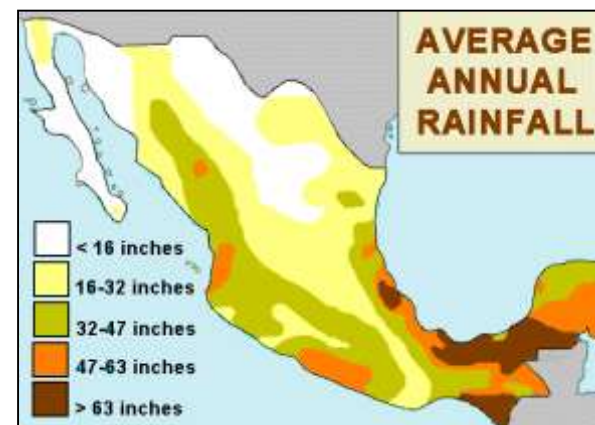
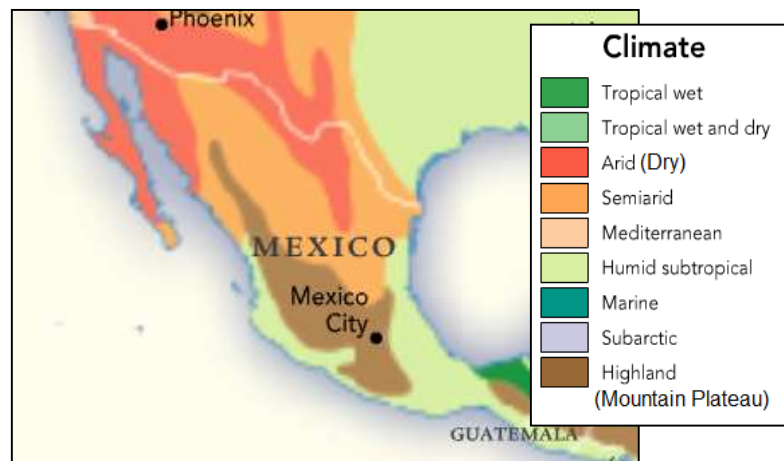
Mexico: Location & Climate

Many types of landforms from plateaus to steep mountains to dense forests



Mexico: Location & Climate

- Northern and Central Mexico have a dry climate with little rainfall
- Southern Mexico has a humid, tropical climate

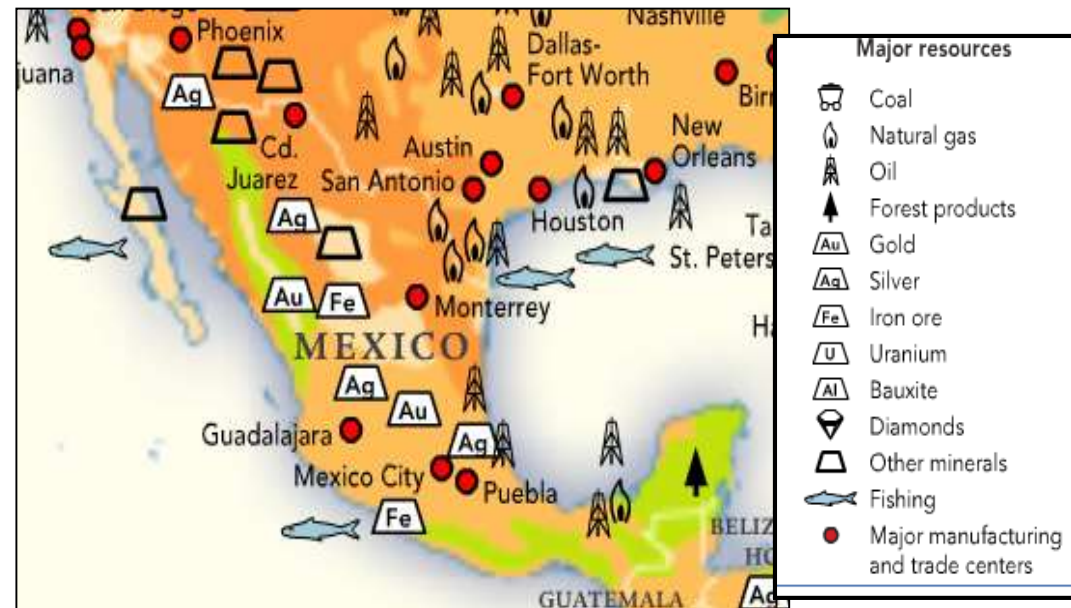


Mexico: Location & Climate

- Since most of its climate is dry with little rainfall, the majority of its land is unsuitable for farming
- Location makes it a great trading partner to the U.S.
- Mexico's oil reserves are also important for many countries

