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According to the government statistics agency (Instituto Nacional de Estadistica, Geografia e Informatica, INEGI), 180 new maquiladora plants started operations in Mexico last year, bringing the total number of maquiladoras to 2,129 by year-end 1992. In a March 22 report, INEGI said 416 of the maquiladora plants now operating in Mexico manufacture electronic consumer goods and accessories, 393 produce clothing and textiles, and 293 assemble wooden and/or metal furniture and accessories. As of December 1992, maquiladora plants employed more than 511,000 workers, an increase of more than 8.1% from 1991. The highest number of maquiladora-related jobs were in Chihuahua state (171,353), followed by Baja California (96,473), Tamaulipas (92,132), Coahuila (46,587) and Sonora (41,417). Most maquiladora plants were located in or near Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua City, Matamoros, Mexicali and Tijuana. (Source: Notimex, 03/22/93)

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