

Border **KIDS COUNT** 2007

A Special Report on Child Well-Being in New Mexico's Border Districts

The Barriers to the Well-Being of Kids in Senate and House Districts Along the US-Mexico Border

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Introduction

The U.S./Mexico border region is home to a dynamic multicultural environment and in New Mexico, a state in which 42 percent of the residents are Hispanic,¹ that proximity adds to the rich cultural heritage celebrated by all New Mexicans. The state has also experienced a strong and expanding economy. However, those living on or near the U.S./Mexico border have largely been left behind in this expansion. Child poverty rates are generally higher than in the state as a whole and many jobs do not pay very well. Moreover, colonias – unincorporated communities on or near the border – lack basic infrastructural needs, such as access to clean water, adequate solid waste disposal, and safe housing, among other basic necessities.² Not only does this make an already difficult life of poverty more burdensome, but these inadequate living conditions present immediate and long-term public health concerns.³ A compassionate society is one that not only ensures universal access to these essential needs, but also supports a strong economic infrastructure built on a solid public educational system and workforce development. Such a society cultivates a healthy and sustainable economy that can compete globally, provide better economic security for families, and ultimately alleviate childhood poverty.

This report provides information for Senate Districts 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 40, and House Districts 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57 and 59. These districts span the counties of Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, and Sierra. Most indicators are paired with corresponding New Mexico data. Tables I and II on the following pages give an overview of each district's population as well as child population by race and Hispanic origin.

Many of the children in these districts live in poor and low-income families and the poverty rate is most likely much higher for children living in the colonias. The annual median household income in 2000 was a little over \$28,000 for the entire U.S./Mexico border region, but yearly average incomes in colonias were estimated to be as little as \$5,000.⁴ In Grant County, there are 33 communities, or parts of communities, designated as colonias by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development.⁵

Children living in poverty are growing up without the resources they need to fulfill their potential. As Table III illustrates, many of the area's children reside in

neighborhoods where 20 percent or more of their neighbors live in poverty. Families living in neighborhoods with high poverty rates do not have access to the same economic and social opportunities that other families take for granted; their children are less likely to graduate from high school, more likely to be caught up in criminal activity, and less likely to work steadily either because of the distance to good jobs or poor public transportation systems.⁶

When looking at child poverty, several factors must be considered, such as how many parents live in the household and how many members contribute to the family income. For instance, children living in single-mother families have higher poverty rates due to childcare expenses, the gender wage gap, and uncollected child support, among other factors.⁷ Tables IV and V show how many children live in poor or low-income families and the living arrangements of children in poverty. In addition to single motherhood, other factors contributing to long-term child poverty are minority status and educational status.⁸

The Role of Race

Race and ethnicity also play a major role in a child's well-being and the effects can carry into successive generations. In the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, two federal programs – the Home Owners Loan Corporation and the Federal Housing Authority – used mortgage redlining, local control, and blatant discrimination to prevent racial minorities from qualifying for mortgages.⁹ Because of these policies, banks would not insure loans to African-Americans, for example, making it harder for them to move out of low-income neighborhoods and build equity.¹⁰ This institutionalized racism – which created a white American middle-class that left racial minorities out – eventually led to the degradation of low-income neighborhoods.¹¹ Home ownership allows people to accrue personal wealth not available to renters, who cannot amass equity. This ownership/renter gap leads to further disparities for racial and ethnic minorities.¹² Without asset-building opportunities, many families have difficulty breaking out of the cycle of poverty. Chart II indicates the percentage of children in each district living in poverty by race and Hispanic origin.

Language isolation can be another factor contributing to child poverty. A linguistically isolated household is one in which those over the age of 14 have difficulty speaking English.¹³ When linguistically isolated, a child's involvement in school can be hampered and it is harder

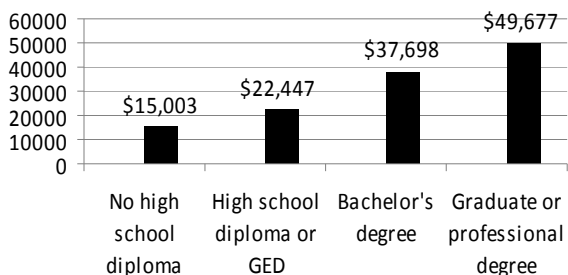
for the family to adapt to the mainstream culture, access public, medical, and other social services, find employment, and vote.¹⁴ In the border region, the percentage of foreign-born living in poverty range from a low of 3.8 percent in Grant County to a high of 28.7 percent in Luna County.¹⁵ Table VI shows how many children in each district are either linguistically isolated or do not speak English well.

Educational Attainment and Income-Earning Potential

Children who live in poor or low-income families are less likely to stay in school and get the preparation necessary for future success. In fact, students from low-income families in 2001 were six times more likely to drop out of high school than their more affluent counterparts.¹⁶ The income-earning potential of New Mexico's children is reduced if they drop out of high school, and they are more likely limited to low-paying jobs with little or no opportunities for advancement.

As Chart I shows, in New Mexico, a person with a bachelor's degree earns two-and-a-half times more than a high school dropout; earning a graduate or professional degree yields even higher wages. The personal benefits of staying in high school and going to college are obvious, and the local economy benefits as well. An educated workforce encourages new ideas and methods for providing goods and services among local businesses, and potential employers consider educated citizens an asset when deciding where to locate new establishments.¹⁷

Chart I - 2005 Median Earnings in New Mexico



Source: 2005 American Community Survey

Furthermore, the state of New Mexico loses almost \$260,000 over the lifetime of each high school dropout in wages and taxes. With about 12,700 of New Mexico's children dropping out of high school every year, this translates into \$3.3 billion lost in wages, taxes and productivity.¹⁸ Table VII illustrates the percentage of those youths in 2000 who dropped out of high school and are idle (meaning they are neither working nor in school) in each district.