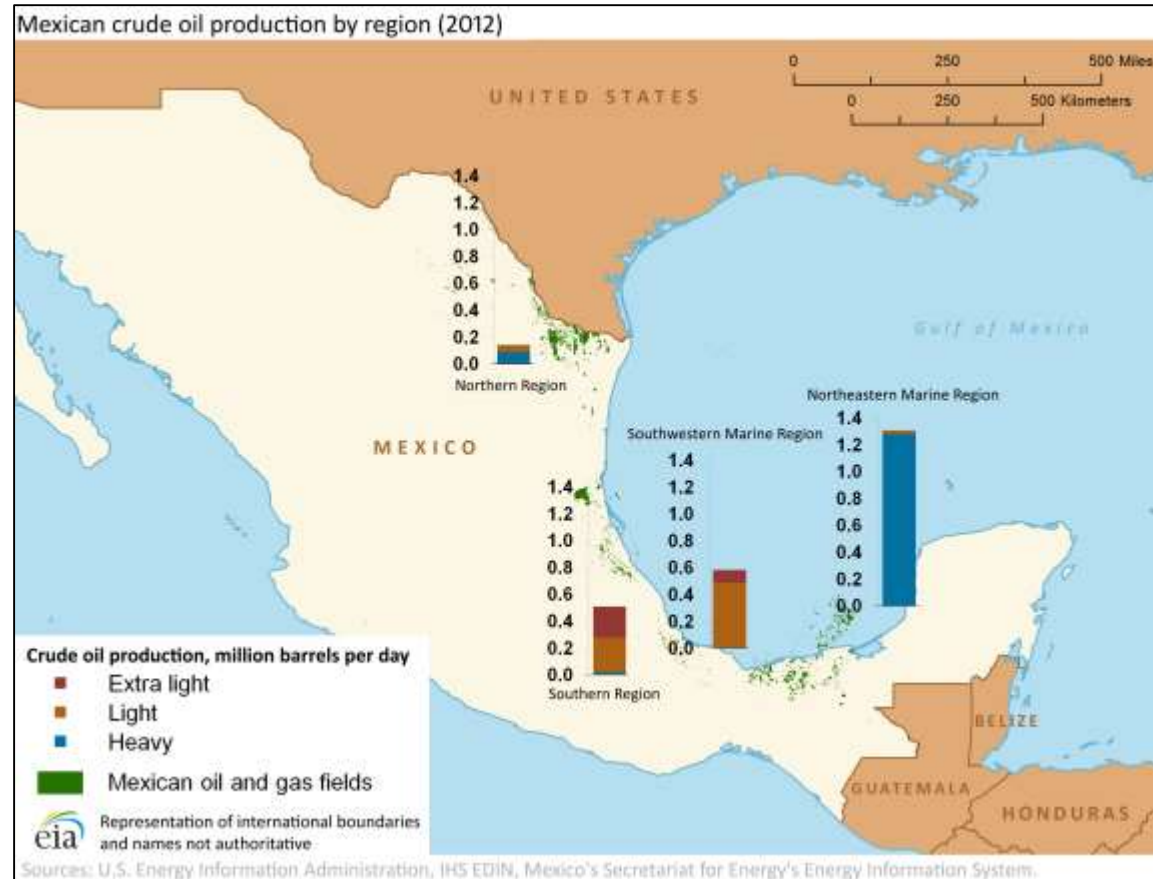
Mexico: Natural Resources

Northern Mexico is rich with minerals like silver, copper, lead, iron, and oil



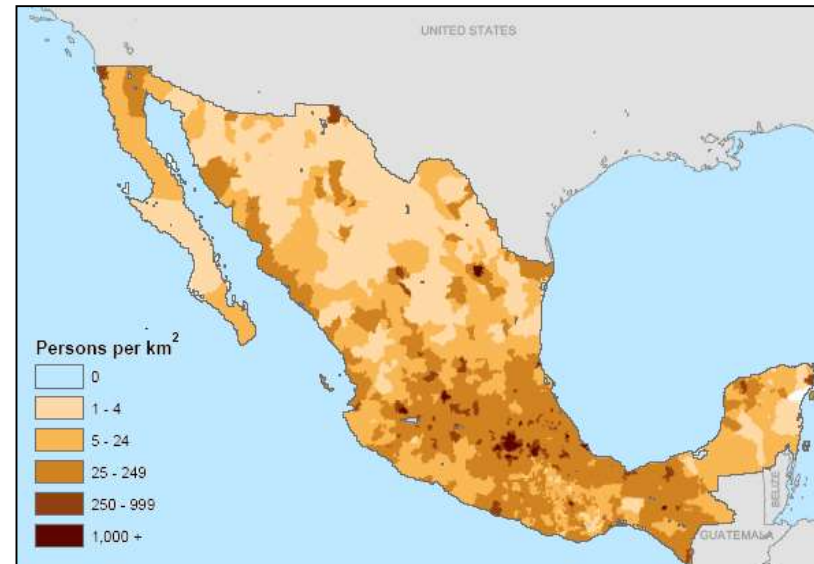
Mexico: Natural Resources

