

Derelict factories are becoming a common sight in San Diego.

San Diego grew rapidly in the 1970s as new industries located here to take advantage of low taxes and cheap land and labour.

San Diego has modern hospitals and schools.

Techno-cal, the largest electronics company in the city, has recently signed a contract to buy computer parts from Taipeitron of Taiwan.

Unemployment benefit in California ends after 6 months and people have to depend on basic food and clothing welfare handouts.

Techno-cal recently announced that it would closing it's San Diego factory.

Toni Borini has been offered a pay rise to work in a branch factory in Tijuana, Mexico.

Northern Mexico and Southern California are areas of desert.

As the city grew taxes were raised to pay for a new freeway system, new water supplies, schools, policing and hospitals.

Electronics and clothing can be imported cheaply from South-East Asia.

Electronic and clothing industries are labour intensive and need labour for assembly and machining.

Immigrants will work for less pay than Americans.

Many factories have moved their factories across the border into Mexico in recent years.

About half of the city's Mexicans have permits to work legally.

The cost of living in the USA is high, forcing Eduardo Sierra and Julio Gomez to work long hours to make a living.

Night and day, border patrols catch and return illegal immigrants.

San Diego's population has doubled to 1.3 million in the last 20 years. One third of the city's population is now Mexican.

Mexico is a less economically developed country (LEDC), where taxes, land, labour and other manufacturing costs are much lower than in the USA.

Mexico has a rapidly growing population. Many can't afford basic needs such as electricity, fresh water, education and medical care.

California is the wealthiest state in the USA.

Wages for the same job can be five or more times higher in the USA than in Mexico.

The value of the Mexican Peso (currency) recently dropped suddenly making all manufacturing costs very much cheaper in Mexico.

Immigrants will pay for help in crossing the border, avoiding detection and getting jobs.