

# Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico



Family and Community

## INDICATOR: Children in Single-Parent Families\*

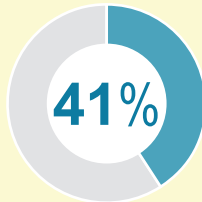
2016 indicator ranking



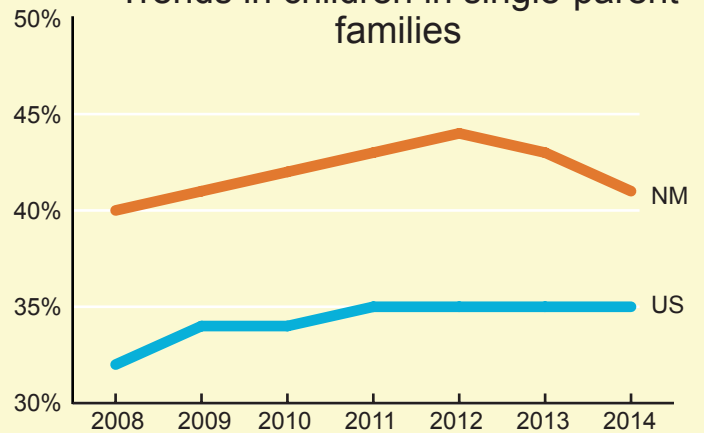
Number of children in single-parent families

**193,000**

Percent of children in single-parent families



Trends in children in single-parent families

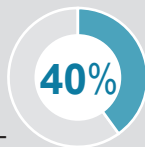


## WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES\*\*

To move up 1+ rankings to

**44<sup>th</sup>**

It would take a



in children in single-parent families

Which means

**3,700**

fewer children in this situation

To move up 5+ rankings to

**40<sup>th</sup>**

It would take a



in children in single-parent families

Which means

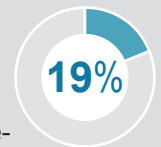
**8,400**

fewer children in this situation

To move up to the top ranking

**1<sup>st</sup>**

It would take a



in children in single-parent families

Which means

**102,000**

fewer children in this situation

## WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Expand funding for home visiting programs, especially for teen parents.
- Restore eligibility for child care assistance to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, so greater numbers of low-income families headed by single parents can afford child care.
- Expand funding for mentorship and other pregnancy prevention programs for teens.
- Support career pathways approaches that better align adult education with post-secondary education opportunities and industry needs and that provide a clear ladder to economic self-sufficiency.
- Maintain current Medicaid eligibility for family planning services.

\*Children (ages 0-17) in single-parent families

\*\*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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