- Oil is the most valuable resource
- Most of the oil is found along the Gulf of Mexico coast



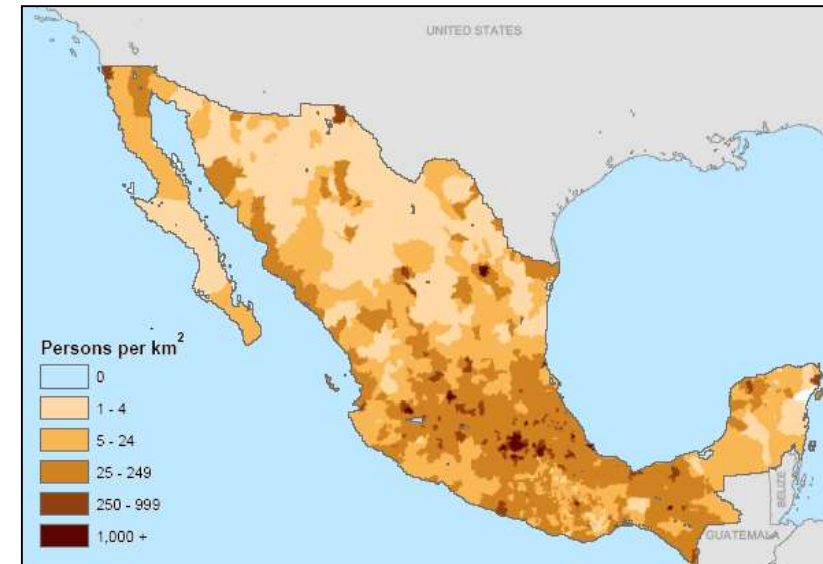
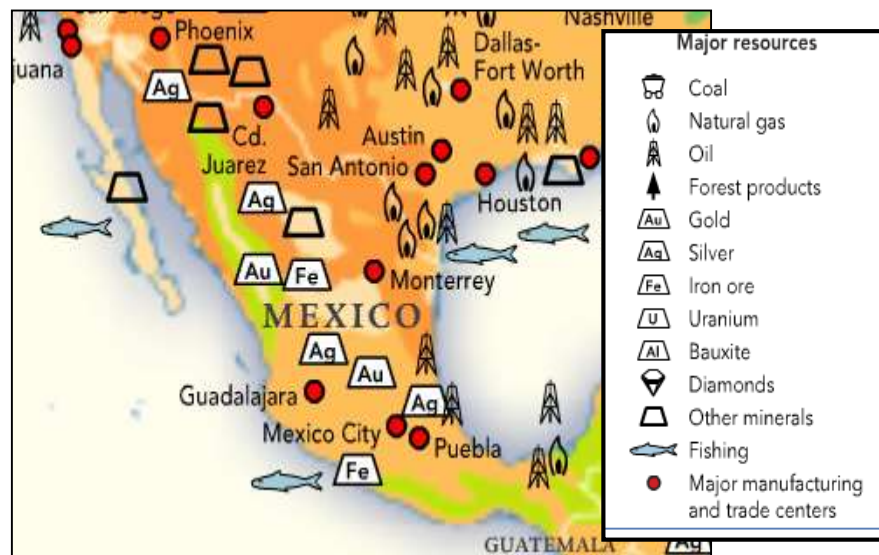
Mexico: Where People Live

