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# Pilot to measure illicit financial flows in Latin America

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# The pilot to measure illicit financial flows

**Objective:** Adapt and test the methodology to measure IFF

**Participating countries:**
- Mexico
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Peru

**Illicit markets :**
- Drugs
- Trafficking in persons
- Smuggling of migrants
- Illegal mining



**Timeframe:** 2018-2020

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# The methology

UNCTAD focus

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Tax evasion and tax avoidance




Corruption



Theft-type activities



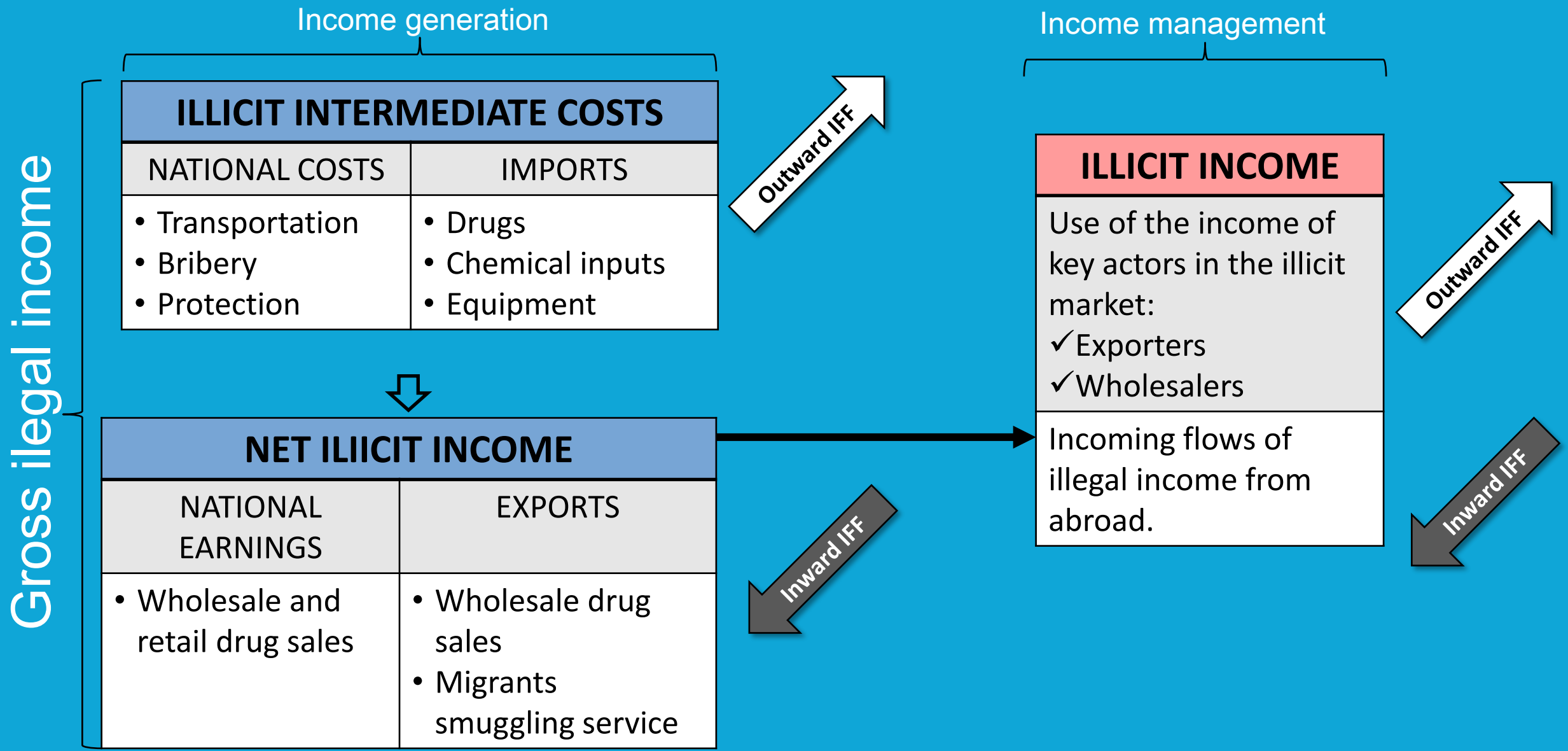
Illicit markets



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# The statistical framework for measuring IFF

