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A Southern New Mexico Snapshot

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Every child should have access to the opportunities and resources they need to succeed: economic security, quality education, healthcare, and a supportive family and community. The foundation of the Land of Enchantment's success is also built upon these four pillars. Investing in New Mexico's children means investing in our people, state, and nation. Each year, the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT program provides child well-being rankings for the fifty states. Indicators within four primary domains of well-being (economic well-being, education, health, and family and community) are tracked and evaluated by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and by New Mexico Voices for Children, the KIDS COUNT anchor in our state, to understand and tell the story of child well-being in New Mexico. Over time, the results show us where we are, where we are improving, and where we can still do better.

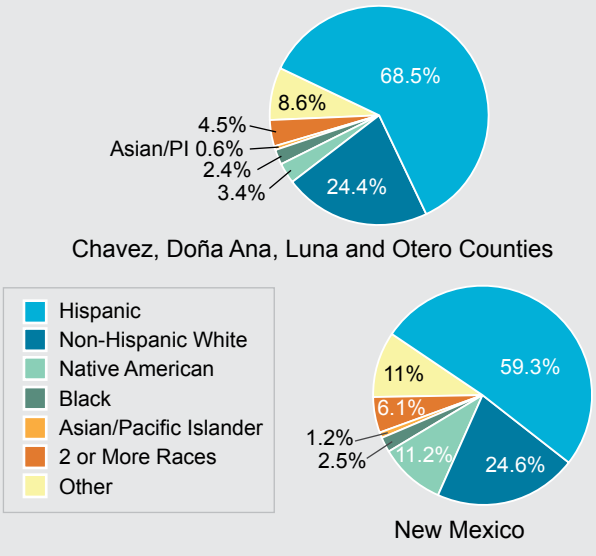
The counties of Chaves, Doña Ana, Luna, and Otero comprise the area of focus for this Southern New Mexico snapshot. With a combined population of 369,881, the southern region has a notably higher percentage of Hispanic-identified children than does the rest of the state. Nearly 69 percent of children ages 0-19 are Hispanic in comparison to the state average of 59 percent (see figure, at right). In Doña Ana County, which is anchored by Las Cruces—the second largest city in New Mexico—78 percent of children are Hispanic.[1] The area also has a significantly smaller Native American population than does the state.

Though this area of the state is similar in some regards to New Mexico as a whole, it has unique strengths and challenges. Within the four domains of child well-being, data suggest that the four previously listed counties tend to lag behind the rest of the state in most indicators; however, there are some outcome areas where southern New Mexico outperforms the rest of the state.

Economic Well-Being: The most notable challenges observed are within the economic domain, which is a strong predictor of a child's outcomes later in life. New Mexico's median household income is currently $45,382. In stark contrast, the average median income of the four selected counties is $36,684, with Luna County representing the low end at $27,426 and Chaves County the high end at $40,630.[2] Unsurprisingly given lower income numbers, child poverty numbers were markedly higher in these southern counties, with an average child poverty rate of 36 percent compared to the state average of 30 percent.[3] Another area of concern is the abundance of grandparents who are responsible for their own grandchildren and are living in poverty. Luna, Doña Ana, and Otero counties have rates far higher than the state average of 20 percent, especially Luna County with a rate of 49 percent.[4] Chaves County is an outlier with a lower rate of 16 percent.

Southern NM counties have a higher share of Hispanic children than state

Child (ages 0-19) population by race and ethnicity,* 2015



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey data
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*Some children in each race listed may also identify as Hispanic. Thus, the sum of the numbers is greater than 100%.