Where Parents Work

The rural areas of New Mexico were largely left out of the economic expansion of the last decade, and the border area was no exception. Low-wage service-sector jobs comprise the majority of the area's employment. Low-wage jobs generally provide few, if any benefits, and tend to have high turnover rates.¹⁹

Some of the largest industries in 2006 in the six counties covered in this report were retail trade, health care/social assistance, and accommodation/food services.²⁰ Turnover rates for these sectors during the first quarter of this period ranged from a low of 11 percent to a high of 35 percent.²¹

In comparison, turnover rates in this area during the same quarter were much lower for higher-paying professions. Turnover rates for educational services ranged from just 2.8 percent to 5 percent. Turnover rates for jobs in public administration averaged 7 percent.²²

An educated workforce can attract industries that pay living wages or better, which offers hope for communities wanting to help its families break out of the cycle of poverty. Job creation, in and of itself, does not do that very well.

Senate District 28

Table I - General Population

	District 28		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	44,903	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	11,625	25.9	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 28		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,625	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	10,975	94.4	480,210	94.4
White children	7,442	64	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	98	0.8	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	263	2.3	64,953	12.8
Asian children	47	0.4	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	2	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	3,123	26.9	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	650	5.6	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	6,984	60.1	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 28		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,625	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	6,844	58.9	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 28		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	11,397	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	3,505	30.8	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,679	14.7	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	6,920	60.7	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

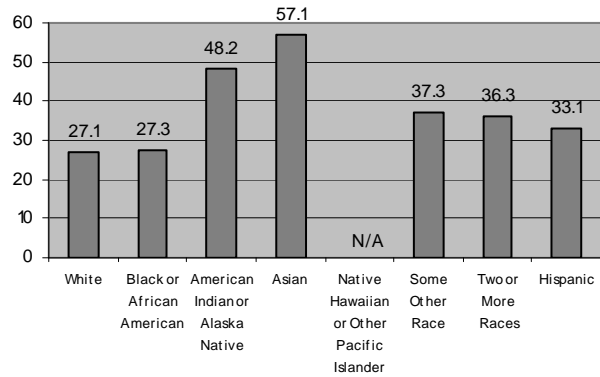
Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	6,040	1,614	26.7
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	3,732	510	13.7
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,832	976	53.3
Single-father families with related children under age 18	477	128	26.8

Senate District 28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

Children's Language Abilities	District 28		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	8,634	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	2,015	23.3	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	445	5.2	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	176	2	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 28		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,834	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	254	9	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	374	13.2	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 31

Table I - General Population

	District 31		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	42,520	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	15,459	36.4	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 31		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	15,459	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	14,925	96.5	480,210	94.4
White children	10,046	65	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	100	0.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	148	1	64,953	12.8
Asian children	25	0.2	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	13	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	4,593	29.7	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	534	3.5	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	13,960	90.3	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 31		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	15,459	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	14,515	93.9	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 31		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	15,319	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	6,446	42.1	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	2,316	15.1	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	11,828	77.2	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

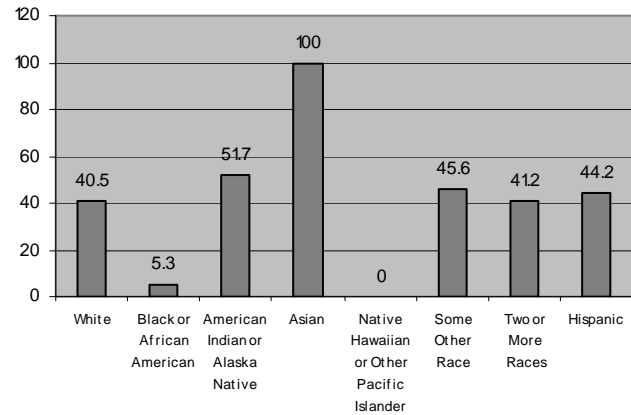
Senate District 31

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	6,947	2,442	35.2
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	4,988	1,479	29.7
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,639	842	51.4
Single-father families with related children under age 18	319	121	37.9

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 31		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	11,510	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	9,487	82.4	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	4,146	36	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	2,478	21.5	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 31		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	3,183	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	476	15	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	415	13	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 32

Table I - General Population

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	43,105	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	14,097	32.7	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	14,097	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	13,455	95.4	480,210	94.4
White children	7,101	50.4	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	285	2	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	1,405	10	64,953	12.8
Asian children	41	0.3	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	11	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	4,612	32.7	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	642	4.6	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	8,971	63.6	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	14,097	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	9,702	68.8	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	13,207	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	4,268	32.3	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,858	14.1	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	9,046	68.5	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

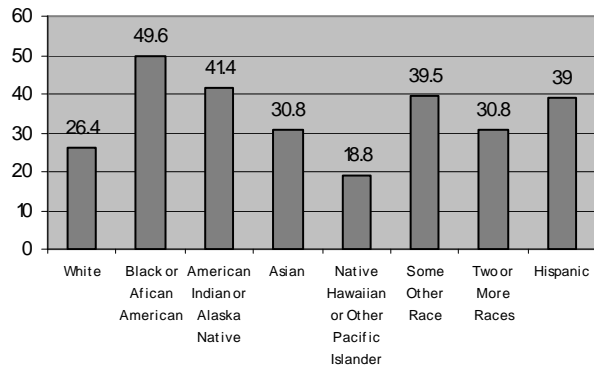
Senate District 32

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	6,457	1,861	28.8
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	4,080	798	19.6
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,771	873	49.3
Single-father families with related children under age 18	606	190	31.4

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	10,086	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	3,726	36.9	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,073	10.6	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	812	8.1	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	3,297	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	499	15.1	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	437	13.3	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 34

Table I - General Population

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	44,984	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	12,186	27.1	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	12,186	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	11,611	95.3	480,210	94.4
White children	9,227	75.7	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	268	2.2	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	172	1.4	64,953	12.8
Asian children	82	0.7	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	15	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	1,847	15.2	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	575	4.7	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	4,736	38.9	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	12,186	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	4,470	36.7	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	12,596	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,996	23.8	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,434	11.4	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	6,509	51.7	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