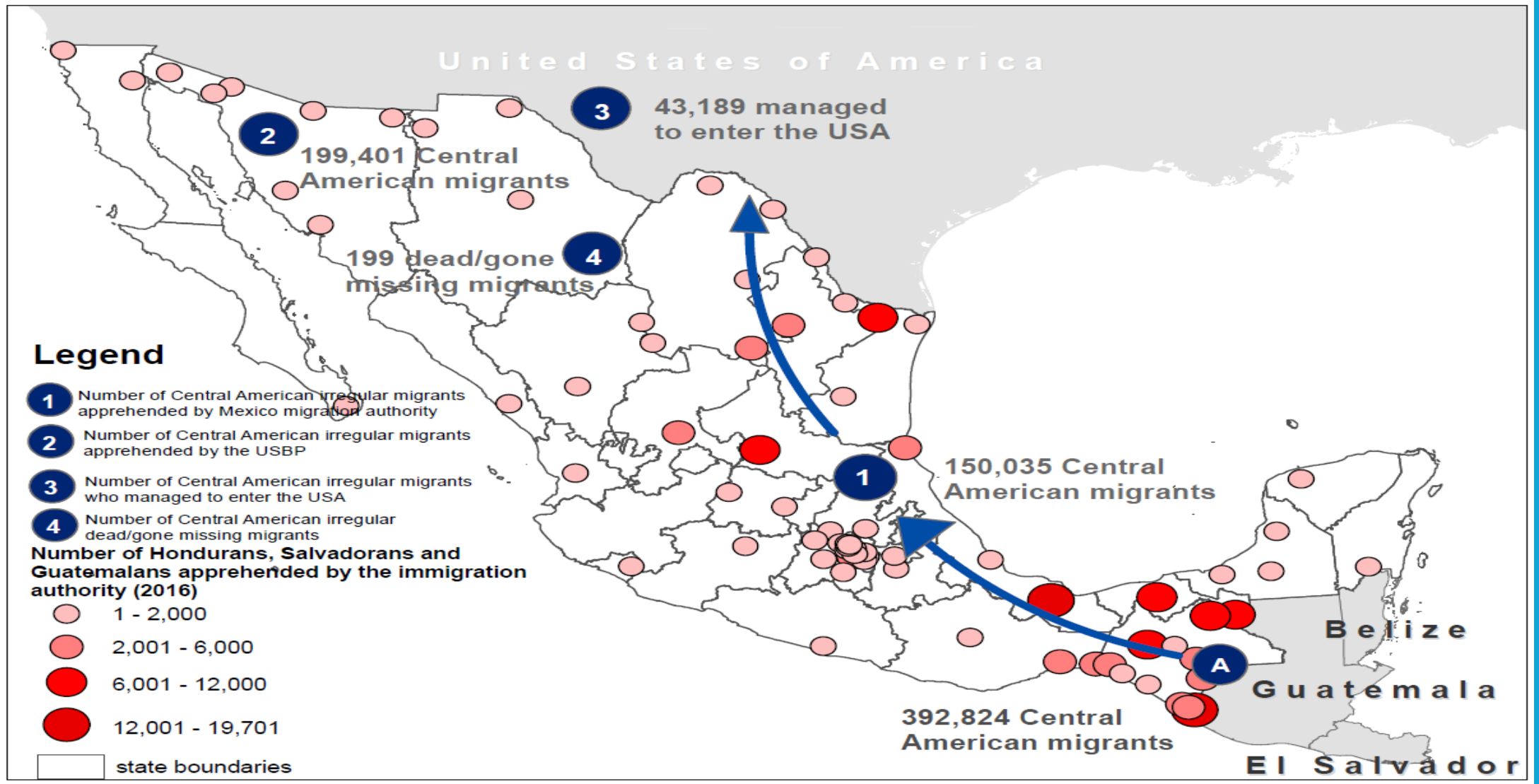


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# Result 1: Smuggling of migrants in Mexico

## Methodology to estimate the IFFs through Mexico (2016 map):



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# Estimated inward and outward IFFs from smuggling of migrants in Mexico

