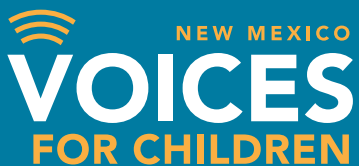


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Doña Ana County



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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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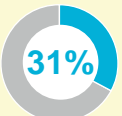


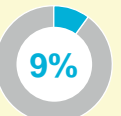





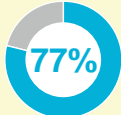


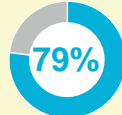






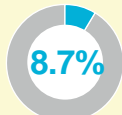


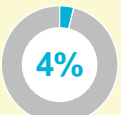


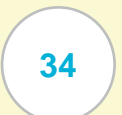


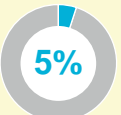















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National Rank (2017): 49th  Unchanged since 2016 (49th)*

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

*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: Doña Ana County

Demographic Information: Doña Ana County, in the south-central region of the state, is one of three New Mexico counties with an international border. Perhaps not surprisingly, 16.7 percent of the residents are foreign-born, far more than the state average of 9.7 percent¹. Just over half (51 percent) of Doña Ana County residents over the age of 5 speak a language other than English at home, while the state average is closer to a third (35.4 percent)². Las Cruces—the county's largest city and the state's second-largest city—is part of a tri-city area that includes El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juárez, in the Mexican state of Chihuahua, making the county something of a cultural crossroads. Doña Ana County is the second largest county within New Mexico, having a population of 213,825. There are 63,318 children in the county, accounting for 11.3 percent of the total child population of the state. The county has a notably higher percentage of Hispanic children than does the rest of the state, with 79.35 percent of children ages 0 to 19 identified as Hispanic, followed by Non-Hispanic White (16.6 percent), two or more races (3.4 percent), Black (1.6 percent), Native American (0.9 percent), and Asian/Pacific Islander (0.7 percent). Three school districts—Las Cruces Public Schools, Hatch Valley Municipal Schools, and Gadsden Independent Schools—operate within the county, with a total enrollment of 39,931 students³. Median household income for the county is \$38,636, which is lower than the state median of \$45,674.

Economic Well-Being: Doña Ana County fares slightly better than the state in two of the four KIDS COUNT indicators while facing worse outcomes in child poverty and housing cost burdens. The county has a 39 percent child poverty rate, substantially higher than the state rate of 27 percent. Forty-nine percent of all renting households in the county have a high housing cost burden, meaning they spend 30 percent or more of their total income on housing. This is worse than the state average of 46 percent. Twelve percent of families with children do not have any parent working, which is slightly better than the state at 13 percent. Lastly, 8 percent of teens are disconnected, meaning they are not in school or working. This is better than the New Mexico average of 10 percent.

Education: The KIDS COUNT domain where Doña Ana County excels is education, with Gadsden Independent Schools outperforming the state in proficiencies and graduation rates. Gadsden leads the county in fourth grade reading proficiency, with 30 percent of students meeting or exceeding expectations in English Language Arts, followed by Las Cruces Public Schools (27 percent) and Hatch Valley Municipal Schools (22 percent). The New Mexico fourth grade reading proficiency rate is 26 percent. Outcomes for eighth grade math proficiency follow similar trends, with Gadsden leading with 30 percent of students meeting or exceeding expectations, followed by Hatch Valley (29 percent), and Las Cruces (18 percent). The state has a 21 percent rate of eighth grade math proficiency. Graduation

rates are higher than the state average in all three districts, with Gadsden (86 percent), Las Cruces (80 percent), and Hatch Valley (74 percent) outperforming the state's 71 percent graduation rate. Unfortunately, the county lags the state in the one early education indicator, with 65 percent of 3-and-4 year olds not enrolled in school; this is worse than the state average of 59 percent.

Health: Children in Doña Ana County tend to fare nearly the same as the average New Mexican child across the four KIDS COUNT health indicators, with the exception of child death rates. Babies are born at a low birthrate of 5.5 pounds or less at a rate of 7.5 percent, better than the state rate of 9 percent. Five percent of the county's children lack health insurance, which is slightly better than the state at 5.1 percent. The child death rate for ages 0 to 14 is 75.3 deaths per 100,000, higher than the state child death rate of 57.8 deaths per 100,000. The teen death rate for ages 15 to 19 is 51.5 deaths per 100,000 within the county, significantly lower than the state rate of 64.2 deaths per 100,000. Teens in Doña Ana County engaged in binge drinking at a rate of 15 percent, slightly worse than the state at 14.6 percent.

Family and Community: The family and community indicators for Doña Ana County are a mixed bag. The county's rate of children in single-parent families—38 percent—is equal to the state average, and the teen birth rate—at 31.4 births per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19—is just slightly higher than the state's rate of 29.4 births per 1,000 females. However, when it comes to children living in a household headed by a person without a high school diploma, the county—at 21 percent—does worse than the state's rate of 15 percent. A much larger share of children in the county reside in high-poverty areas—where 30 percent or more of the residents live in poverty—with the rate being 42 percent compared to the state rate of 25 percent.