Education: Analysis of education data for these four counties shows that while the percentage of 3- and 4-year-old children enrolled in preschool is significantly lower than the state average (35 versus 46 percent),[5] high school graduation rates were higher on average in the four southern counties (74 versus 71 percent). Graduation rates are an area of encouragement, boosted by the strong performance of schools within Doña Ana County, graduating 80 percent of high school seniors. Breaking the county's average down by individual school districts provides more insight into the large gains in high school diploma attainment. Hatch Valley Municipal Schools, the northernmost of Doña Ana County's three districts, has the lowest graduation rate at 74 percent, which is still higher than the state average of 71 percent. Las Cruces Public Schools graduated 80 percent of its high school seniors. Gadsden Independent Schools, with four high schools, had a graduation rate of 86 percent.[6]

Health: Chaves, Doña Ana, Luna, and Otero Counties are close to state averages in two major health categories: the percentage of New Mexico children without health insurance and the percentage of low-birthweight babies. The four counties have a 5.5 percent average of uninsured children, slightly worse than the state rate of 5.1 percent.[7] However, Doña Ana County's average sits at 5 percent, better than the state average, and an encouraging number. The percentage of low-birthweight babies, defined as a child weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth, within the four counties is 7.6 percent compared to the state average of 8.7 percent.[8] At 8.6 percent, Doña Ana County has a substantially higher percentage of low-birthweight babies in relation to the other three counties, but it is still slightly lower than the state average.

Family and Community: Within the domain of family and community, the low educational attainment of heads of households reflects a big challenge area for kids in three of the four counties. In Chaves, Doña Ana, and Luna Counties an average of 25 percent of children live in families where the head of household lacks a high school diploma or equivalent. Otero County, at 11 percent, outperforms both New Mexico (15 percent) and the United States (12 percent), on average.[9] Children born to parents with low educational attainment experience higher rates of poverty, food insecurity, and child abuse. All four counties have extremely high percentages of children living in high-poverty areas. With an average of 43 percent, these southern counties have far worse rates than New Mexico and the United States, at 26 and 14 percent, respectively.[10] Looking at substantiated child abuse cases, both Chaves and Doña Ana counties had rates of 15 substantiated child victims per 1,000 children while Otero County had a rate of 17 and Luna County had a rate of 22. The New Mexico average for child abuse is 17 substantiated victims per 1,000 children.[11]

In conclusion, analysis of the data for the state of New Mexico and the counties of Chaves, Doña Ana, Luna, and Otero suggests that on average the four counties outperform the state in high school graduation rates while lagging behind in other key child well-being indicators, most notably within the economic domain.

The southern region of New Mexico has a substantially higher percentage of Hispanic children, underscoring the importance of supporting racial and ethnic minority students within a minority-majority state such as New Mexico. New Mexican children, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender deserve equal opportunity to reach their full potential. Investing in our children and our families will make our communities and our state stronger.

Endnotes

1. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey data, 2015; 5-year estimates
2. American Community Survey, Table B19013; state data are 1-year estimates; county data are 5-year estimates
3. American Community Survey, Table S1701, and Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE); 1-year estimates
4. American Community Survey, Table B10059; state data are 1-year estimates; county data are 5-year estimates
5. American Community Survey, Table S1401; state data are 1-year estimates; county data are 5-year estimates
6. New Mexico Public Education Department, 4-year graduation rates by cohort, http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/Graduation_data.html
7. U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)
8. Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, New Mexico Department of Health; http://ibis.health.state.nm.us.
9. American Community Survey, 2010-2014, Table B17018
10. Population Reference Bureau analysis of American Community Survey, 2010-2014
11. New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Protective Services Publications "360 Yearly" Reports

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Chavez County KIDS COUNT Profile

Domains	KIDS COUNT Indicators of child well-being			
Economic Well-Being	Children at or below the poverty level 2015 29% New Mexico: 27%	Families with children in which no parent is working 2011-2015 16% New Mexico: 13%	Households renting with a high housing cost burden 2011-2015 41% New Mexico: 46%	Teens (16-19) not in school and not working 2011-2015 11% New Mexico: 10%
Education	Young children (3-4) not in school 2011-2015 60% New Mexico: 59%	4th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in English language arts 2016-2017 Roswell: 28% New Mexico: 26%	8th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in math 2016-2017 Roswell: 27% New Mexico: 21%	High school graduation rates 2015-2016 Roswell: 69% New Mexico: 71%
Health	Low-birthweight babies 2016 9.1% New Mexico: 9%	Children without health insurance 2015 5.1% New Mexico: 5.1%	Child (0-14) and teen (15-19) death rates (per 100,000) 2016 Child: 102.9 Teen: 38.2 New Mexico: Child: 57.8 Teen: 64.2	Teen binge drinking 2015 11.4% New Mexico: 14.6%
Family and Community	Children in single-parent families 2011-2015 36% New Mexico: 38%	Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma 2011-2015 21% New Mexico: 15%	Children living in high-poverty areas 2011-2015 31% New Mexico: 25%	Teen (15-19) birth rate (per 1,000) 2016 38.1 New Mexico: 29.4

