

Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico



Education

INDICATOR: High School Students Not Graduating on Time*

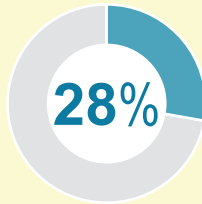
2016 indicator ranking



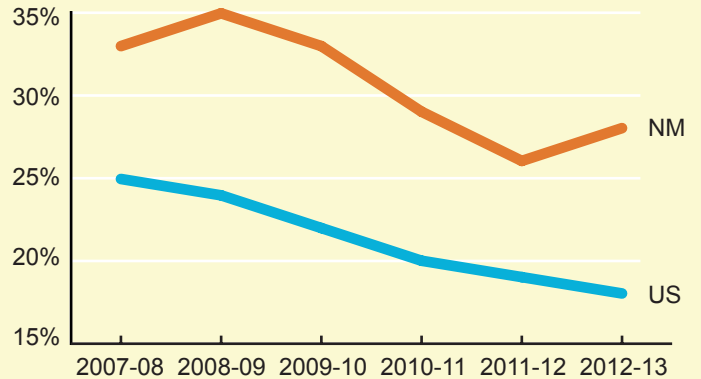
Number of high school students not graduating on time

7,950

Percent of high school students not graduating on time



Trends in high school students not graduating on time



WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES**

To move up 1+ rankings to

46th

It would take a



in students in this situation



Which means

280

fewer students in this situation

To move up 5+ rankings to

42nd

It would take a



in students in this situation



Which means

1,100

fewer students in this situation

To move up to the top ranking

1st

It would take a



in students in this situation



Which means

5,900

fewer students in this situation

WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Identify students who require additional learning time and provide free summer school, after-school, and online learning opportunities.
- Provide relevant learning opportunities through service learning, technical education, internships, and dual credit programs to better prepare students for career or college.
- Support dropout prevention and recovery programs, evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs, and community schools, and provide more school counselors.
- Provide support for vulnerable students who are at risk for dropping out.
- Reduce zero-tolerance policies and penalties in order to keep more students in school.
- Implement systems to identify and address chronic absenteeism.

*Members of a freshman class not graduating in four years; this measure not the same as the percentage of students who drop out.

**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. Dept. of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), 2007-2013; NM PED Enrollment by Grade, 2010



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