

Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico



Family and Community

INDICATOR: Children in Families where Household Head Lacks High School Diploma*

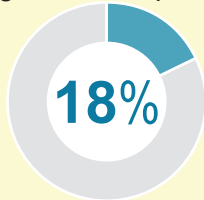
2016 indicator ranking



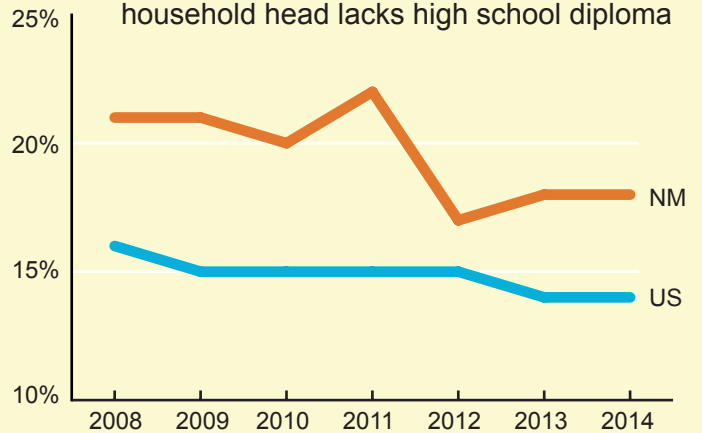
Number of children in families where household head lacks high school diploma

89,300

Percent of children in families where household head lacks high school diploma



Trends in children in families where household head lacks high school diploma



WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES**

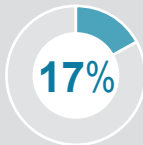
To move up 1+ rankings to

46th

It would take a



in children in this situation



Which means

2,300

fewer children in this situation

To move up 5+ rankings to

39th

It would take a



in children in this situation



Which means

17,300

fewer children in this situation

To move up to the top ranking

1st

It would take a



in children in this situation



Which means

67,300

fewer children in this situation

WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Expand access to high school equivalency programs, adult basic education, post-secondary education, and job training through a career pathways approach.
- Provide need-based financial assistance these programs for low-income and low-skilled adults.
- Expand funding and access for English as a second language classes.
- Fund alternative high schools and evidence-based drop-out prevention and recovery programs that combine education, job training, and youth development.
- Expand access to education-oriented youth employment and career exploration programs including paid summer jobs and internships, on-the-job training, career technical education, etc.

*Children (ages 0-17) in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma.

**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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