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# Chihuahua

## STOREHOUSE OF STORMS

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From pre-Columbian times through the Spanish centuries, the Revolution, and to the present, Chihuahua, the largest and most prosperous state in Mexico, has had a rich and romantic history. Ciudad Juárez, Mexico's fourth largest city and busiest port of entry, is just across the Rio Grande from El Paso; due south is the capital city of Chihuahua.

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