Most live in cities (urban areas) in central Mexico to find jobs in factories



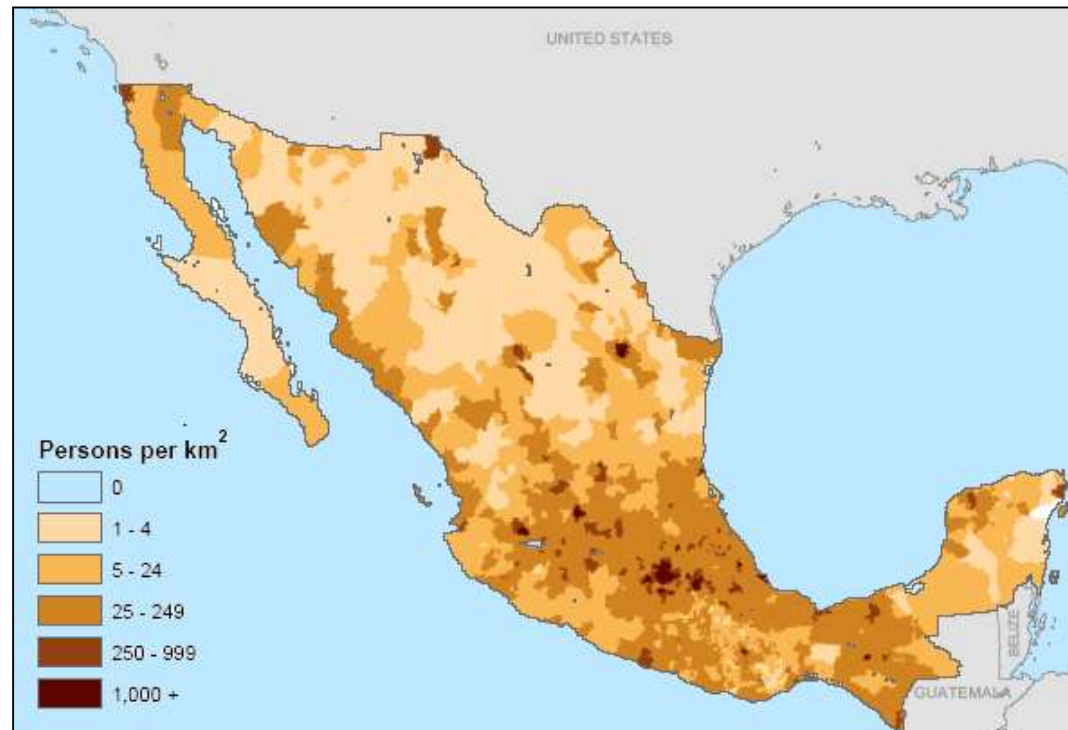
Mexico: Where People Live

In areas rich with natural resources,
such as Northern Mexico



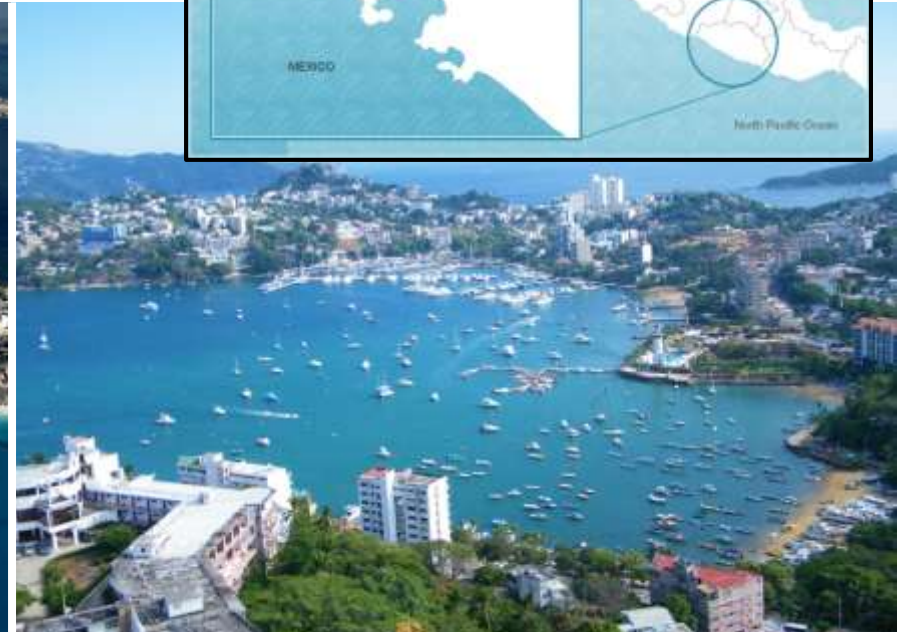
Mexico: Where People Live

In towns located close to the U.S. border to work in factories



Mexico: Where People Live

Tourism is very important with resort towns such as Cancun and Acapulco



Comparing Brazil and Cuba





