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In 1985, the federal government's four largest productive enterprises employed 401,610 workers (union and non-union, full- and part-time), compared to 288,484 at present. Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) employs 165,000, 45,157 less than in 1987, and the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE), 84,358, down 40,091 compared to 1984. Grupo Sidermex (comprised of Altos Hornos de Mexico, Siderurgica Lazaro Cardenas-Las Truchas, Fundidora Monterrey and Corporativo Sidermex) employs 27,473 persons, compared to 53,958 in 1985. The workforce at Fertilizantes Mexicanos (FERTIMEX) numbers 11,653, down 1,394 since 1982. Modernization of the government's administrative apparatus and productive enterprises has been costly in terms of employment. Complete comparative statistics on employment in small-scale enterprises are not available. One example, however, is the Mineral Resources Council which has eliminated 4,000 jobs since 1985. (Sources: El Financiero, Excelsior, 02/04/91)

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