National 2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book
New Mexico’s Ranking & Child Well-being Data

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KIDS COUNT provides us a national framework of data indicators to monitor child well-being in the states.
This year, the data are different.

- Most data come from US Census Bureau
- Usually, all indicators look at one year
- To improve accuracy, Census pooled 5 years worth of data from 2016-2020
- Some indicators only reflect pre-pandemic conditions
The data don’t tell the whole story.
2022 KIDS COUNT rankings

50th overall using data ranging from 2016-2020
Child economic well-being continues to improve.

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden and children living in poverty

- 200,000
- 125,000
- 50,000

- 2008-2012: Child Poverty
- 2016-2020: Housing Cost Burden

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Education outcomes haven’t improved enough over 10 years.

Share of high school students not graduating on time

- 2010-2011: 37%
- 2018-2019: 25%
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Number of young children not enrolled in school

2008-2012: 40,000
2016-2020: 30,000
Health outcomes are slightly worse, but fewer kids are uninsured.

- Slightly worse child and teen death rate
- More teens overweight and obese
Opportunities for families & communities have improved.
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Number of children are in families where the head of the household lacks a high school diploma

- 120,000 (2008-2012)
- 85,000 (2016-2020)
- 50,000 (2016-2020)
Kids are more likely to face mental health challenges.

- Nationally, anxiety and depression in children increased by nearly 26% comparing 2016 to 2020
- New Mexico saw a smaller increase of 13%, narrowing the rate gap
Disparities exist in nearly every indicator.
higher grad rates

lower rates of food insecurity

better health outcomes

lower remedial education costs

better reading & math scores