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

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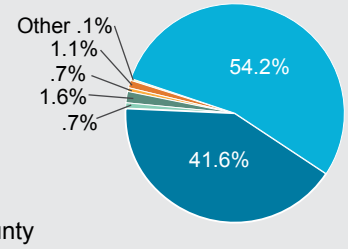
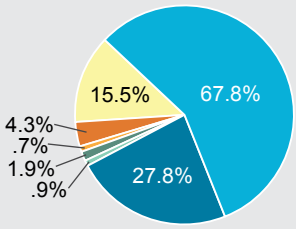
Population demographics

Total population (all ages) by race and ethnicity 2015



Chavez County

Child population (ages 0-19) by race and ethnicity 2015



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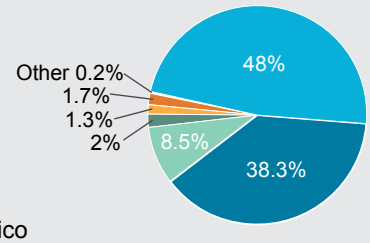

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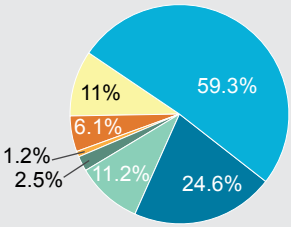

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Families with children where no parent is in workforce* 2015

	Number	Percent
Chavez County	1,192	15.7%
New Mexico	22,659	11.4%

Households receiving SNAP benefits 2015

	Number	Percent
Chavez County	4,549	19.4%
New Mexico	133,347	17.5%

Rate of substantiated child abuse 2016

	Rate (per 1,000 children)
Chavez County	15
New Mexico	17

Total population (all ages) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Chavez County	65,811	3.2%
New Mexico	2,085,109	100%

Child population (ages 0-19) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Chavez County	20,139	3.6%
New Mexico	556,872	100%

Median household income 2015

	Number	Percent of state median income
Chavez County	$40,630	90%
New Mexico	$45,382	100%

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

Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey (note: ACS data for New Mexico are 1-year estimates; data for NM counties are 5-year estimates): Table DP05 (total population by race/ethnicity); Tables B01001B, B01001C, B01001D, B01001E, B01001F, B01001G, B01001H, B01001I (child population by race/ethnicity); Table B23007 (children in families where no parent is in workforce); Table DP03 (households receiving SNAP); NM Children, Youth and Families Department "360 Yearly" Reports (child abuse rate); Table B01001 (total and child population); Table B19013 (median household income)

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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: 27%	Families with children in which no parent is working 2011-2015 12% New Mexico: 13%	Households renting with a high housing cost burden 2011-2015 49% New Mexico: 46%	Teens (16-19) not in school and not working 2011-2015 8% New Mexico: 10%
Education	Young children (3-4) not in school 2011-2015 65% New Mexico: 59%	4th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in English language arts 2016-2017 Gadsden: 30% Hatch: 22% Las Cruces: 27% New Mexico: 26%	8th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in math 2016-2017 Gadsden: 30% Hatch: 29% Las Cruces: 18% New Mexico: 21%	High school graduation rates 2015-2016 Gadsden: 86% Hatch: 74% Las Cruces: 80% New Mexico: 71%
Health	Low-birthweight babies 2016 7.5% New Mexico: 9%	Children without health insurance 2015 5% New Mexico: 5.1%	Child (0-14) and teen (15-19) death rates (per 100,000) 2016 Child: 75.3 Teen: 51.5 New Mexico: Child: 57.8 Teen: 64.2	Teen binge drinking 2015 15% New Mexico: 14.6%
Family and Community	Children in single-parent families 2011-2015 38% New Mexico: 38%	Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma 2011-2015 21% New Mexico: 15%	Children living in high-poverty areas 2011-2015 42% New Mexico: 25%	Teen (15-19) birth rate (per 1,000) 2016 31.4 New Mexico: 29.4