Brazil

Brazil: Location & Climate

Most of the country has a low elevation



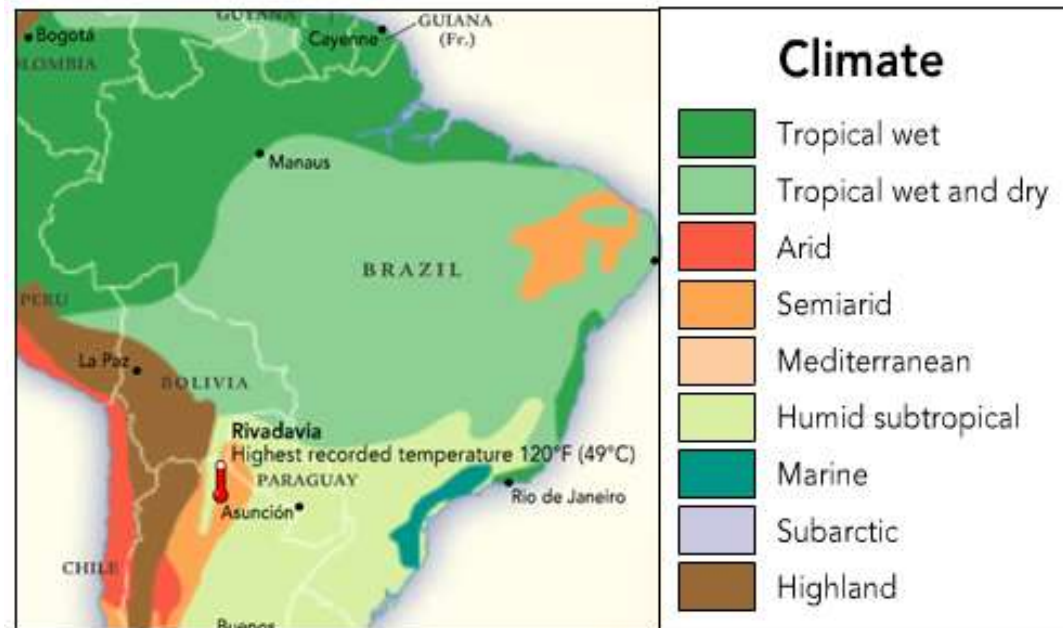
Brazil: Location & Climate

Central area has the huge Amazon rain forest, which covers two-thirds of the country



Brazil: Location & Climate

Warm, humid climate



Brazil: Location & Climate

- Location on the Atlantic Ocean allows it to ship products all over the world
- Its top trading partners are the U.S. and Argentina



