

KIDS COUNT Profile

Bernalillo County



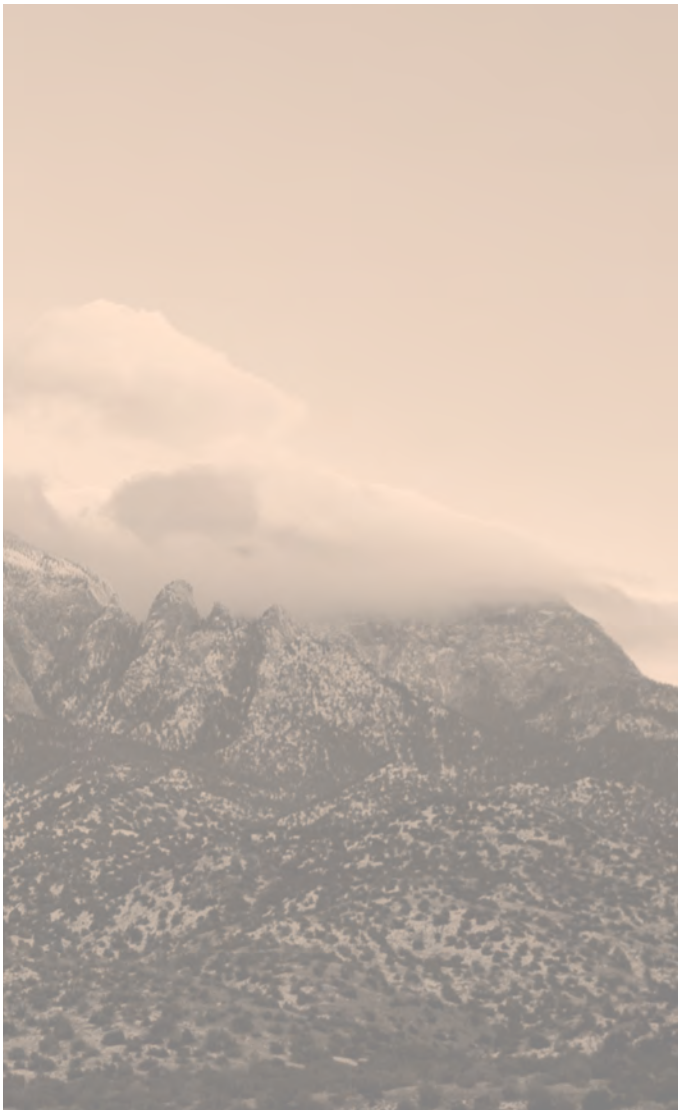
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KIDS COUNT in New Mexico

Every child deserves equal access to the tools and opportunities essential for long-term success: economic security, quality education, access to health supports, and a supportive family and community. The future of the Land of Enchantment is also dependent upon the foundation of these four pillars. Investing now in New Mexico's children means an investment in the future of the entire state, region, and nation.

Each year, the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT program provides child well-being rankings for the 50 states. Indicators within four primary domains of well-being—economic, education, health, and family and community—are tracked and evaluated by the Casey Foundation and by New Mexico Voices for Children, the KIDS COUNT anchor in our state, to understand and tell the child well-being story in New Mexico. Over time, the results show us where we are, where we have been improving, and where we can do better. Sadly, New Mexico has not ranked well in comparison to most of the nation. We fell to 49th for overall child well-being—ahead of just Mississippi—in 2012 and, except for 2013 (when we fell to 50th), our national ranking has not budged since.



