

Children of international migration: consequences for school trajectories

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State	Year	Children surveyed	Returnees (born in Mx)	0.5 generation (prior schooling in the U.S.)	0.5 generation (without prior schooling in the U.S.)	Children interviewed	Teachers interviewed
NUEVO LEÓN	2004-2005	14,473	178	68	90	63	33
ZACATECAS	2005-2006	11,258	134	93	145	78	18
PUEBLA	2009-2010	18,829	51	56	101	33	17
JALISCO	2010-2011	11,479	213	149	124	5	3
MORELOS (*)	2013-	1,383	45	16	23	12	12
TOTAL		57,422	621	382	483	191	83
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(*) non representative sample.

How children are exposed to international migration

- ▶ **Children returnees:** born in Mexico, move to the U.S. and return to Mexico. They moved at least twice from one school system to another.
- ▶ **Members of the 0.5 generation (or American-Mexican children):** born in the U.S. (44% with school experience in U.S. schools in our samples) and came to Mexico.
- ▶ **Children left at home:** they are exposed to international migration because their parents migrated to the U.S. while they remain in Mexico.

Consequences for school trajectories

- ▶ Repeating school years.
- ▶ Missing school years.
- ▶ Academic performance in the U.S. and Mexico.
- ▶ Educational aspirations.
- ▶ Mismatched contents (historia de México, geografía de México, educación cívica).
- ▶ School humiliations.
- ▶ Invisibility.

Questions our research has to respond in the near future

- ▶ ¿Qué pasa con los niños y adolescentes que llegan a México y no se inscriben en las escuelas? ¿Por qué no se inscriben?
- ▶ ¿Qué pasa con los niños que se inscriben y luego abandonan la escuela? ¿Por qué la abandonan? ¿Los niños abandonan la escuela o la escuela los abandona a ellos?
- ▶ ¿Llegan a México y luego se regresan a E.U.? ¿Por qué?
- ▶ ¿Cuáles son las perspectiva de los padres? ¿Cómo ven ellos las escuelas mexicanas?