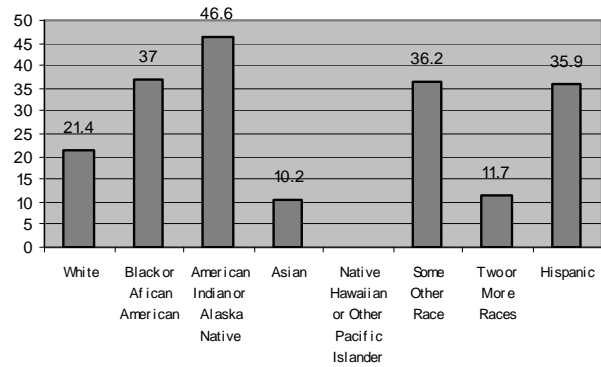
Senate District 34

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	6,454	1,285	19.9
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	4,722	558	11.8
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,256	603	48
Single-father families with related children under age 18	476	124	26.1

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	9,679	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	3,017	31.2	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,030	10.6	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	643	6.6	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,725	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	283	10.4	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	343	12.6	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 35

Table I - General Population

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	41,875	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	11,703	27.9	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,703	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	11,239	96	480,210	94.4
White children	8,264	70.6	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	120	1	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	140	1.2	64,953	12.8
Asian children	25	0.2	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	4	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,686	23	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	464	4	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	8,076	69	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,703	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	10,202	87.2	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	11,428	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	4,918	43	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	2,350	20.6	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	8,377	73.3	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

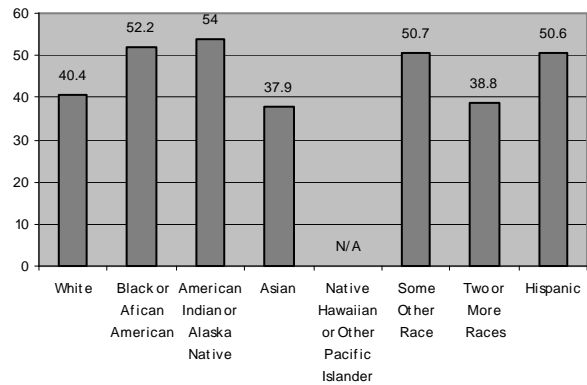
Senate District 35

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	5,602	2,001	35.7
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	3,677	912	24.8
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,483	910	61.4
Single-father families with related children under age 18	441	179	40.6

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	8,702	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	4,074	46.8	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,436	16.5	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	1,010	11.6	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,466	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	381	15.5	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	359	14.6	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 36

Table I - General Population

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	44,556	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	13,213	29.7	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	13,213	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	12,561	95.1	480,210	94.4
White children	7,251	54.9	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	284	2.1	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	219	1.7	64,953	12.8
Asian children	30	0.2	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	15	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	4,762	36	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	652	4.9	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	9,928	75.1	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	13,213	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	7,505	56.8	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	12,691	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	4,336	34.2	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,908	15	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	7,821	61.6	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

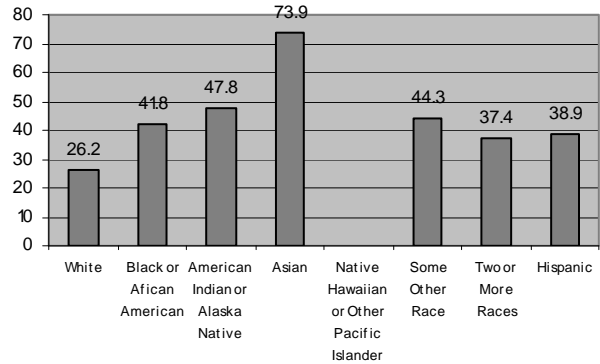
Senate District 36

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	6,357	1,750	27.5
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	3,944	622	15.8
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,870	950	50.8
Single-father families with related children under age 18	543	178	32.8

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	9,535	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	4,484	47	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,415	14.8	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	1,219	12.8	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,717	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	415	15.3	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	314	11.6	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 37

Table I - General Population

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	44,492	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	11,686	26.3	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,686	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	11,076	94.8	480,210	94.4
White children	7,466	63.9	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	241	2.1	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	191	1.6	64,953	12.8
Asian children	123	1.1	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	8	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	3,047	26.1	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	610	5.2	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	7,121	60.9	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,686	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	3,621	31	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	11,724	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,920	24.9	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,216	10.4	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	2,920	24.9	125,218	25

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

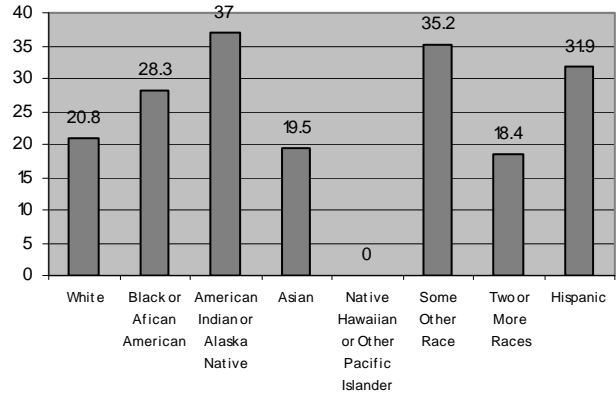
Senate District 37

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	6,164	1,240	20.1
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	4,240	516	12.2
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,374	572	41.6
Single-father families with related children under age 18	551	152	27.6

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	8,966	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	3,510	39.1	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,102	12.3	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	852	9.5	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,622	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	231	8.8	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	184	7	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 38

Table I - General Population

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	43,958	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	11,353	25.8	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,353	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	10,746	94.7	480,210	94.4
White children	6,903	60.8	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	200	1.8	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	226	2	64,953	12.8
Asian children	80	0.7	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	9	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	3,328	29.3	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	607	5.3	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	8,581	75.6	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	11,353	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	10,033	88.4	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	11,235	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	4,107	36.6	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,725	15.4	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	7,250	64.5	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