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National Rank (2017): 49th  Unchanged since 2016 (49th)*

Domains	Indicators of child well-being			
 <p>Economic Well-Being National Rank: 48th</p>	<p>Children at or below the poverty level</p> <p>29% 141,000 children (2015)</p> <p>Improved since 2014 (30%) Worse than US average (21%)</p>	<p>Children whose parents lack secure employment</p> <p>34% 170,000 children (2015)</p> <p>Improved since 2014 (36%) Worse than US average (29%)</p>	<p>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</p> <p>31% 153,000 children (2015)</p> <p>Unchanged since 2014 (31%) Better than US average (33%)</p>	<p>Teens (16-19) not in school and not working</p> <p>9% 10,000 teens (2015)</p> <p>Unchanged since 2014 (9%) Worse than US average (7%)</p>
 <p>Education National Rank: 50th**</p>	<p>Young children not in school</p> <p>58% 32,000 children (2013-15)</p> <p>Improved since 2012-14 (59%) Worse than US average (53%)</p>	<p>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</p> <p>77% (2015)</p> <p>Improved since 2013 (79%) Worse than US average (65%)</p>	<p>Eighth graders not proficient in math</p> <p>79% (2015)</p> <p>Worsened since 2013 (77%) Worse than US average (68%)</p>	<p>High school students not graduating on time</p> <p>31% (2014-15)</p> <p>Improved since 2013-14 (32%)* Worse than US average (17%)</p>
 <p>Health National Rank: 37th</p>	<p>Low-birthweight babies</p> <p>8.7% 2,244 babies (2015)</p> <p>Improved since 2014 (8.8%) Worse than US average (8.1%)</p>	<p>Children without health insurance</p> <p>4% 22,000 children (2015)</p> <p>Improved since 2014 (7%) Better than US average (5%)</p>	<p>Child (1-14) and teen (15-19) death rates (per 100,000)</p> <p>34 178 deaths (2015)</p> <p>Worsened since 2014 (31) Worse than US average (25)</p>	<p>Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs</p> <p>5% 9,000 teens (2013-14)</p> <p>Improved since 2012-13 (7%) Same as US average (5%)</p>
 <p>Family and Community National Rank: 49th</p>	<p>Children in single-parent families</p> <p>41% 191,000 children (2015)</p> <p>Unchanged since 2014 (41%) Worse than US average (35%)</p>	<p>Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma</p> <p>18% 89,000 children (2015)</p> <p>Unchanged since 2014 (18%) Worse than US average (14%)</p>	<p>Children living in high-poverty areas</p> <p>25% 128,000 children (2011-15)</p> <p>Improved since 2010-14 (26%) Worse than US average (14%)</p>	<p>Teen (15-19) birth rate (per 1,000)</p> <p>35 2,320 births (2015)</p> <p>Improved since 2014 (38) Worse than US average (22)</p>

*Due to a slight change in the methodology for reporting data for the indicator "High school students not graduating on time," comparisons cannot be made between previous years' and this year's overall rank, education rank, and "High school students not graduating on time" data.

Source: *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2016 and 2017
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KIDS COUNT Profile: Bernalillo County

Demographic Information: Bernalillo County is the most populous county in the state with a population of 673,943 and is home to the state's largest city, Albuquerque. With about one-third of the state's population, Bernalillo County tracks the state average closely in terms of the 16 KIDS COUNT indicators of child well-being and racial and ethnic demographics. Hispanic children account for 62.5 percent of Bernalillo County's child demographic (0-19 years old), followed by Non-Hispanic White (25.7 percent), Native American (5.1 percent), Black (3.3 percent), and Asian/Pacific Islander (2.1 percent). As the state's largest population center, it's no surprise that Bernalillo County has significant economic resources that many other counties lack. Bernalillo County has the state's largest airport, is crossed by two of the state's three interstate highways, and is home to one of the state's two national laboratories, the VA hospital, and the regional trauma center (University Hospital).

Economic Well-Being: Bernalillo County fares slightly better than the state as a whole in three of the four KIDS COUNT economic indicators. Median household income in Bernalillo County, at \$47,725, is slightly higher than the state average of \$45,382. Employment opportunities tend to be better in larger metro areas than in small towns. The county has a 25 percent child poverty rate, versus 27 percent for New Mexico. Twelve percent of families with children do not have any parent working, one percent less than the state average of 13 percent. Additionally in Bernalillo County, 9 percent of teens, ages 16 to 19, are disconnected, meaning that they are not in school and not working; this is slightly better than the state average.

