KIDS COUNT New Mexico

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All children should have the best possible opportunities to reach their full potential.
KIDS COUNT tells a story of opportunity.
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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
DOMAIN RANK
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EDUCATION
DOMAIN RANK
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HEALTH
DOMAIN RANK
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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
DOMAIN RANK
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low reading & math scores

food insecurity

poverty

low access to early education & care

teen birth rates
COVID-19 created new challenges.

- Pediatric visits and vaccinations down
- 40% of parents feel anxious or stressed
- 8% of parents rarely or never have internet
- 34% of children are projected to be food insecure as a result of COVID-19.
Disparities exist in nearly every indicator.
New Mexico is ahead of the demographic trend.
Data doesn’t tell the whole story.
And there’s more good news.

Policy matters.
better reading & math scores  lower rates of food insecurity
better health outcomes  lower remedial education costs
higher grad rates
Progress is possible!

- 33,000 more insured
- 2,100 fewer teen births
- 33,000 more kids with a parent with a diploma
- 13 of 16 KIDS COUNT indicators improved
Policy changes set us up for success in the future.

- Tax cut for 70% of NM families with children
- Improved higher ed affordability and access
- New early childhood department
- New funding source for ECE programs
- Minimum wage increase
- K-12 funding and teacher pay increases
- Crucial COVID-19 relief for families, workers, and businesses
Make sure New Mexicans can meet their basic needs, and avoid cuts to crucial programs.
Put money into the hands of families who will spend it quickly and locally.
We’re all in this together.

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Thank you!

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