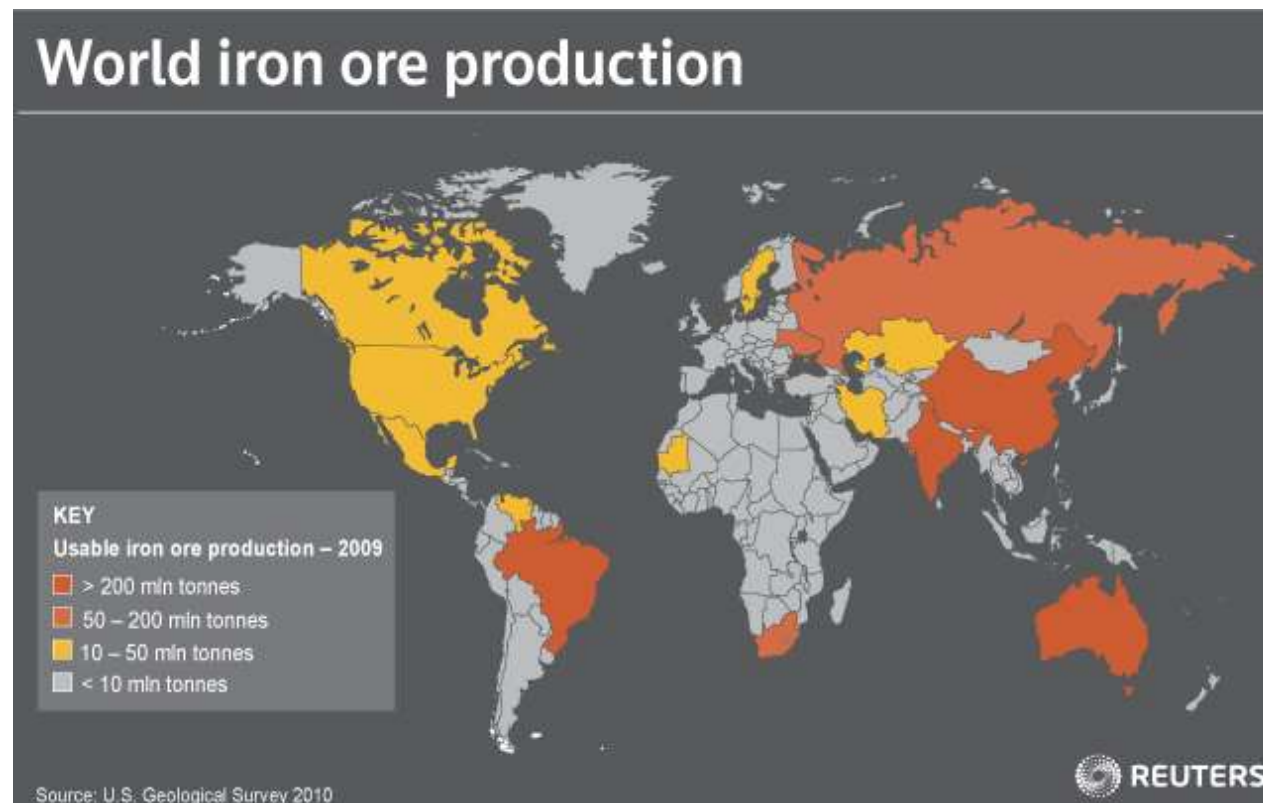
Brazil: Natural Resources

- Climate allows the growth of crops such as sugarcane, coffee beans, and oranges in Southern Brazil
- It's the number one producer of coffee