In conclusion, analysis of the data for Doña Ana County and the state of New Mexico suggests that the county shines in some areas while facing challenges in many others. The resiliency and strengths of the county's children, families, and teachers is evident in the fact that the county outperforms the state in many education indicators. However, the county lags significantly behind the rest of the state in some economic indicators. Combined with the high percentage of Hispanic children, these figures underscore the importance of supporting racial and ethnic minority students and their families. The county's position along the Mexican border, and its close ties to El Paso and Juárez, give it a unique cultural complexion that is among its many strengths. The state must build upon these strengths if we are to improve outcomes for all of New Mexico's children.

1. U.S. Census Bureau, QuickFacts, 2012-2016, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/-fact/table/doaanacountynewmexico/POP060210>

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3. New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), School Fact Sheets: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/schoolfactsheets.html>

Doña Ana County KIDS COUNT Profile

Domains

KIDS COUNT Indicators of child well-being



Economic Well-Being

Children at or below
the poverty level
2015

39%

New Mexico:



Families with children
in which no parent is
working 2011-2015

12%

New Mexico:



Households renting
with a high housing cost
burden 2011-2015

49%

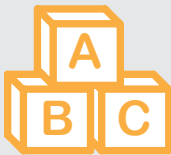
New Mexico:



Teens (16-19) not in
school and not working
2011-2015

8%

New Mexico:



Education

Young children (3-4)
not in school
2011-2015

65%

New Mexico:



4th graders meeting or
exceeding expectations
in English language arts
2016-2017

Gadsden: 30%

Hatch: 22%

Las Cruces: 27%

New Mexico:



8th graders meeting or
exceeding expectations
in math 2016-2017

Gadsden: 30%

Hatch: 29%

Las Cruces: 18%

New Mexico:



High school graduation
rates
2015-2016

Gadsden: 86%

Hatch: 74%

Las Cruces: 80%

New Mexico:



Health

Low-birthweight babies
2016

7.5%

New Mexico:



Children (0-18) without
health insurance
2015

5%

New Mexico:



Child (0-14) and teen
(15-19) death rates (per
100,000) 2016

Child: 75.3

Teen: 51.1

New Mexico: Child: 57.8
Teen: 64.2

Teen binge drinking
2015

15%

New Mexico:



Family and Community

Children in single-
parent families
2011-2015

38%

New Mexico:



Children in families where
household head lacks high
school diploma 2011-2015

21%

New Mexico:



Children living in high-
poverty areas
2011-2015

42%

New Mexico:



Teen (15-19) birth rate
(per 1,000)
2016

31.4

New Mexico:



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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Population demographics

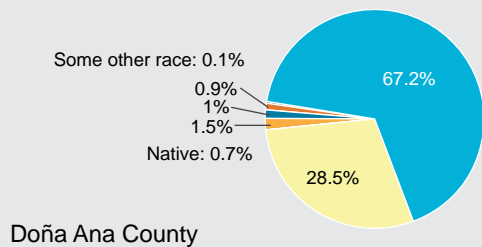
Total population (all ages) 2016

	Number	Percentage of state total population
Doña Ana County	213,825	10.3%
New Mexico	2,082,669	100%

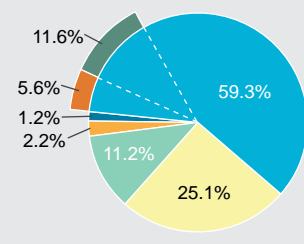
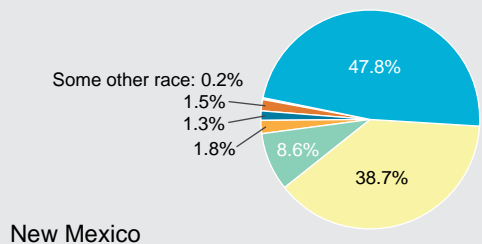
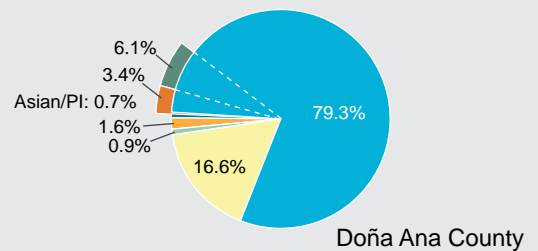
Child population (ages 0-19) 2016

	Number	Percentage of state child population
Doña Ana County	63,318	11.3%
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
Doña Ana County	15,837	21.1%
New Mexico	126,654	16.6%

Families with children where no parent is in workforce 2016**

	Number	Percent
Doña Ana County	2,500	10.8%
New Mexico	25,906	12.5%

Rate of substantiated child abuse 2017

	Rate (per 1,000 children)
Doña Ana County	24
New Mexico	25

Median household income 2016

	Number	Percent of state median income
Doña Ana County	\$38,636	85%
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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