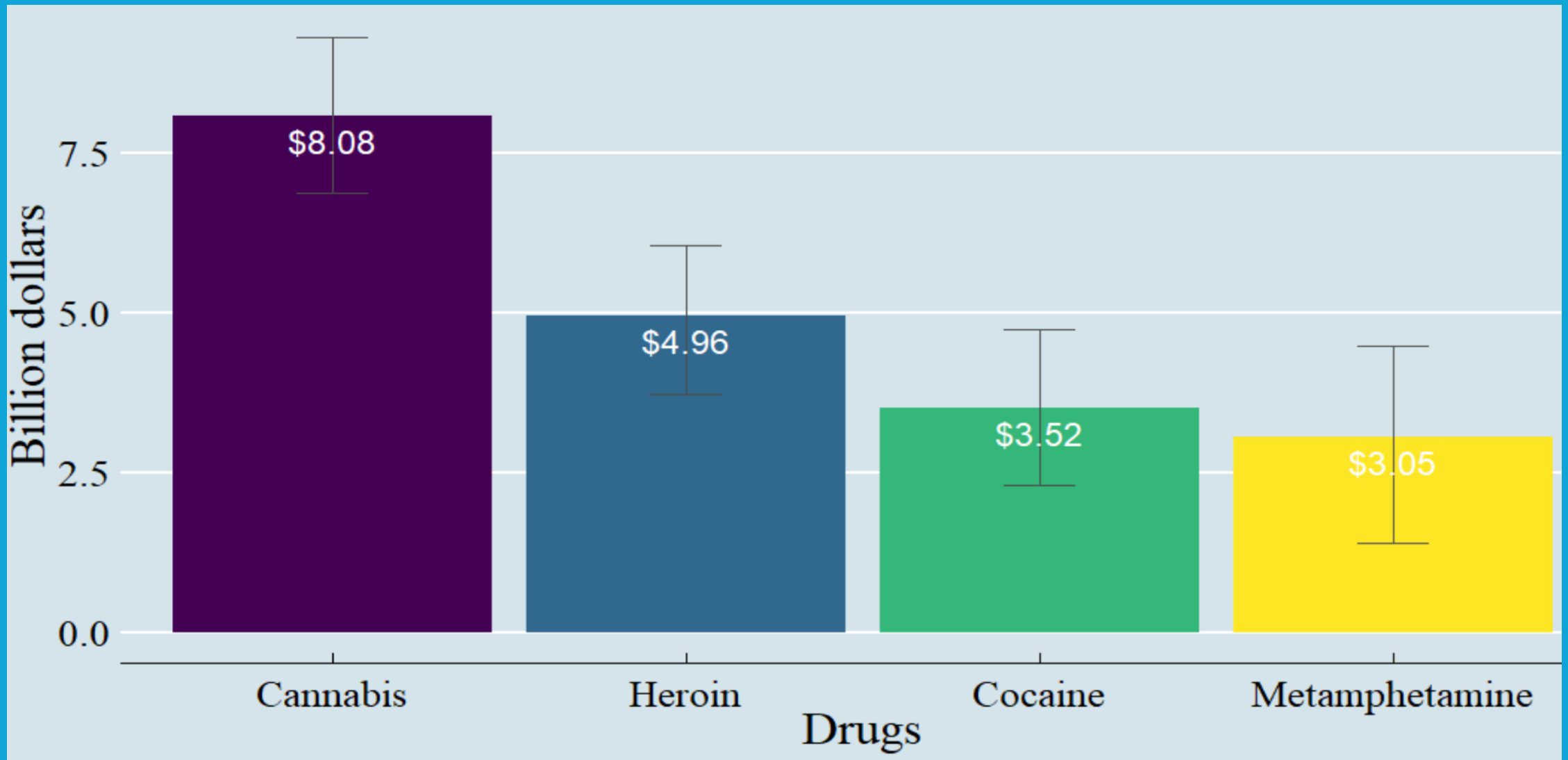


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# Result 2: Drug trafficking in Mexico

