

Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico



Education

INDICATOR: 4th Graders Scoring Below Proficient in Reading*

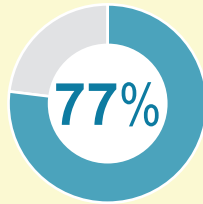
2016 indicator ranking



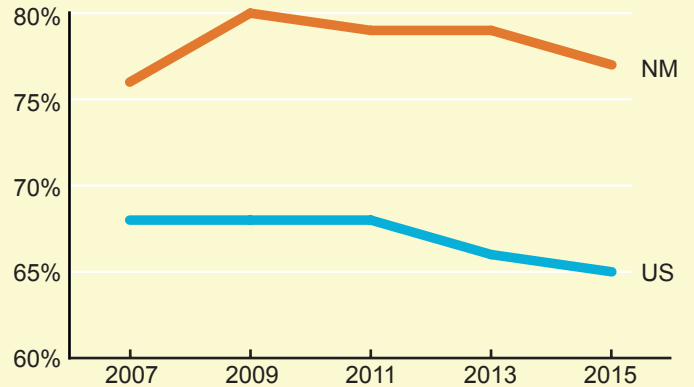
Number of 4th graders scoring below proficient in reading

19,400

Percent of 4th graders scoring below proficient in reading



Trends in 4th graders scoring below proficient in reading



WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES**

To move up 1+ rankings to

49th

It would take a



4th graders in this situation



Which means

750

fewer 4th graders in this situation

To move up 5+ rankings to

43rd

It would take a



4th graders in this situation



Which means

1,500

fewer 4th graders in this situation

To move up to the top ranking

1st

It would take a



4th graders in this situation



Which means

6,800

fewer 4th graders in this situation

WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Expand high-quality early childhood care and education services to prepare children for school.
- Expand funding for K-3 Plus.
- Expand K-3 Plus to a K-8 Plus program.
- Expand quality before- and after-school, mentorship, and tutoring programs to provide added academic assistance to low-income and low-performing students, or those whose parents may not be able to help them with their homework.
- Increase the availability of reading coaches and support evidence-based reading initiatives.
- Implement systems to identify and address chronic absenteeism.

*Fourth graders scoring below proficient in reading on the National Assessment of Education Progress

**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: National Center for Education Statistics, NAEP, 2007-2015; NM PED Enrollment by Grade, 2015



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