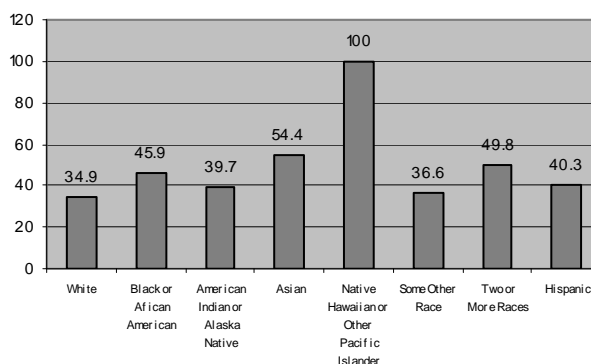
Senate District 38

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	5,757	1,905	33.1
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	3,679	823	22.4
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,625	903	55.6
Single-father families with related children under age 18	453	179	39.5

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	8,296	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	4,258	51.3	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,560	18.8	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	878	10.6	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	3,847	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	275	7.1	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	251	6.5	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Senate District 40

Table I - General Population

	District 40		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	44,407	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	13,172	29.7	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 40		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	13,172	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	12,356	93.8	480,210	94.4
White children	9,093	69	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	657	5	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	213	1.6	64,953	12.8
Asian children	120	0.9	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	22	0.2	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,251	17.1	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	816	6.2	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	5,940	45.1	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 40		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	13,172	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	4,681	35.5	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 40		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	12,606	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	3,194	25.3	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,204	9.6	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	7,552	59.9	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

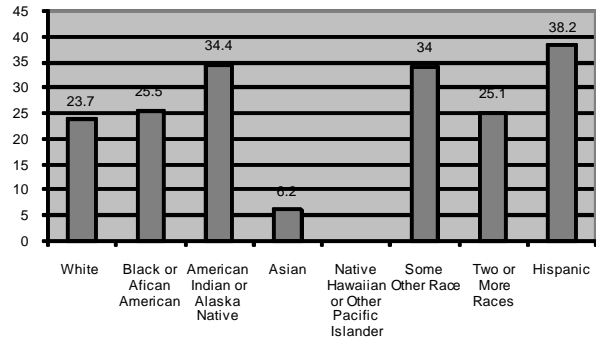
Senate District 40

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	6,634	1,332	20.1
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	4,789	511	10.7
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,362	690	50.7
Single-father families with related children under age 18	483	131	27.1

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 40		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	9,592	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	2,192	22.9	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	703	7.3	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	496	5.2	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 40		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,481	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	296	11.9	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	367	14.8	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 32

Table I - General Population

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,016	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	7,505	30	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,505	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	7,196	95.9	480,210	94.4
White children	4,941	65.8	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	79	1.1	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	91	1.2	64,953	12.8
Asian children	20	0.3	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	1	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,064	27.5	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	309	4.1	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	5,757	76.7	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,505	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	7,505	100	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	7,434	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	3,501	47.1	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,679	22.6	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	5,823	78.3	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

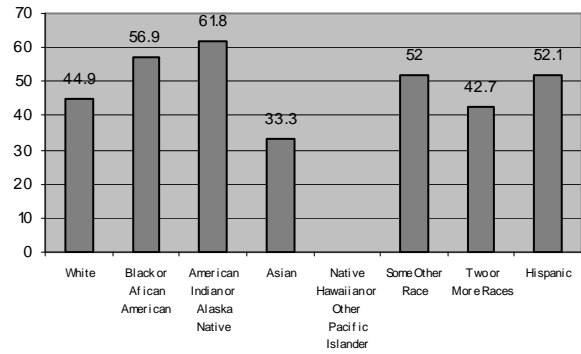
House District 32

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,588	1,432	39.9
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,354	676	28.7
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	965	617	63.9
Single-father families with related children under age 18	269	139	51.7

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,595	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	3,202	57.2	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,151	20.6	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	829	14.8	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 32		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,570	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	278	17.7	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	273	17.4	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 33

Table I - General Population

	District 33		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,056	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	6,396	25.5	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 33		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,396	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	6,047	94.5	480,210	94.4
White children	4,025	62.9	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	102	1.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	147	2.3	64,953	12.8
Asian children	60	0.9	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	7	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	1,706	26.7	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	349	5.5	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	4,477	70	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 33		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,396	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	5,175	80.9	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 33		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	6,269	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	1,900	30.3	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	781	12.5	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	3,633	58	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

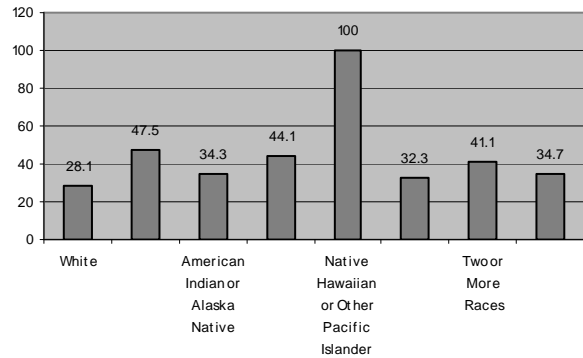
House District 33

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,321	931	28
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,134	356	16.7
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	909	474	52.1
Single-father families with related children under age 18	278	101	36.3

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 33		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	4,698	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	1,970	41.9	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	638	13.6	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	295	6.3	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 33		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,042	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	169	8.3	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	149	7.3	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 34

Table I - General Population

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	26,745	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	9,297	34.8	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	9,297	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	9,018	97	480,210	94.4
White children	6,300	67.8	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	60	0.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	87	0.9	64,953	12.8
Asian children	10	0.1	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	1	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,560	27.5	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	279	3	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	8,541	91.9	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	9,297	34.8	508,574	28
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	8,293	89.2	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	9,127	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	3,705	40.6	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,403	15.4	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	6,805	74.6	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

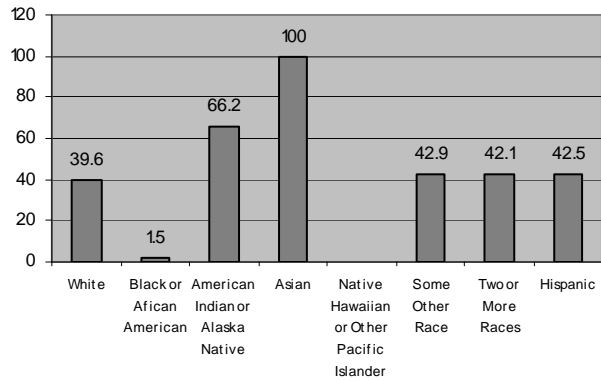
Table V - Family Living Arrangements

House District 34

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	4,186	1,445	34.5
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	3,041	924	30.4
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	944	457	48.4
Single-father families with related children under age 18	201	65	32.3

