

MIGRATION TO SELECTED COMMUNITIES IN YUCATAN:  
THE ROLE OF PAVED ROADS, 1950-1980

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#### ABSTRACT

Major paved road construction projects in the State of Yucatan, Mexico, were completed between 1960 and 1980. This paper compares population changes in 76 settlements in remote areas and 87 communities served by paved roads to determine which group experienced a faster rate of growth between 1950 and 1980. The 1950, 1960, 1970, and 1980 Mexican Censuses and various maps were used to identify communities to be included in the study.

It was concluded that paved road construction was a primary factor that influenced population shifts in Yucatan. Census data presented in the paper indicate that communities served by paved roads have grown more than have towns not so served.