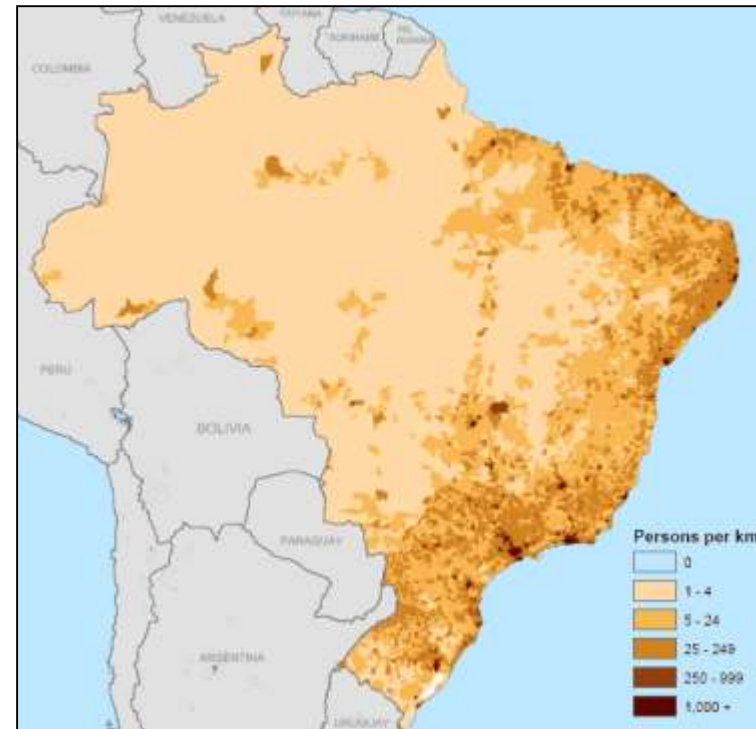
Brazil: Natural Resources

Iron ore has allowed Brazil to produce steel used to make vehicles and other goods for trade



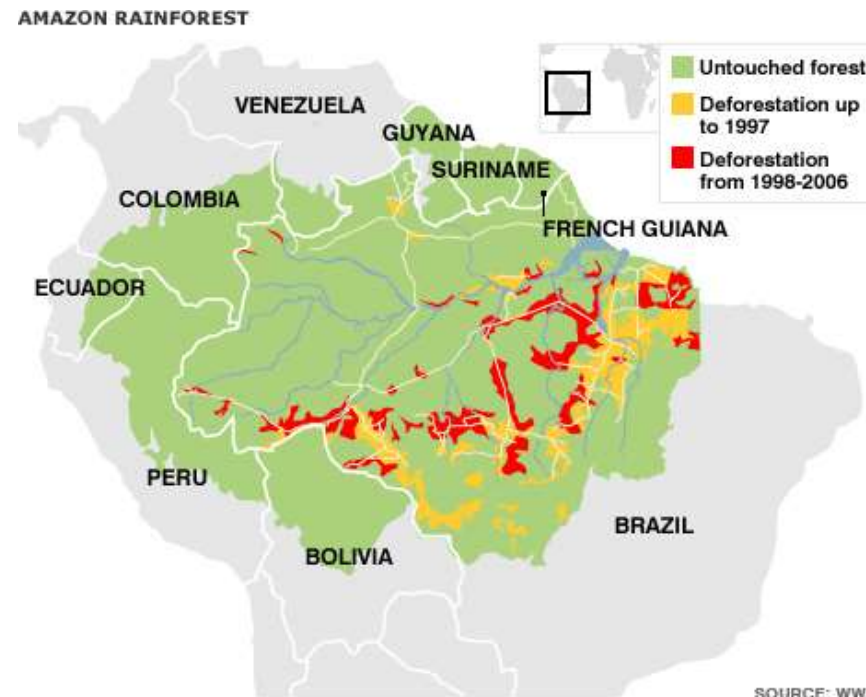
Brazil: Where People Live

- Most live near the Atlantic coast
- Most live in cities (urban areas)



Brazil: Where People Live

In the past the rain forest area was lightly populated, but in recent years the government has developed parts of the rain forest