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	6,860	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	5,887	85.8	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	2,559	37.3	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	1,641	23.9	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 34		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,874	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	221	11.8	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	184	9.8	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 35

Table I - General Population

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,067	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	5,715	22.8	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	5,715	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	5,291	92.6	480,210	94.4
White children	2,889	50.6	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	264	4.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	118	2.1	64,953	12.8
Asian children	39	0.7	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	3	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	1,978	34.6	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	424	7.4	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	4,195	73.4	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	5,715	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	5,282	92.4	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	5,837	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,392	41	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,182	20.3	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	4,015	68.8	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

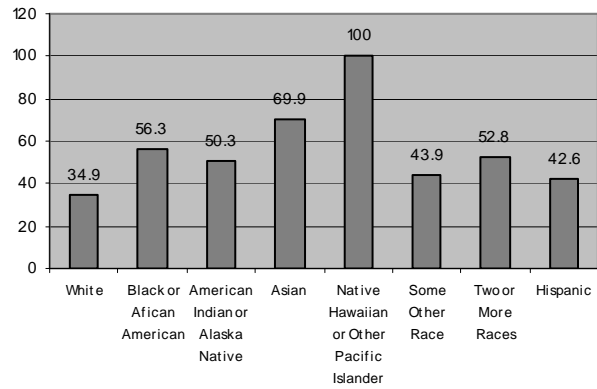
House District 35

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,092	1,077	34.8
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	1,626	304	18.7
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,162	662	57
Single-father families with related children under age 18	304	110	36.2

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	4,204	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	1,734	41.2	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	498	11.8	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	433	10.3	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 35		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	2,172	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	192	8.8	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	138	6.4	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 36

Table I - General Population

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,257	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	7,758	30.7	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,758	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	7,409	95.5	480,210	94.4
White children	4,425	57	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	107	1.4	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	108	1.4	64,953	12.8
Asian children	8	0.1	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	13	0.2	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,748	35.4	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	349	4.5	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	5,823	75.1	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,758	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	4,762	61.4	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	7,310	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,547	34.8	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,102	15.1	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	4,511	61.7	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

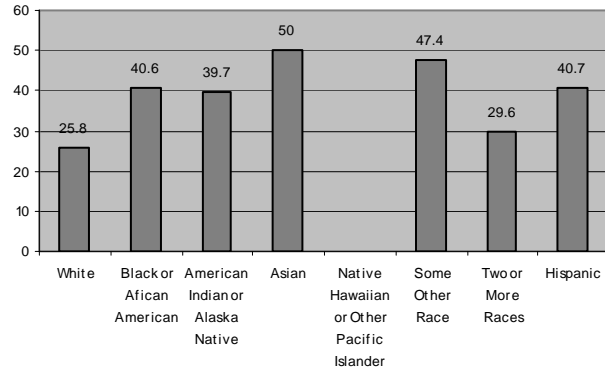
House District 36

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,569	1,030	28.9
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,339	434	18.6
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	974	503	51.6
Single-father families with related children under age 18	256	92	35.9

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,532	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	2,779	50.2	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	949	17.2	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	762	13.8	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 36		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,590	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	249	15.7	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	207	13	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 37

Table I - General Population

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,175	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	6,570	26.1	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,570	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	6,252	95.2	480,210	94.4
White children	4,438	67.5	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	114	1.7	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	87	1.3	64,953	12.8
Asian children	66	1	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	3	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	1,544	23.5	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	318	4.8	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	3,845	58.5	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,570	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	93	1.4	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	6,871	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	1,496	21.8	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	528	7.7	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	3,171	46.2	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

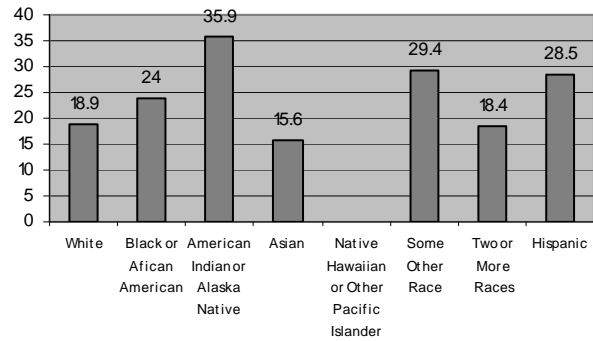
House District 37

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,632	644	17.7
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,426	176	7.3
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	879	377	42.9
Single-father families with related children under age 18	327	91	27.8

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,206	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	1,759	33.8	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	516	9.9	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	395	7.6	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 37		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,444	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	99	6.9	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	99	6.9	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 38

Table I - General Population

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	24,869	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	5,520	22.2	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	5,520	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	5,271	95.5	480,210	94.4
White children	4,180	75.7	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	62	1.1	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	89	1.6	64,953	12.8
Asian children	11	0.2	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	3	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	926	16.8	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	249	4.5	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	2,511	45.5	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	5,520	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	1,092	19.8	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	5,414	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	1,436	26.5	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	826	15.3	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	3,099	57.2	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

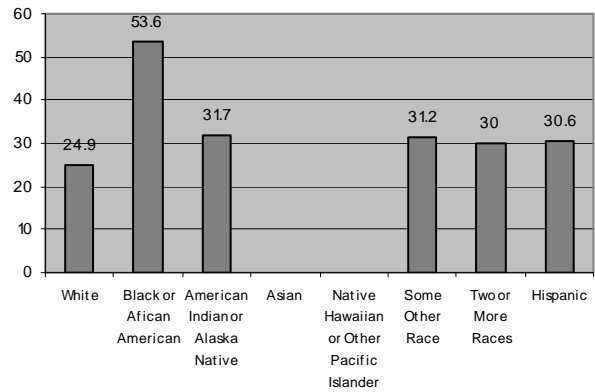
House District 38

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	2,900	631	21.8
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	1,939	245	12.6
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	701	339	48.4
Single-father families with related children under age 18	260	47	18.1