Housing costs are the one area where Bernalillo County fares worse than the state. Half of all renting households in the county have a high housing cost burden (compared with the state average of 46 percent), meaning they spend 30 percent or more of their total income on housing, leaving little to spend on food, health services, quality child care, and transportation.

Education: Bernalillo County fares slightly worse than the state as a whole across most of the KIDS COUNT education indicators. The county has just two school districts, Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) and Moriarty Municipal Schools. APS is the largest school district in the state, serving 91,426 students, and the largest employer in Albuquerque¹. It's also in the top 35 for public school enrollment by district across the nation, larger even than Milwaukee, Denver, and El Paso². However, APS does worse than the state average on all three of the K-12 education indicators. Moriarty, on the other hand, does better than the state average on two of the three. This may be a case where bigger is not better, as smaller districts may be better able to tailor their schools to the needs of the community. The percentage of 3- and 4-year olds in the county not enrolled in preschool is 58 percent, with the state's average close behind at 59 percent.

Health: Looking at the KIDS COUNT health indicators, Bernalillo County tracks fairly evenly with the state averages in two indicators and ranks remarkably better in two other indicators. Babies are born at a low birthweight (5.5 pounds or less) at a rate of 9.2 percent, similar to New Mexico's 9 percent. Child death rates, for ages 0 to 14, and teen death rates, ages 15 to 19, are at 63.8 and 63 deaths per 100,000 children, respectively. State rates for the same categories are at 57.8 and 64.2 per 100,000 children. Children in Bernalillo County do fare much better than the state as a whole when it comes to access to health insurance. Only 4.4 percent of them lack health insurance, compared with 5.1 percent across the state. Teens in Bernalillo County engaged in binge drinking at a rate of 11.5 percent, much lower than the state average of 14.6 percent.

Family and Community: Bernalillo County fares equally or slightly better than the state as a whole across all four KIDS COUNT family and community indicators. Within both the county and state, 38 percent of children reside in single-parent families. Children live in households headed by a person without a high school diploma at a rate of 12 percent for Bernalillo County, as opposed to the state average of 15 percent. Twenty percent of the county's children live in high-poverty areas—defined as a census tract where the overall poverty rate is higher than 30 percent—compared with 25 percent in the state. Teen birth rates are better, with Bernalillo County reporting a rate of 21.3 births per 1,000 female teens, compared to the state's rate of 29.4 births per 1,000.

In conclusion, Bernalillo County reflects the demographics and needs of the children of the state of New Mexico. Overall across many child well-being indicators, children fare better in Bernalillo County than across the state. The county's large population and central location within the state give it many advantages over small, more rural counties. If we are going to improve our 49th ranking in child well-being clearly the people of Bernalillo County must invest more in children.



