

**The concentration of manufacturing in Mexico: a case study**

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The industrial activity in Mexico as a factor of development plays a key role in regional growth. The aim of this paper is to analyze the manufacturing in the state of Zacatecas through the 21 Subsectors by the NAICS classification for the years 1998 and 2003. We built up coefficients of localization, export, specialization and Gini noting high levels of concentration in a few activities as well as a contradictory trend toward the diversified production. Finally, decomposing the growth factors with the Shift-share analysis, we can prove that it is the regional component which has paid more to the growth of manufacturing.

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