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	4,207	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	970	23.1	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	302	7.2	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	184	4.4	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 38		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,193	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	127	10.6	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	113	9.5	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 39

Table I - General Population

	District 39		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,335	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	7,166	28.3	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 39		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,166	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	6,852	95.6	480,210	94.4
White children	4,795	66.9	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	43	0.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	90	1.3	64,953	12.8
Asian children	16	0.2	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	2	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	1,906	26.6	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	314	4.4	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	4,842	67.6	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 39		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,166	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	4,984	69.6	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 39		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	7,063	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,227	31.5	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	986	14	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	4,496	63.7	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

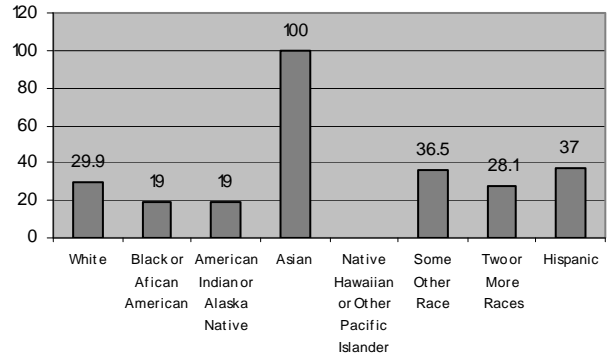
House District 39

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,564	1,000	28.1
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,220	358	16.1
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	1,082	570	52.7
Single-father families with related children under age 18	262	72	27.5

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 39		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,294	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	1,494	28.2	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	370	7	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	155	2.9	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 39		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,597	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	156	9.8	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	217	13.6	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 51

Table I - General Population

	District 51		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,036	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	7,185	28.7	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 51		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,185	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	6,687	93.1	480,210	94.4
White children	4,875	67.8	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	470	6.5	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	81	1.1	64,953	12.8
Asian children	87	1.2	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	20	0.3	478	0.1
Children of some other race	1,154	16.1	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	498	6.9	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	2,870	39.9	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 51		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	7,185	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	3,489	48.6	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 51		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	7,099	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	1,756	24.7	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	735	10.4	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	4,375	61.6	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

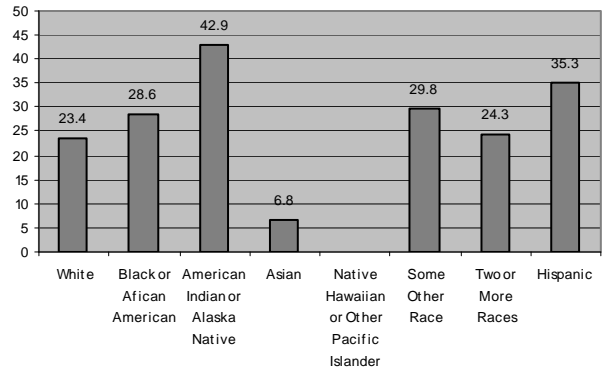
House District 51

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,809	758	19.9
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,676	243	9.1
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	881	455	51.6
Single-father families with related children under age 18	252	60	23.8

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 51		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,317	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	1,164	21.9	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	385	7.2	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	286	5.4	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 51		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,335	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	138	10.3	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	194	14.5	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 52

Table I - General Population

	District 52		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	26,985	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	8,932	33.1	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 52		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	8,932	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	8,573	96	480,210	94.4
White children	5,521	61.8	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	70	0.8	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	103	1.2	64,953	12.8
Asian children	58	0.6	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	6	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,815	31.5	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	359	4	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	7,546	84.5	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 52		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	8,932	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	7,752	86.8	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 52		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	8,926	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	3,637	40.7	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	1,338	15	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	6,473	72.5	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

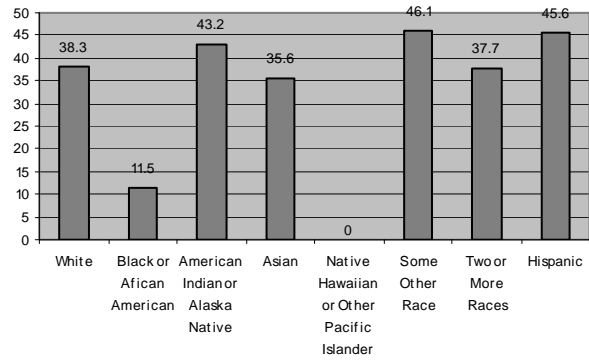
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Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	4,189	1,362	32.5
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,974	773	26
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	989	489	49.4
Single-father families with related children under age 18	226	101	44.7

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 52		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	6,685	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	4,877	73	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	2,196	32.8	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	1,226	18.3	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 52		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,961	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	259	13.2	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	258	13.2	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 53

Table I - General Population

	District 53		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	26,403	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	9,157	34.7	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 53		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	9,157	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	8,716	95.2	480,210	94.4
White children	5,504	60.1	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	238	2.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	137	1.5	64,953	12.8
Asian children	57	0.6	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	16	0.2	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,764	30.2	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	441	4.8	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	6,211	67.8	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 53		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	9,157	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	6,091	66.5	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 53		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	8,530	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,550	29.9	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	980	11.5	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	5,453	63.9	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

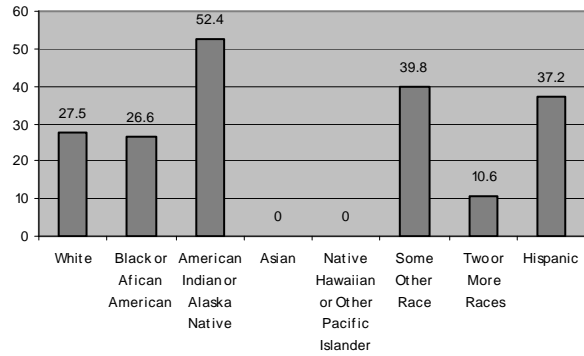
House District 53

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	4,125	1,015	24.6
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	3,008	523	17.4
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	798	407	51
Single-father families with related children under age 18	320	85	26.6