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

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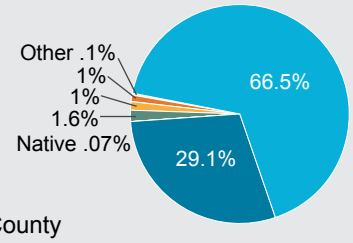
Doña Ana County KIDS COUNT Profile

Population demographics

Total population (all ages) by race and ethnicity 2015



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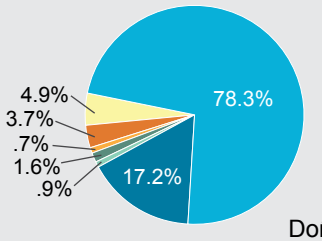

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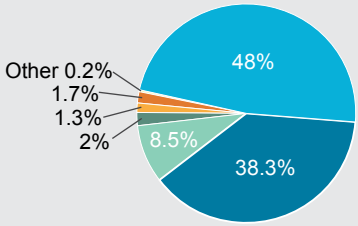

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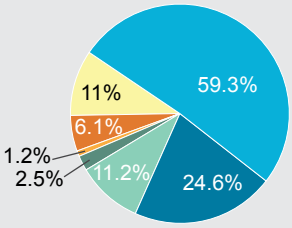

New Mexico

Families with children where no parent is in workforce* 2015

	Number	Percent
Doña Ana County	2,717	11.6%
New Mexico	22,659	11.4%

Households receiving SNAP benefits 2015

	Number	Percent
Doña Ana County	15,310	20.5%
New Mexico	133,347	17.5%

Rate of substantiated child abuse 2016

	Rate (per 1,000 children)
Doña Ana County	15
New Mexico	17

Total population (all ages) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Doña Ana County	213,963	10.3%
New Mexico	2,085,109	100%

Child population (ages 0-19) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Doña Ana County	64,047	11.5%
New Mexico	556,872	100%

Median household income 2015

	Number	Percent of state median income
Doña Ana County	$38,853	86%
New Mexico	$45,382	100%

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

Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey (note: ACS data for New Mexico are 1-year estimates; data for NM counties are 5-year estimates): Table DP05 (total population by race/ethnicity); Tables B01001B, B01001C, B01001D, B01001E, B01001F, B01001G, B01001H, B01001I (child population by race/ethnicity); Table B23007 (children in families where no parent is in workforce); Table DP03 (households receiving SNAP); NM Children, Youth and Families Department "360 Yearly" Reports (child abuse rate); Table B01001 (total and child population); Table B19013 (median household income)

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Luna County KIDS COUNT Profile

Domains	KIDS COUNT Indicators of child well-being			
Economic Well-Being	Children at or below the poverty level 2015 41% New Mexico: 27%	Families with children in which no parent is working 2011-2015 13% New Mexico: 13%	Households renting with a high housing cost burden 2011-2015 40% New Mexico: 46%	Teens (16-19) not in school and not working 2011-2015 8% New Mexico: 10%
Education	Young children (3-4) not in school 2011-2015 70% New Mexico: 59%	4th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in English language arts 2016-2017 Deming: 21% New Mexico: 26%	8th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in math 2016-2017 Deming: 17% New Mexico: 21%	High school graduation rates 2015-2016 Deming: 71% New Mexico: 71%
Health	Low-birthweight babies 2016 5.9% New Mexico: 9%	Children without health insurance 2015 6.1% New Mexico: 5.1%	Child (0-14) and teen (15-19) death rates (per 100,000) 2016 Child: 37.6 Teen: 174.3 New Mexico: Child: 57.8 Teen: 64.2	Teen binge drinking 2015 21.9% New Mexico: 14.6%
Family and Community	Children in single-parent families 2011-2015 36% New Mexico: 38%	Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma 2011-2015 32% New Mexico: 15%	Children living in high-poverty areas 2011-2015 30% New Mexico: 25%	Teen (15-19) birth rate (per 1,000) 2016 70.9 New Mexico: 29.4

