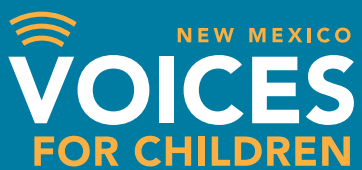


KIDS COUNT Profile

McKinley 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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New Mexico KIDS COUNT Profile

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: McKinley County

Demographic Information: McKinley County is a study in contrasts. It has deep and ancient cultural riches but is poor in economic terms. It is also a mixed rural-urban county, and its position in the northwest region of the state encompasses a fair amount of tribal land. The county has a total population of 73,998 and a child population of 25,038. Native American children—primarily Navajo and Zuni—account for 76.6 percent of the county's child demographic (ages 0 to 19), followed by Hispanics (16.3 percent), two or more races (6.5 percent), non-Hispanic Whites (5.1 percent), and Black and Asian (0.6 each each). Navajo is the most widely spoken language in McKinley County¹. Gallup-McKinley County Schools, the largest employer in the county, serves 11,687 students in grades K-12². The Zuni Public Schools serves an additional 1,373 students in both McKinley County and in Cibola County to the south. Median household income for the county is \$29,272, significantly lower than the New Mexico's median household income of 45,674.

Economic Well-Being: McKinley County fares worse than the state in most of the KIDS COUNT economic indicators, but there is a bright spot. The county does better than the state in the share of households that rent and have a high housing cost burden—36 percent compared to the state's 46 percent. A household has a high housing cost burden if they spend 30 percent or more of their total income on housing. Unfortunately, the county's 39 percent child poverty rate is 12 percentage points higher than the state's rate of 27 percent. Twenty-two percent of families with children do not have any parent working, compared to 13 percent for the state. Additionally in McKinley County 15 percent of teens ages 16 to 19 are disconnected, meaning that they are not in school and not working. The state rate is 10 percent. However, a significant amount of economic activity in McKinley County may not be captured in the data because it is done on a cash or bartering basis.

Education: McKinley County also shines in one of the KIDS COUNT education indicators. The percentage of 3-and-4-year olds in the county not enrolled in school is 50 percent—a significantly better rate than the state average of 59 percent. However, the county does not fare as well as the state in the other three education indicators. While only 26 percent of the state's fourth graders are meeting or exceeding expectations in reading, the rates are even lower in Gallup schools (14 percent) and Zuni schools (9 percent). The story is similar for eighth graders meeting or exceeding expectations in math. While the state rate is just 21 percent, the rates for Gallup and Zuni are 12 percent and 5 percent, respectively. High school graduation rates at Gallup are at 65 percent and are 61 percent for Zuni, both lower than the state average of 71 percent.

Health: The bright spot in the KIDS COUNT health indicators for McKinley County is the rate of teens engaged in binge drinking. Just 9.3 percent of McKinley County teens reported engaging in binge drinking, while the state

average was 14.6 percent. Babies are born at a low birthweight at a rate of 9.1 percent, which is close to New Mexico's 9 percent rate. Children in McKinley County fare the same as the state as a whole when it comes to access to health insurance. Only 5.1 percent of them lack health insurance, which is the same as the state average. The child death rate for ages 0 to 14 in the county is 47.8 deaths per 100,000 children, lower than the state rate of 57.8. The teen death rate for ages 15 to 19 in the county is 70.7 deaths per 100,000 teens, higher than the state average of 64.2.

Family and Community: McKinley County fares worse than the state as a whole across the KIDS COUNT family and community indicators, with the exception of teen births. The teen birth rate in the county, at 29.9 births per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19, is in line with the state rate of 29.4 births per 1,000. Within the county, 44 percent of children reside in single-parent families, higher than the state average of 38 percent. More than a quarter—26 percent—of children live in families where the head of the household lacks a high school diploma. For the state as a whole that rate is 15 percent. More than three-quarters (76 percent) of McKinley County's children live in high-poverty areas, which are areas where the overall poverty rate is higher than 30 percent. Statewide, 25 percent of children live in high-poverty areas.

In conclusion, McKinley County is a study in contrasts. Given its large, mostly Navajo Native population with their strong ties to their traditional language, the county is rich in cultural values and norms. But their cultural riches are in stark contrast to their economic poverty. As it is one of the poorest counties in New Mexico, it comes as no surprise that educational outcomes for its children lag the rest of the state. Children and families in McKinley County need access to more opportunities that will improve their economic well-being.