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 53		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	6,501	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	3,299	50.7	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	1,143	17.6	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	818	12.6	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 53		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,625	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	250	15.4	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	226	13.9	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 54

Table I - General Population

	District 54		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	24,842	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	8,223	33.1	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 54		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	8,223	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	7,932	96.5	480,210	94.4
White children	5,261	64	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	167	2	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	129	1.6	64,953	12.8
Asian children	12	0.1	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	9	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	2,354	28.6	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	291	3.5	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	5,327	64.8	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 54		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	8,223	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	3,796	46.2	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 54		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	7,537	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,158	28.6	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	956	12.7	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	4,575	60.7	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

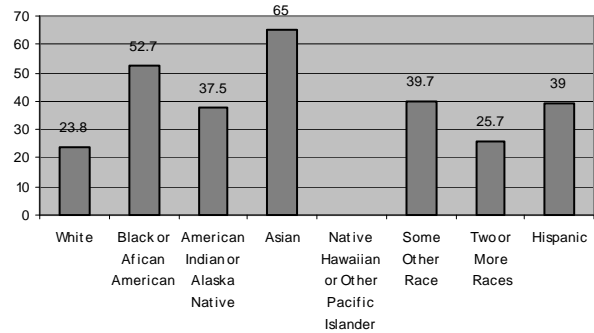
House District 54

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,799	901	23.7
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,626	411	15.7
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	783	343	43.8
Single-father families with related children under age 18	389	147	37.8

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



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Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 54		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,716	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	2,101	36.8	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	604	10.6	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	362	6.3	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 54		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,655	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	240	14.5	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	233	14.1	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 56

Table I - General Population

General Population	District 56		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	25,385	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	6,916	27.2	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 56		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,916	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	6,502	94	480,210	94.4
White children	4,109	59.4	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	205	3	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	1,391	20.1	64,953	12.8
Asian children	39	0.6	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	5	0.1	478	0.1
Children of some other race	753	10.9	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	414	6	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	2,070	29.9	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 56		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,916	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	1,645	23.8	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 56		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	6,932	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	1,698	24.5	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	688	9.9	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	3,914	56.5	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

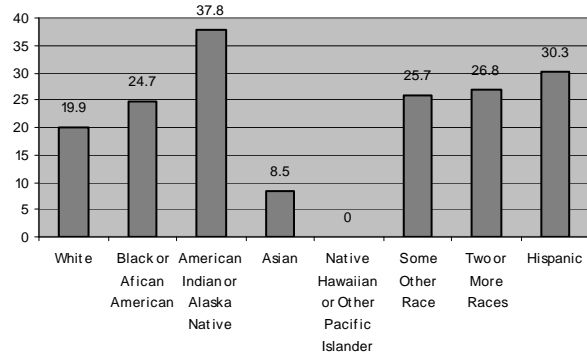
House District 56

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,627	721	19.9
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,399	239	10
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	942	426	45.2
Single-father families with related children under age 18	286	56	19.6

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



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Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 56		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,423	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	1,023	18.9	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	329	6.1	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	235	4.3	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 56		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,465	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	158	10.8	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	153	10.4	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 57

Table I - General Population

	District 57		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	24,778	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	5,840	23.6	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 57		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	5,840	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	5,569	95.4	480,210	94.4
White children	4,565	78.2	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	37	0.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	145	2.5	64,953	12.8
Asian children	37	0.6	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	1	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	784	13.4	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	271	4.6	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	2,053	35.2	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 57		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	5,840	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	867	14.8	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 57		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	5,854	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	1,335	22.8	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	343	5.9	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	2,686	45.9	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

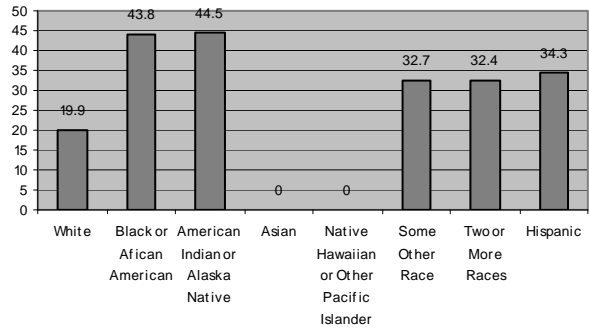
House District 57

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,153	564	17.9
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,294	247	10.8
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	596	253	42.4
Single-father families with related children under age 18	264	64	24.2

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



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Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 57		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	4,693	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	733	15.6	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	205	4.4	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	118	2.5	25,143	6.6

Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 57		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,394	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	106	7.6	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	114	8.2	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

House District 59

Table I - General Population

	District 59		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total population	24,979	100	1,819,046	100
Population under age 18	6,793	27.2	508,574	28

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Table II - Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	District 59		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,793	100	508,574	100
Children of one race	6,423	94.6	480,210	94.4
White children	4,607	67.8	291,862	57.4
Black or African American children	176	2.6	10,683	2.1
American Indian or Alaska native children	88	1.3	64,953	12.8
Asian children	32	0.5	4,537	0.9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children	3	0	478	0.1
Children of some other race	1,517	22.3	107,697	21.2
Children who marked two or more races	370	5.4	28,364	5.6
Hispanic children	3,306	48.7	258,806	50.9

Table III - Where Our Children Live

	District 59		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18	6,793	100	508,574	100
Living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	4,539	66.8	209,296	41.2

Table IV - How Many of Our Children Live in Poverty?