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

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Luna County KIDS COUNT Profile

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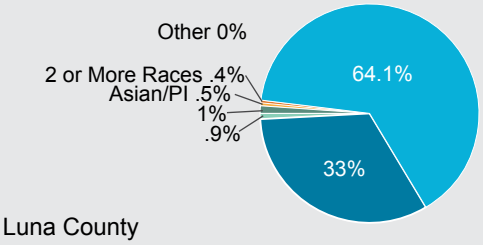
Total population (all ages) by race and ethnicity 2015



Luna County

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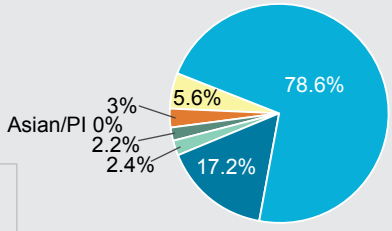

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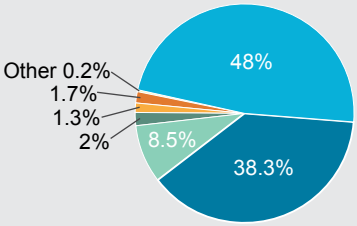

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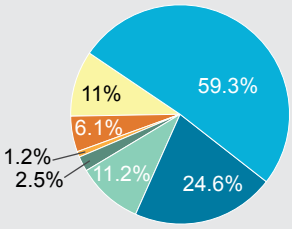

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Families with children where no parent is in workforce* 2015

	Number	Percent
Luna County	237	13.1%
New Mexico	22,659	11.4%

Households receiving SNAP benefits 2015

	Number	Percent
Luna County	2,662	29.4%
New Mexico	133,347	17.5%

Rate of substantiated child abuse 2016

	Rate (per 1,000 children)
Luna County	22
New Mexico	17

Total population (all ages) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Luna County	24,789	1.2%
New Mexico	2,085,109	100%

Child population (ages 0-19) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Luna County	7,376	1.3%
New Mexico	556,872	100%

Median household income 2015

	Number	Percent of state median income
Luna County	$27,476	61%
New Mexico	$45,382	100%

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

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Otero County KIDS COUNT Profile

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Education	Young children (3-4) not in school 2011-2015 63% New Mexico: 59%	4th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in English language arts 2016-2017 Alamogordo: 33% Cloudcroft: 44% Tularosa: 31% New Mexico: 26%	8th graders meeting or exceeding expectations in math 2016-2017 Alamogordo: 31% Cloudcroft: 23% Tularosa: 29% New Mexico: 21%	High school graduation rates 2015-2016 Alamogordo: 71% Cloudcroft: 90% Tularosa: 70% New Mexico: 71%
Health	Low-birthweight babies 2016 7.2% New Mexico: 9%	Children without health insurance 2015 5.8% New Mexico: 5.1%	Child (0-14) and teen (15-19) death rates (per 100,000) 2016 Child: 54 Teen: 25.5 New Mexico: Child: 57.8 Teen: 64.2	Teen binge drinking 2015 20.3% New Mexico: 14.6%
Family and Community	Children in single-parent families 2011-2015 39% New Mexico: 38%	Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma 2011-2015 11% New Mexico: 15%	Children living in high-poverty areas 2011-2015 39% New Mexico: 25%	Teen (15-19) birth rate (per 1,000) 2016 45.2 New Mexico: 29.4

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

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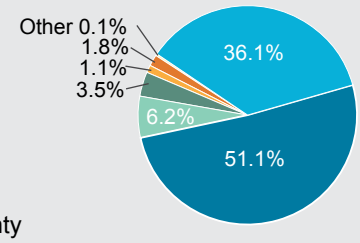
Population demographics

Total population (all ages) by race and ethnicity 2015



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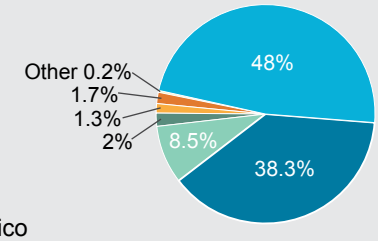

