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The state's executive power rests in the governor of Campeche and the legislative power rests in the Congress of Campeche, which is a unicameral legislature composed of 35 deputies.

## Campeche (city)

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San Francisco de Campeche (pronounced [sa? fʔanʔsisko ðe kamʔpetʔe]; Yucatec Maya: Ahkʼiin Pech, pronounced [aʔkʔiʔnʔʔ pʔetʔ]), 19th c., also known simply as Campeche, is a city in Campeche Municipality in the Mexican state of Campeche, on the shore of the Bay of Campeche in the Gulf of Mexico. Both the seat of the municipality and the state's capital, the city had a population of 220,389 in the 2010 census, while the municipality had a population of 259,005.

The city was founded in 1540 by Spanish conquistadores as San Francisco de Campeche atop the pre-existing Maya city of Can Pech. Little trace remains of the Pre-Columbian city.

The city retains many of the old colonial Spanish city walls and fortifications which protected the city from pirates and buccaneers. The state of preservation and quality of its architecture earned it the status of a World Heritage Site in 1999. Campeche is (along with Quebec City) one of the only cities in North America with most of its historic old city walls intact. Originally, the Spaniards lived inside the walled city, while the indigenous Maya people lived in the surrounding barrios of San Francisco, Guadalupe, and San Román. These barrios still retain their original churches; the one in Guadalupe is almost 500 years old.

## Bay of Campeche

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km2) and maximum depth of the bay is approximately 180 feet (55 m). It was named by Francisco Hernández de Córdoba and Antón de Alaminos during their expedition in 1517.

Campeche (disambiguation)

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Governor of Campeche

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The governor of Campeche, officially Constitutional Governor of the Free and Sovereign State of Campeche (Spanish: Gobernador Constitucional del Estado de Campeche), is in charge the Executive branch of the State Government.

Bolonchén, Campeche

*Maya) is a town in the Mexican state of Campeche, about 120 km (75 mi) east from the state capital, Campeche, in Hopelchén Municipality. As of 2010[update]*

Bolonchén or Bolonchén de Rejón (Bolon Che'e'en in Modern Maya) is a town in the Mexican state of Campeche, about 120 km (75 mi) east from the state capital, Campeche, in Hopelchén Municipality. As of 2010 the town had a population of 3,975 people. A short distance to the south of Bolonchén are located the caves of Xtacunbilxunan.

Escárcega

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located at 18.62°N 90.74°W? / 18.62; -90.74 in the central part of the state. As of 2010, the city of Escárcega had a population of 29,477.

The city serves as the administrative centre for the surrounding municipality of the same name, which includes the city and its hinterland. In 2010 the population of Escárcega municipality was 54,184. Its area is 4,569.64 km<sup>2</sup> (1,764.35 sq mi), which includes many smaller outlying communities, the largest of which is called División del Norte.

Escárcega is at the junction of Federal Highways 251 and 186, and is crossed by the railway that runs from Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, to Campeche, Campeche. It is a new city that grew up in the 20th century with the arrival of the railways and roads. It is named after Francisco Escárcega, a native of Tlaxcala who fought in the Mexican Revolution and oversaw the construction of much of the rail network in the country's southeast.

Campeche, Mexico

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