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## **Abstract**

This work analyzes the evolution of economic and social indicators of the department of Sucre, to highlight the most important changes, advances, and challenges after 50 years of existence. The economic structure of the department shows substantial changes. Although the primary sector has been one of the most significant in the economy, its contribution has been reduced over time, giving rise to the tertiary sector. However, the increase in the tertiary sector is not related to the economic development of the department, so it is not considered a genuine tertiarization. The social indicators show some progress such as the reduction in mortality, the increase in the educational level and improvements in critical aspects such as housing and public services. However, the low quality of education, high informality, and poverty continue to be the most important challenges to be solved.