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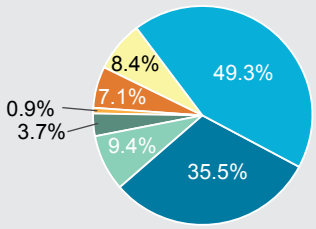
Child population (ages 0-19) by race and ethnicity 2015



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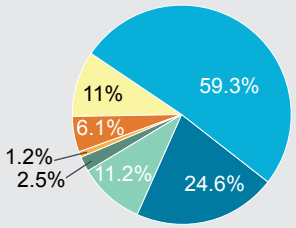

New Mexico

Families with children where no parent is in workforce* 2015

	Number	Percent
Otero County	763	12.4%
New Mexico	22,659	11.4%

Households receiving SNAP benefits 2015

	Number	Percent
Otero County	4,255	18%
New Mexico	133,347	17.5%

Rate of substantiated child abuse 2016

	Rate (per 1,000 children)
Otero County	17
New Mexico	17

Total population (all ages) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Otero County	65,318	3.1%
New Mexico	2,085,109	100%

Child population (ages 0-19) 2015

	Number	Percentage of state population
Otero County	17,475	3.1%
New Mexico	556,872	100%

Median household income 2015

	Number	Percent of state median income
Otero County	$39,775	88%
New Mexico	$45,382	100%

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

Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey (note: ACS data for New Mexico are 1-year estimates; data for NM counties are 5-year estimates): Table DP05 (total population by race/ethnicity); Tables B01001B, B01001C, B01001D, B01001E, B01001F, B01001G, B01001H, B01001I (child population by race/ethnicity); Table B23007 (children in families where no parent is in workforce); Table DP03 (households receiving SNAP); NM Children, Youth and Families Department "360 Yearly" Reports (child abuse rate); Table B01001 (total and child population); Table B19013 (median household income)

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National Rank (2018): 50th

Worse than 2017 (49th)*

Domains	Indicators of child well-being			
Economic Well-Being National Rank: 49th	**Children at or below the poverty level** 30% 145,000 children (2016) Worse than 2015 (29%) Worse than US average (19%)	**Children whose parents lack secure employment** 36% 175,000 children (2016) Improved since 2015 (34%) Worse than US average (28%)	**Children living in households with a high housing cost burden** 32% 155,000 children (2016) Worse than 2015 (31%) Same as US average (32%)	**Teens (16-19) not in school and not working** 9% 11,000 teens (2016) Unchanged since 2015 (9%) Worse than US average (7%)
Education National Rank: 50th	**Young children not in school** 57% 30,000 children (2014-16) Improved since 2013-15 (58%) Worse than US average (52%)	**Fourth graders not proficient in reading** 75% (2017) Improved since 2015 (77%) Worse than US average (65%)	**Eighth graders not proficient in math** 80% (2017) Worsened since 2015 (79%) Worse than US average (67%)	**High school students not graduating on time** 29% (2015-16) Improved since 2014-15 (31%) Worse than US average (16%)
Health National Rank: 48th	**Low-birthweight babies** 9% 2,227 babies (2016) Worsened since 2015 (8.7%) Worse than US average (8.2%)	**Children without health insurance** 5% 26,000 children (2016) Worsened since 2015 (4%) Worse than US average (4%)	**Child (1-14) and teen (15-19) death rates (per 100,000)** 33 173 deaths (2016) Improved since 2015 (34) Worse than US average (26)	**Teens (12-17) who abuse alcohol or drugs** 7% 12,000 teens (2015-16) Worsened since 2013-14 (5%) Worse than US average (5%)
Family and Community National Rank: 49th	**Children in single-parent families** 42% 192,000 children (2016) Worsened since 2015 (41%) Worse than US average (35%)	**Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma** 18% 88,000 children (2016) Unchanged since 2015 (18%) Worse than US average (14%)	**Children living in high-poverty areas** 22% 112,000 children (2012-16) Improved since 2011-15 (25%) Worse than US average (13%)	**Teen (15-19) birth rate (per 1,000)** 30 2,019 births (2016) Improved since 2015 (35) Worse than US average (20)

Source: *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2017 and 2018
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