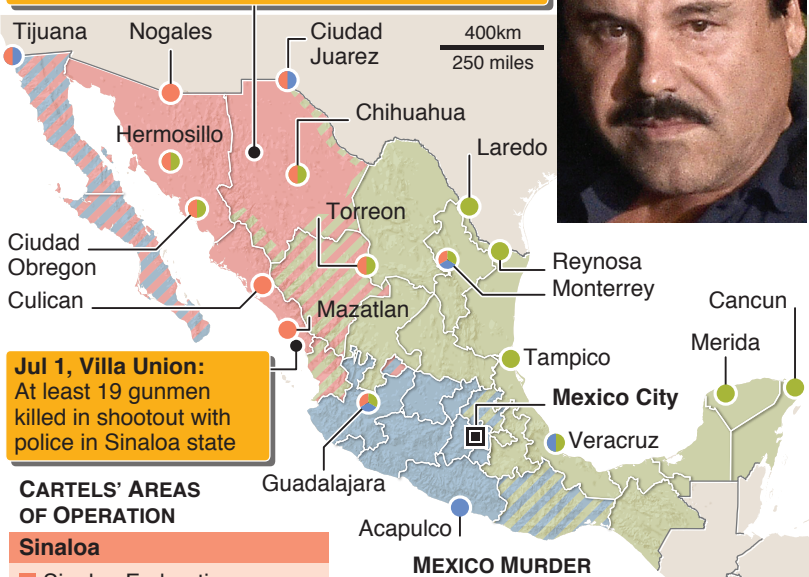


Drug cartel violence escalating in Mexico

A series of deadly clashes between rival drug gangs has sent Mexico's homicide rate soaring to levels not seen in two decades

Jul 6, Las Varas: 14 people killed in shootout in Chihuahua state, where criminal groups squabble over remains of empire once controlled by Sinaloa Cartel boss **Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán**



Jul 1, Villa Union: At least 19 gunmen killed in shootout with police in Sinaloa state

CARTELS' AREAS OF OPERATION

Sinaloa

- Sinaloa Federation
- Beltran Leyva
- Los Mazatlanec
- El Chapo Trini / El Cadete

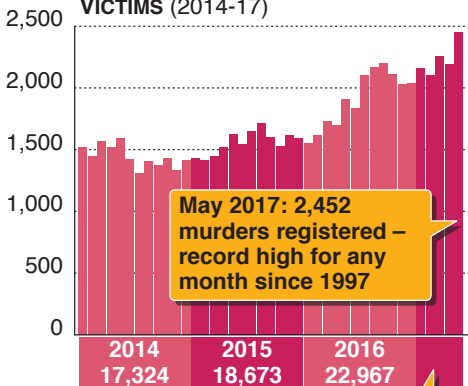
Tierra Caliente

- Jalisco New Generation
- Knights Templar
- La Familia Michoacana

Tamaulipas

- Los Zetas
- Gulf cartel (Velazquez network)
- Gulf cartel gangs

MEXICO MURDER VICTIMS (2014-17)



Jan-May 2017: 11,155 homicides