

Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico



Health

INDICATOR: Child and Teen Deaths*

2016 indicator ranking



Child and teen death rate

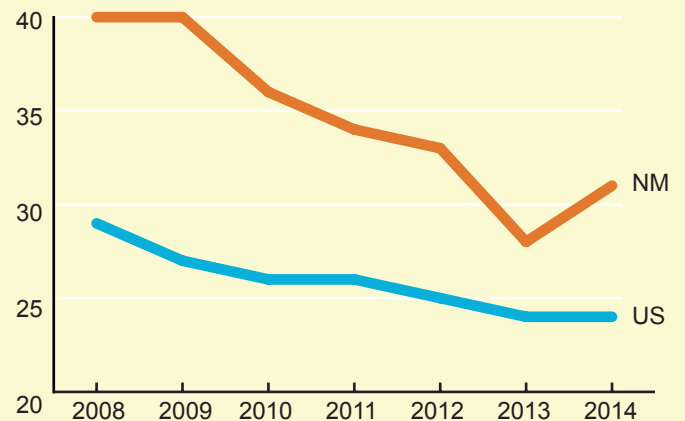
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deaths per 100,000 children and teens

Number of child and teen deaths

165

Trends in child and teen death rate



WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES**

To move up 1+ rankings to

38th

It would take a

5%

drop

in child and teen deaths

29

deaths per 100,000 children and teens

Which means

10

fewer child and teen deaths

To move up 5+ rankings to

35th

It would take a

9%

drop

in child and teen deaths

28

deaths per 100,000 children and teens

Which means

15

fewer child and teen deaths

To move up to the top ranking

1st

It would take a

50%

drop

in child and teen deaths

15

deaths per 100,000 children and teens

Which means

80

fewer child and teen deaths

WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Support and expand quality home visiting for families identified as high risk for child abuse and neglect.
- Expand funding for suicide prevention programs for youth.
- Enact stronger gun safety laws to limit unauthorized child access to guns.
- Adequately fund evidence-based child abuse prevention programs and strengthen the Children, Youth and Families Department's role in prevention.
- Increase funding for child protective services in order to increase staff and reduce caseloads.
- Create a citizen oversight or review board for all CYFD child abuse cases that result in death.
- Screen for adverse childhood experiences during EPSDT.

*Child and teen death rate (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1 to 19)

**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: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Multiple Causes of Death Public Use Files for 2008-2014

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