





**New Mexico Ranks 50th in Child Well-Being**  
**2013 NM KIDS COUNT Profile**  
**Lea County**

 <p><b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b></p>	<p><b>Children in Poverty</b> 2010</p> <p>23%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 27%</b></p>	<p><b>Families in which Parents Lack Secure Employment</b> 2010</p> <p>33%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 39%</b></p>	<p><b>Families with a High Housing Cost Burden</b> 2010</p> <p>Rent: 32% Own: 16%</p> <p><b>NM Rate:</b> Rent: 43% Own: 25%</p>	<p><b>Teens (16-19) Not in School and Not Working</b> 2010</p> <p>17%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 10%</b></p>
 <p><b>EDUCATION</b></p>	<p><b>Children Attending Preschool</b> 2010</p> <p>35%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 40%</b></p>	<p><b>Fourth Graders Proficient in Reading</b> 2013</p> <p><i>Eunice: 33%</i> <i>Hobbs: 39%</i> <i>Jal: 29%</i> <i>Lovington: 39%</i> <i>Tatum: 48%</i></p> <p><b>NM Rate: 46%</b></p>	<p><b>Eighth Graders Proficient in Math</b> 2013</p> <p><i>Eunice: 31%</i> <i>Hobbs: 39%</i> <i>Jal: 14%</i> <i>Lovington: 39%</i> <i>Tatum: 57%</i></p> <p><b>NM Rate: 42%</b></p>	<p><b>High School Students Graduating on Time</b> 2013</p> <p><i>Eunice: 81%</i> <i>Hobbs: 74%</i> <i>Jal: 70%</i> <i>Lovington: 82%</i> <i>Tatum: 91%</i></p> <p><b>NM Rate: 70%</b></p>
 <p><b>HEALTH</b></p>	<p><b>Low Birth Weight Babies</b> 2012</p> <p>6.3%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 7.6%</b></p>	<p><b>Children without Health Insurance</b> 2011</p> <p>11%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 10%</b></p>	<p><b>Child and Teen Deaths per 100,000</b> 2012</p> <p>Child (1-14): 26 Teen (15-19): 40</p> <p><b>NM Rate:</b> Child: 19 Teen: 69</p>	<p><b>Teens who Binge Drink</b> 2011</p> <p>31%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 24%</b></p>
 <p><b>FAMILY AND COMMUNITY</b></p>	<p><b>Children in Single Parent Families</b> 2011</p> <p>31%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 36%</b></p>	<p><b>Families where Household Head Lacks a High School Diploma</b> 2011</p> <p>26%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 16%</b></p>	<p><b>Children Living in High Poverty Areas</b> 2011</p> <p>12%</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 21%</b></p>	<p><b>Teen Births per 1,000</b> 2012</p> <p>80</p> <p><b>NM Rate: 45</b></p>

Note: NA means data "not available"

Data provided by NM KIDS COUNT/NM Voices for Children for the NM Department of Health, 2014

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