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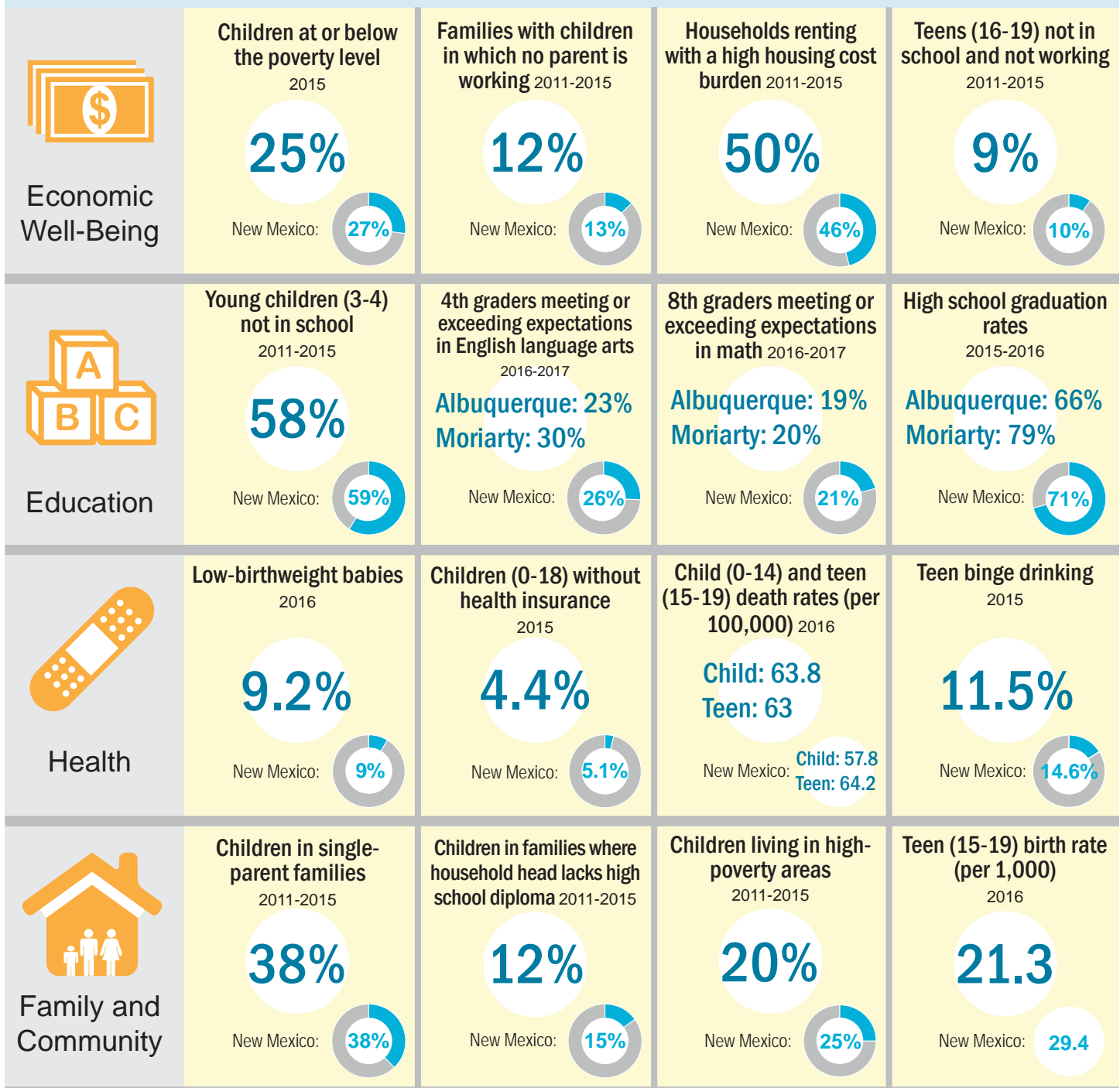
¹New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), School Fact Sheets: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/it/schoolfactsheets.html>. Data are shown by school year (SY)

²Enrollment, poverty, and federal funds for the 100 largest school districts, by enrollment size in 2010: Fall 2010, 2009-10, and federal fiscal year 2012, National Center for Education Statistics

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Domains

KIDS COUNT Indicators of child well-being



The above data are identical to data presented in the 2017 New Mexico Kids Count Data Book
Note: Unless otherwise noted, "children" refers to ages 0-17

Sources: Children in poverty: U.S. Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates; Families with no working parent: American Community Survey (ACS), Table B23007; Households with high housing cost burden: ACS Table B25070; Teens not in school/working: ACS Table B14005; Young children not in school: ACS Table B14003; English Language Arts and Math proficiencies: NM Public Education Department (PED), "PARCC Proficiencies 2017"; High school graduation rates: NM PED, "Webfiles cohort of 2016 4-Year Graduation Rates"; Low-birthweight babies: NM Department of Health (DOH), Indicator-Based Information System for Public Health (IBIS); Children without health insurance: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates; Child and teen death rates: NM DOH IBIS; Teen binge drinking: NM Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey; Children in single-parent families: ACS Table B09002; Children in families where household head lacks HS diploma: ACS Table B17018; Children living in high-poverty areas: Population Reference Bureau analysis of ACS data; Teen birth rate: NM DOH IBIS

