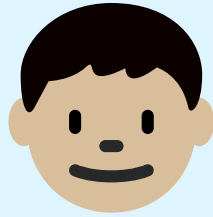
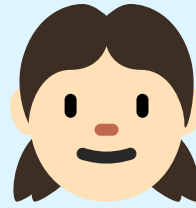


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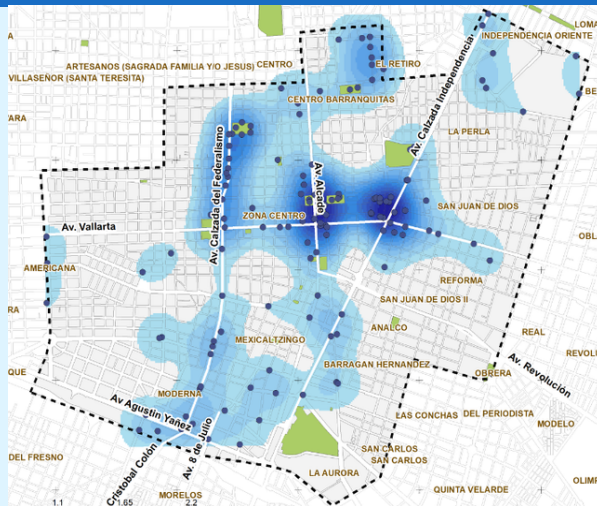
327 girls, boys and adolescents work in the streets in the center and the surrounding area.

ETHNICITY

93 indigenous girls and boys, the majority between zero and 10 years old, engage in being street vendors or accompany family members that are street vendors or they engage in begging in downtown.



not indigenous
72%



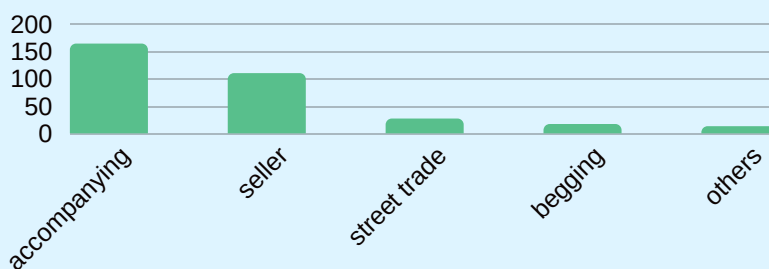
Geographic density of child workers in the center of Guadalajara.



DISTRIBUTION BY AGE



TYPE OF ACTIVITY



Form part of the project Situation of poverty and child labour in Guadalajara downtown: yes, no, how many and characteristics.



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Grupo 100



We have registered 50 minors living in extreme poverty at the train railways, at the old Central Bus Station, at Avenue Calzada Independencia and at the old Fray Antonio Alcalde Civil Hospital. They are accompanied by their family and engaging in begging and selling chit-chats.

ACCOMPANYING

110 girls and boys accompany family members and the majority is under the age of 5, and they tend to be found together with the women begging or selling articles in crossings. In MAMA A.C. we know that **these minors will become street workers** when they get older.

"What did I do? Just stayed here when my mom wanted to go to the bathroom, in my house, there's nothing to do"
(Christopher, 10 years old)



SELLERS

148 girls and boys sell sweets, snacks, handcraft, toys and household goods in crossings and public squares. The groups of minors between six and ten years old stand out and 14 and 16 years old. In the squares in the city center, their activities have to be discreet in order to hide from the inspectors, that make sure that no informal economic activities take place. The children also carry out their activities in the main avenues in the centre of Guadalajara.

"I started to work at the streets at the age of only 12, but not because our parents oblige us, but because the circumstances do so. I wouldn't like to dedicate me to this the rest of my life; the people insult you, the yell at you, they pull and push you without a reason." (Adamari, 16 years old)



STREET TRADE

24 infants between the age of six to ten carry out some sort of street trade, which they have learned from family members or close friends. They juggle, clean windshields, guide people when parking or perform as clowns in crossings and avenues.

"My dad thought me to juggle, and later I learned to do it with three balls by practice... My dad is the clown." (Angel, 13 years old)



BEGGING

33 minors in the age between six and ten carry out begging in the main squares in the center. They ask for "a peso" or they put stickers on the people passing by in exchange for "what they want to give".

"I go out with my mom and sister to sell marzipans on avenues, and I ask the passing people if they give me a peso" (Melisa, 6 years old).



ON THE STREETS YOU STILL SEE BARE FEET

"According to a popular Mexican saying "the kids are born with a sandwich under their arm", meaning they are born with fortune and well-being. This does not seem to be the reality of the children on the streets. When they can walk, they will have to work in order to survive and earn their sandwich and the one for their family. The child working class must be investigated, but without neglecting it, protecting it and defending it."

("mairo" Rogelio Padilla Díaz †, founder of MAMA A.C.)



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