

National 2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book

New Mexico's Ranking & Child Well-being Data

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A silhouette of a person holding a child against a sunset sky. The person is on the right, holding the child on the left. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and purple hues. The text is overlaid in the center.

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

A photograph of four diverse children (two boys and two girls) sitting outdoors on the ground, smiling and reaching out towards the camera. They are surrounded by many floating soap bubbles. The background is a soft-focus view of trees and foliage, suggesting a park or natural setting. The overall tone is warm and joyful.

**The data don't tell
the whole story.**

2022 KIDS COUNT rankings



ECONOMIC
WELL-BEING

DOMAIN RANK

48



EDUCATION

DOMAIN RANK

50



HEALTH

DOMAIN RANK

39



FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY

DOMAIN RANK

48

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

2016-2020



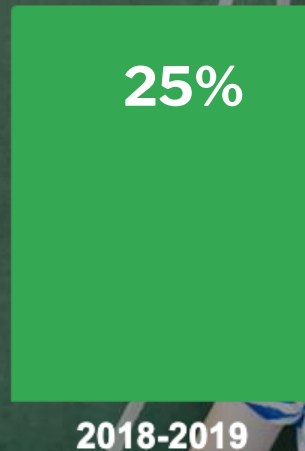
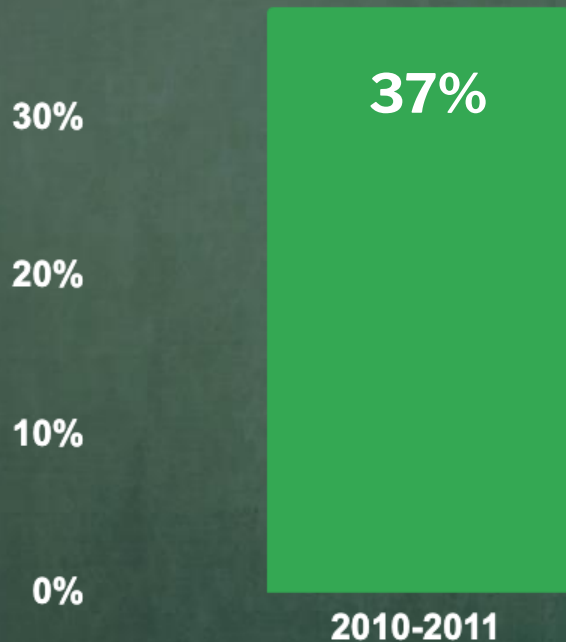
Child Poverty



Housing Cost Burden

Education outcomes haven't improved enough over 10 years.

40% Share of high school students not graduating on time



Education outcomes haven't improved enough over 10 years.

40,000

Number of young children not enrolled in school

30,000

20,000

2008-2012

2016-2020



A healthcare worker, likely a nurse or doctor, is shown from the side, wearing teal scrubs and a stethoscope. She is smiling and looking down at a young child. The child is standing, wearing brown shorts, and has a pacifier in their mouth. The healthcare worker is using the stethoscope to listen to the child's chest. The background is a solid teal color.

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.

60

Teen birth rate per 1,000 female teens

40

53 per
1,000

20

22 per
1,000

0

2010

2020



Opportunities for families & communities have improved.

120,000

Number of children are in families where the head of the household lacks a high school diploma


85,000

50,000

2008-2012

2016-2020



A photograph of three young children sitting together, smiling. The child in the foreground is a girl with long dark hair, wearing a white shirt with orange polka dots. Behind her are two other children, a boy and a girl, both smiling. The background is blurred.

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

A silhouette of a person holding a child on their shoulders with arms raised against a sunset sky.

Thank you!

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