	District 59		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Population under age 18 for whom poverty is determined	7,025	100	500,345	100
Below poverty	2,166	30.8	125,218	25
Below 50% poverty	996	14.2	53,542	10.7
Below 200% poverty	4,322	61.5	264,684	52.9

Source (Tables II, III, and IV): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

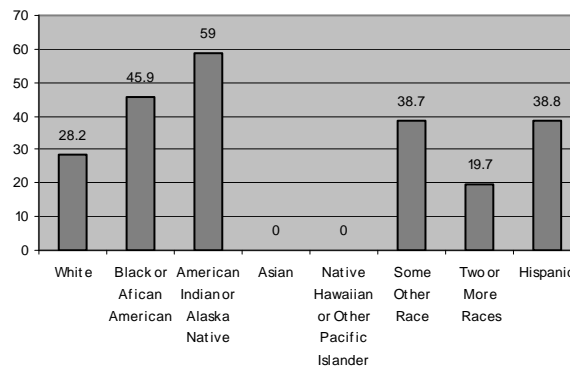
House District 59

Table V - Family Living Arrangements

	Total	Living Below Poverty	
		Number	Percentage
Families with related children under age 18	3,598	970	27
Married-couple families with related children under age 18	2,376	483	20.3
Single-mother families with related children under age 18	866	397	45.8
Single-father families with related children under age 18	357	90	25.2

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Chart II - Percent of Children Below Poverty by Race* and Hispanic Origin in the 2000 Census



*Hispanics, who can be of any race, are included in the racial figures shown here.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P87 & P159A-P159H)

Table VI - Children's Language Abilities

	District 59		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 5 to 17	5,377	100	378,433	100
Speak language other than English at home	1,843	34.3	118,218	31.2
Speak English less than "very well"	581	10.8	38,436	10.2
Linguistically isolated	441	8.2	25,143	6.6

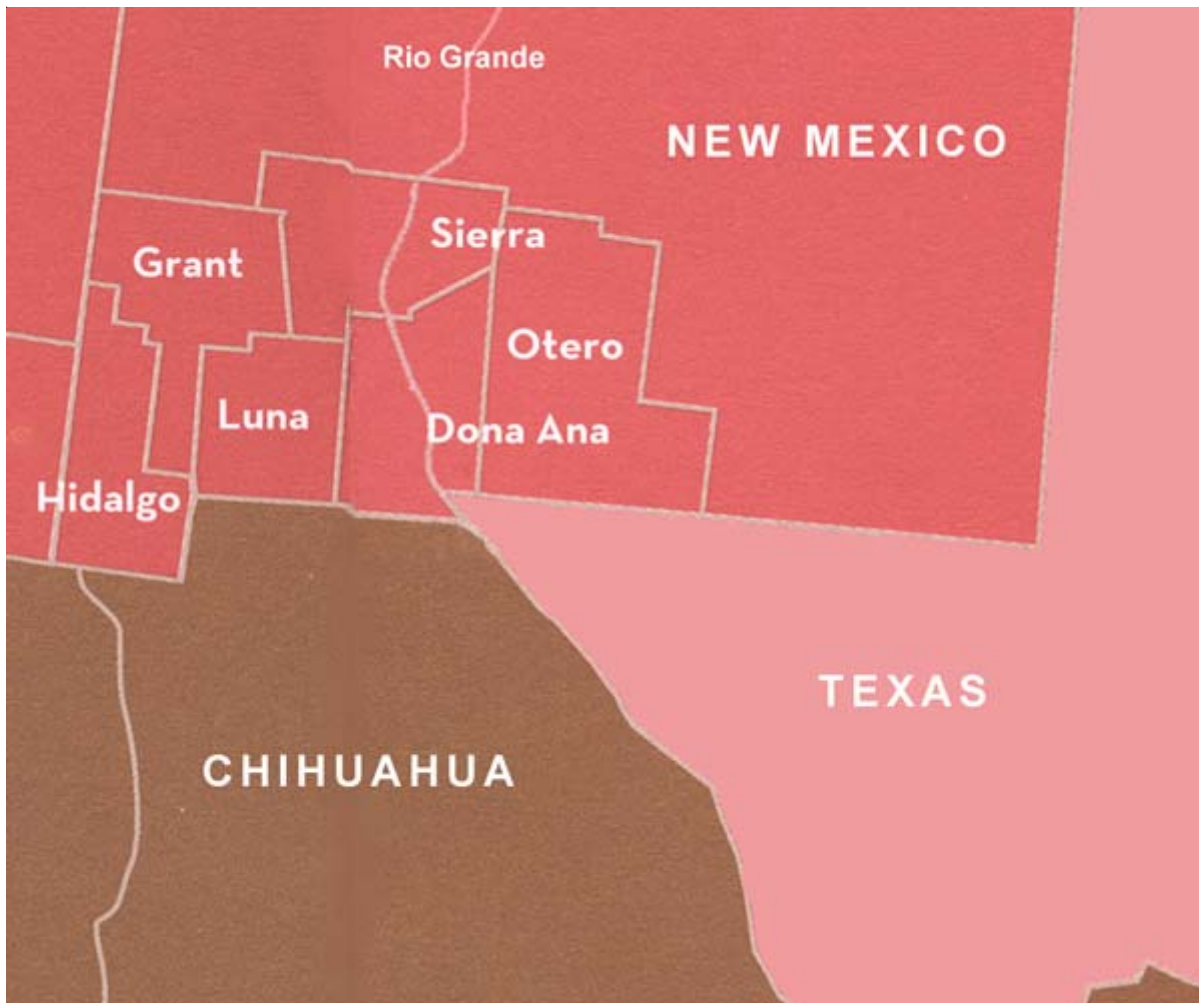
Table VII - Children's Educational Attainment

	District 59		New Mexico	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Children ages 16 to 19	1,730	100	113,028	100
High school dropouts	241	13.9	13,665	12.1
Not in school and not working	228	13.2	13,447	11.9

Source (Tables VI and VII): Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 (via the Annie E. Casey Foundation at www.aecf.org)

Conclusion

If children are windows on the future, then the economic future of the border region looks bleak as these children do not tend to have the necessary foundation from which they will one day create a viable, if not prosperous, life for themselves and their families. If the communities in the area are to survive, the children who will one day make up their workforces must have an incentive to stay in their hometowns and neighborhoods. They must also be adequately prepared for the level of skills required for higher paying jobs – jobs that should be in their communities – in order to break through the economic barriers that challenge poor and low-income families from one generation to the next. Several initiatives and businesses around the border region recognize this. Some examples include the Silver City MainStreets initiative, the City of Deming's enterprise community strategic plan, the Santa Teresa border crossing development, and the Spaceport. This vibrant and promising region is one in which all its children can grow up to fulfill their potential, contribute greatly to their communities, and provide economic security for their families.



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