

Oaxaca Community Reports by District and Municipality

About Oaxaca Community Reports

Beginning in 1977, the archaeological survey projects provided communities with printed reports for use by municipal officials and citizens. These reports consist of the main results of the surface survey of the town's territory. The sites where at the time of the survey there were pre-Hispanic artifacts visible are listed and described. The reports serve as a general introduction to the history of human settlements, that is, the deep roots of the community.

The surveys were conducted by trained archaeologists, who walked on foot, systematically recording the territory. The objective was to cover all habitable land. The surveys did not always cover the entire municipal territory; for example, in some towns distant or remote mountainous areas were not surveyed.

The reports here are presented in alphabetical order, organized by district and then by municipality. In some places there are separate reports for *agencias municipales*. Community reports were written for all towns studied from 1977 onwards (there are none for the places we surveyed in 1974 in the Central District). The quality of the reports and the time it took to prepare and submit them evolved from one project to the next along with our increasing experience and changes in word-processing technology.