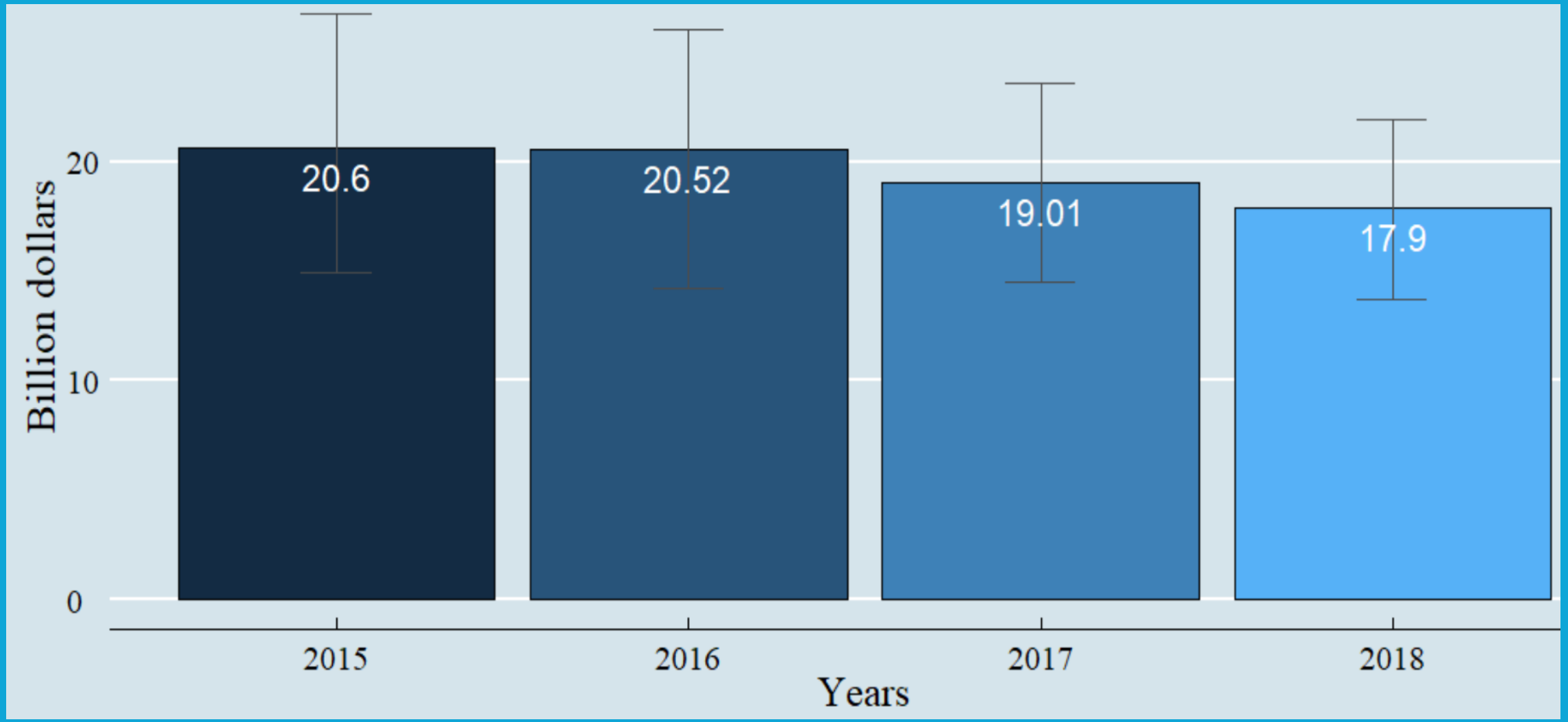
## Estimated gross inward IFFs per drug in Mexico (2015-2018 average):



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# Estimated inward IFFs from drug trafficking in Mexico



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# CHALLENGES

## ✓ Methodological

- Adapt the methodology to the specific market

## ✓ Cooperation

- Raise awareness about indicator 16.4
- Take into account the diversity of the relevant institutions
- Engage with the institutions in the exercise

## ✓ Data collection

- Confidentiality
- Scarsity

# BENEFITS

## ✓ Data collection

- Identify available data for something that had never been used before
- Data collection exercises beneficial for the institutions (pilot data forms)

## ✓ Increased capacity

- Analytical capacities to understand how the markets work

## ✓ Partnership development

- Awareness on the importance of public policies to address IFFs
- Start dialogues between countries on measuring IFFs

# Thank you for your attention


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