

Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico



Economic Well-Being

INDICATOR: Children in Families without Secure Employment*

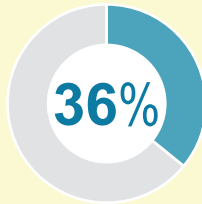
2016 indicator ranking



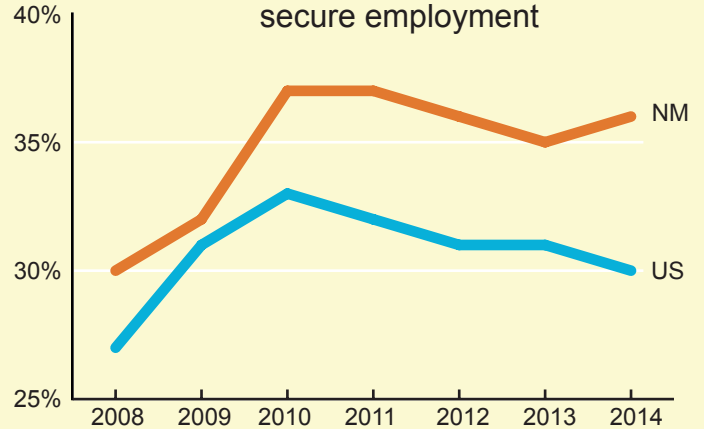
Number of children in families without secure employment

182,000

Percent of children in families without secure employment



Trends in children in families without secure employment



WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES**

To move up 1+ rankings to

47th

It would take a

3%
drop



in children in this situation

Which means

5,300

fewer children in this situation

To move up 5+ rankings to

41st

It would take a

8%
drop



in children in this situation

Which means

15,300

fewer children in this situation

To move up to the top ranking

1st

It would take a

44%
drop



in children in this situation

Which means

83,300

fewer children in this situation

WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Restore eligibility levels for child care assistance to pre-recession levels (200% of FPL).
- Expand access to high school equivalency, adult basic education, English as a second language, job training, and career pathways programs.
- Target WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funds to support bridge and career pathways programs that help low-skill parents earn high school equivalency diplomas and industry-recognized credentials in in-demand occupations. For parents with significant barriers to employment, use funds for on-the-job training, paid internships, and subsidized or transitional employment.

*Children (ages 0-17) living in families where no parent had full-time, year-round employment, 2014

**Ranking improvement estimates are based on point-in-time data reported in 2016; changes in other states' outcomes can also influence New Mexico's future rankings.

Sources: Rankings from: *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2016 (because states can tie in indicator rankings it may take more than 1 or 5 rankings in order to move up); Data from: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008-2014

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