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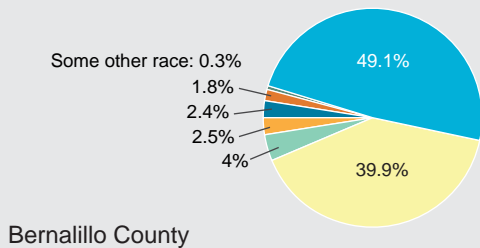
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Population demographics

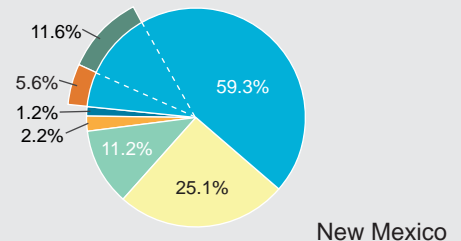
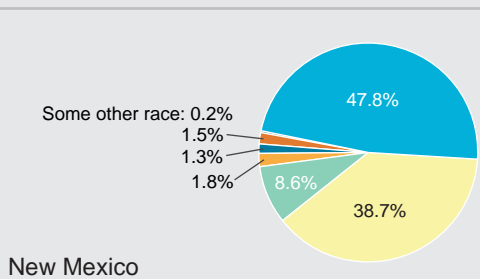
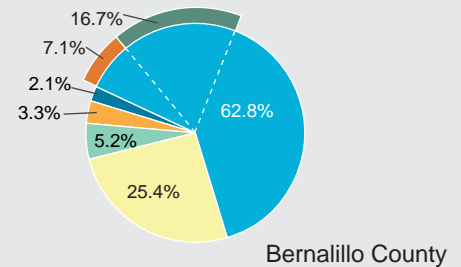
Total population (all ages) 2016		
	Number	Percentage of state total population
Bernalillo County	674,777	32.4%
New Mexico	2,082,669	100%

Child population (ages 0-19) 2016		
	Number	Percentage of state child population
Bernalillo County	171,692	30.7%
New Mexico	559,130	100%

Total population (all ages) by race and ethnicity* 2016



Child population (ages 0-19) by race and ethnicity* 2016



The U.S. Census considers Hispanic an ethnicity rather than a race. Since people who identify as Hispanic may also identify as a race, the sum of all numbers may be greater than 100% due to overlap. Where that overlap is significant, the "two or more races" and/or the "some other race" categories are shown separately.

Households receiving SNAP benefits 2016		
	Number	Percent
Bernalillo County	40,575	15.5%
New Mexico	126,654	16.6%

Families with children where no parent is in workforce** 2016		
	Number	Percent
Bernalillo County	8,022	11.2%
New Mexico	25,906	12.5%

Rate of substantiated child abuse 2017	
	Rate (per 1,000 children)
Bernalillo County	21
New Mexico	25

Median household income 2016		
	Number	Percent of state median income
Bernalillo County	\$48,994	107%
New Mexico	\$45,674	100%

*All data shown for Whites, Native Americans, Blacks, and Asian/Pacific Islanders are for people who did not also identify as Hispanic.

**The workforce includes those who are either working or unemployed but actively seeking work.

Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, 2012-2016: Total population by race & ethnicity: Table DP05; Child population by race & ethnicity: Tables B01001B, B01001C, B01001D, B01001E, B01001F, B01001G, B01001H, B01001I; Families with children where no parent is in workforce: B23007; Households receiving SNAP benefits: DP03; Rate of substantiated child abuse: NM Children, Youth and Families Protected Services Division, Information request received Nov. 2017; Total and child population: B01001; Median household income: B19013

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