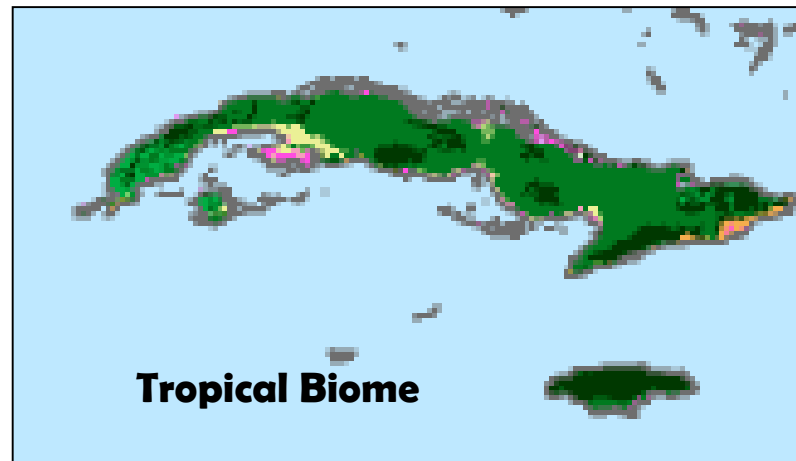




Cuba

Cuba: Location & Climate

Climate is semi-tropical, with warm, moderate temperatures



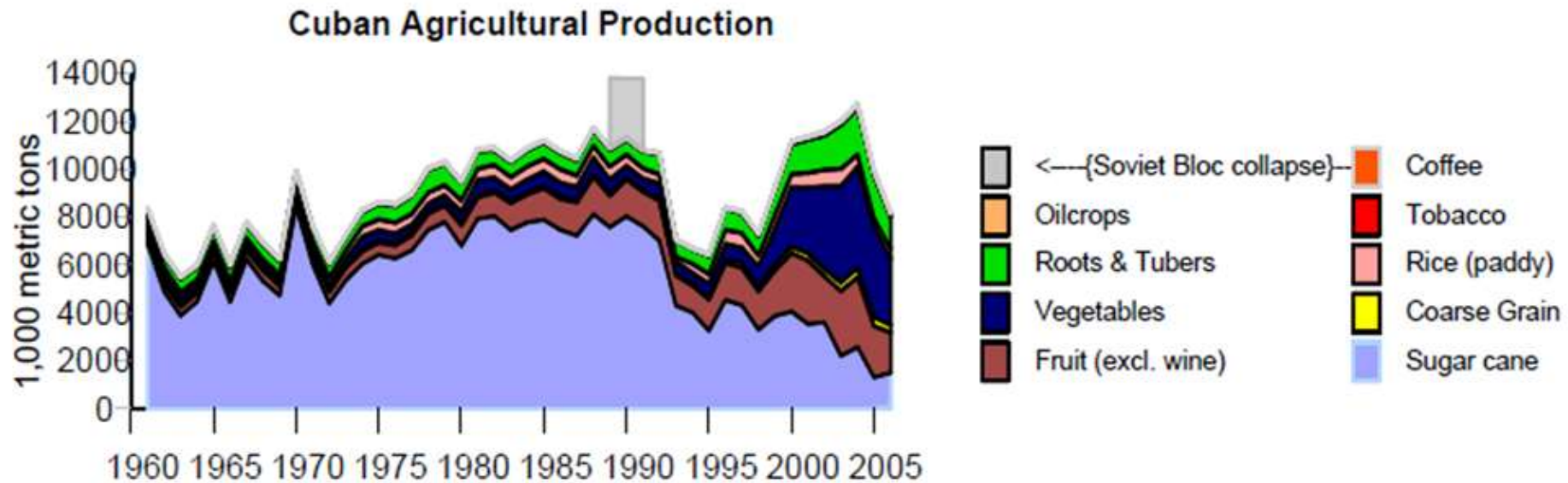
Cuba: Location & Climate

Most of the land is flat to rolling plains, with mountains covering part of the island.



Cuba: Natural Resources

Cuba has rich soil which is good for growing sugarcane, coffee beans, tobacco, and other crops.



Sugar is Cuba's most important product.

Cuba: Natural Resources



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Cuba: Natural Resources

Cuba trades heavily with Venezuela and China. Some of its exports are sugar, nickel, tobacco, and fish.

We have not traded with Cuba for decades because the U.S. government put a ban on trade with Cuba because of its Communist government.

<http://www.msnbc.com/andrea-mitchell-reports/watch/us-trade--travel-restrictions-on-cuba-to-end-384776259877> -

News clip discussing change in U.S./Cuba relations

Cuba: Where People Live

Most Cubans live in cities and towns like the capital city of Havana where they might work in factories.



Cuba: Where People Live

Those who live in rural areas may work on farms owned by Cuba's Communist government.

