# New Mexico KIDS COUNT Profile

**National Rank* (2020): 50th** – Unchanged since 2019 (50th)

## Domains

### Economic Well-Being
- **National Rank: 49th**
- **Children living in poverty**:
  - 124,000 children (2018)
  - 26%
  - Improved since 2017 (27%)
  - Worse than US average (18%)

### Education
- **National Rank: 50th**
- **Young children not in school**:
  - 28,000 children (2016-18)
  - 56%
  - Unchanged since 2015-17 (56%)
  - Worse than US average (52%)

### Health
- **National Rank: 41st**
- **Low birth-weight babies**:
  - 2,084 babies (2018)
  - 9%
  - Improved since 2017 (9.5%)
  - Worse than US average (8.3%)

### Family and Community
- **National Rank: 48th**
- **Children in single-parent families**:
  - 184,000 children (2018)
  - 41%
  - Improved since 2017 (45%)
  - Worse than US average (35%)

## Indicators of child well-being

### Economic Well-Being
- **Children whose parents lack secure employment**:
  - 166,000 children (2018)
  - 35%
  - Improved since 2017 (36%)
  - Worse than US average (27%)

### Education
- **Fourth graders not proficient in reading**:
  - 76% (2019)
  - Worsened since 2017 (75%)
  - Worse than US average (66%)

### Health
- **Children without health insurance**:
  - 27,000 children (2018)
  - 5%
  - Unchanged since 2017 (5%)
  - Same as US average (5%)

### Family and Community
- **Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma**:
  - 72,000 children (2018)
  - 15%
  - Improved since 2017 (16%)
  - Worse than US average (13%)

*Due to a change in one of the health indicators, neither the overall rank nor the health domain rank are comparable to these rankings from previous years.*

Source: KIDS COUNT Data Book, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2019 and 2020

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Definitions & Sources

Children living at or below the poverty level
The percentage of children (ages 0-17) who live in families with income below the federal poverty level (FPL). The FPL for a family of three was $20,420 in 2017 (the year the date were collected). Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Children whose parents lack secure employment
The percentage of children (ages 0-17) living in families where no parent has regular employment that is both full-time and year-round. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden
The percentage of children (ages 0-17) living in families that spend more than 30 percent of their pretax income on housing-related expenses, including rent or mortgage payment, taxes, and insurance. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Teens not in school and not working
The percentage of teenagers (ages 16-19) who are neither attending school (full or part time) nor working (full or part time). Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Young children not in school
The percentage of children (ages 3-4) who are not enrolled in school (including nursery school, preschool, or pre-kindergarten) during the previous three months. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Fourth graders not proficient in reading
The percentage of fourth-grade public school students who do not reach the proficient level in reading as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. For this indicator, public schools include charter schools and exclude Bureau of Indian Education and Department of Defense Education Activity schools. Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, NAEP

Eighth graders not proficient in math
The percentage of eighth-grade public school students who do not reach the proficient level in math as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. For this indicator, public schools include charter schools and exclude Bureau of Indian Education and Department of Defense Education Activity schools. Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, NAEP

High school students not graduating on time
The percentage of an entering freshman class not graduating in four years. This is not the same as the dropout rate. Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data

Low birth-weight babies
The percentage of live births weighing less than 5.5 pounds. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics

Children without health insurance
The percentage of children (ages 0-18) who do not have health insurance coverage. This includes private plans and public insurance such as Medicaid. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Child and teen death rate
The number of deaths (from all causes) of children and teens (ages 0-18) for every 100,000 children and teens in the population. Source: Death Statistics: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics. Population Statistics: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Teens who are overweight or obese
The percentage of teens (ages 10-17) who are considered overweight (between the 85th and 95th Body Mass Index, or BMI, percentile) or obese (at or above the 95th BMI percentile). Height and weight are used to determine the BMI, which is age- and gender-specific. Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, National Survey of Children’s Health

Children in single-parent families
The percentage of children (ages 0-17) living with their own unmarried parent or parents. Note, parents who are cohabitating but remain unmarried are counted as ‘single parents.’ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma
The percentage of children (ages 0-17) who live in households where the head of household lacks a high school diploma or equivalent. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Children living in high-poverty areas
The percentage of children (ages 0-17) living in census tracts where at least 30 percent of the total population lives below the federal poverty level. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Teen birth rate
The number of births to teens (ages 15-19) for each 1,000 females in that age range in the population. Source: Birth Statistics: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics. Population Statistics: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

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