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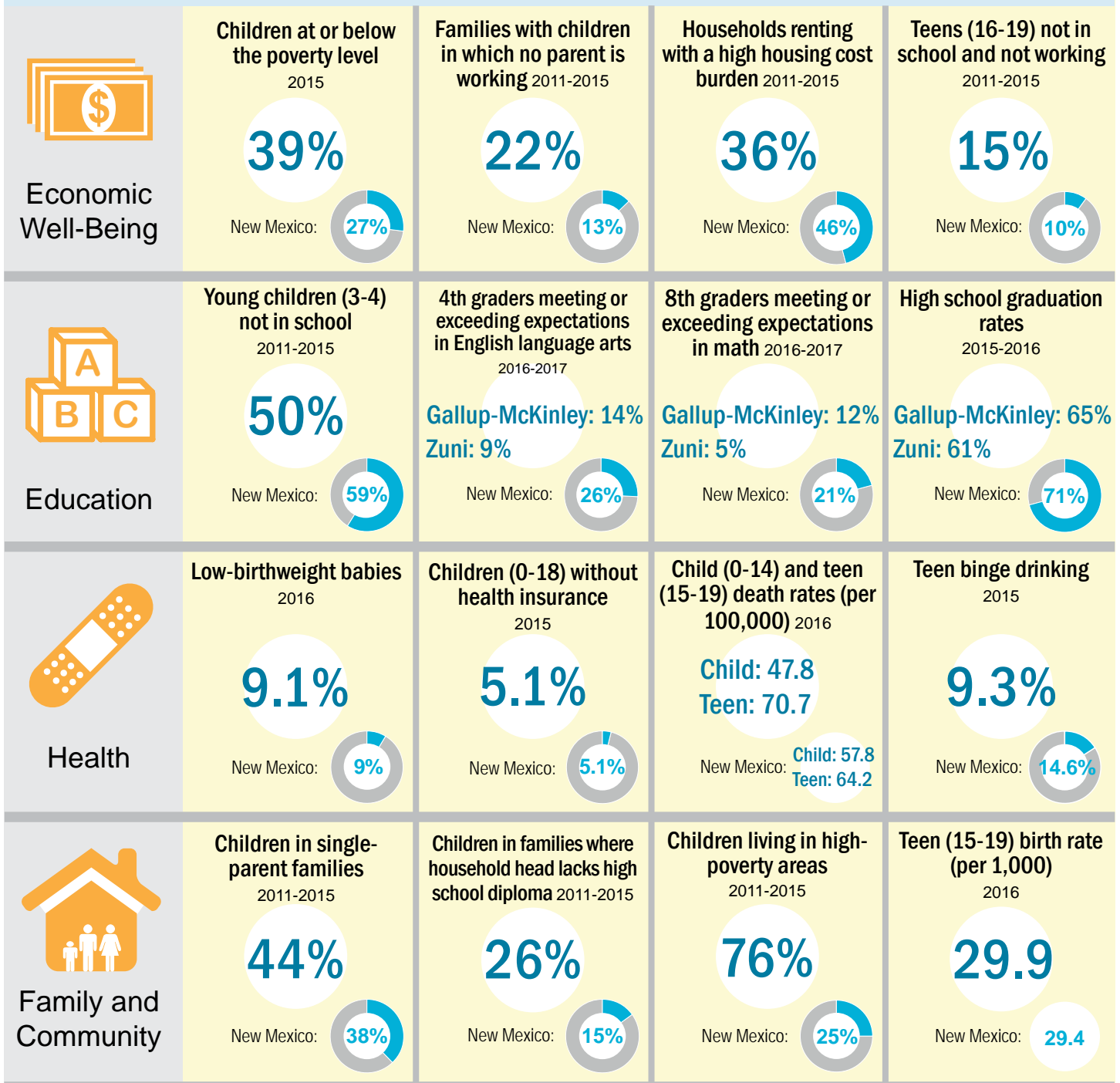
¹American FactFinder, so U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2012-2016

²New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), School Fact Sheets: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/it/schoolfactsheets.html>

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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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Population demographics

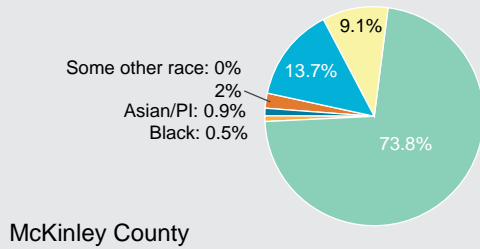
Total population (all ages) 2016

	Number	Percentage of state total population
McKinley County	74,346	3.6%
New Mexico	2,082,669	100%

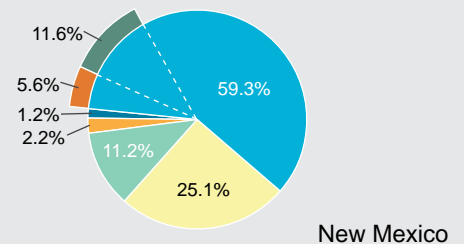
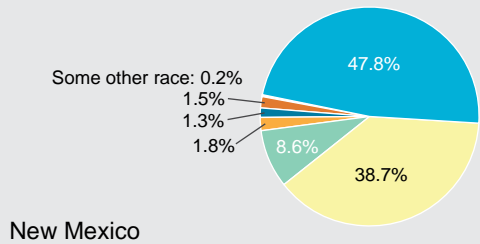
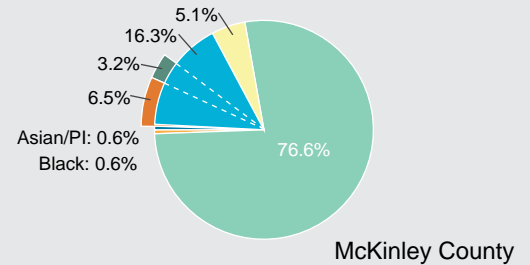
Child population (ages 0-19) 2016

	Number	Percentage of state child population
McKinley County	25,039	4.5%
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
McKinley County	4,913	25.9%
New Mexico	126,654	16.6%

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

	Number	Percent
McKinley County	1,184	21.9%
New Mexico	25,906	12.5%

Rate of substantiated child abuse 2017

	Rate (per 1,000 children)
McKinley County	19
New Mexico	25

Median household income 2016

	Number	Percent of state median income
McKinley County	\$29,272	64%
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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