Our mission is to champion public policies that improve the well-being of New Mexico’s children, families, and communities.
About the Data

IPUMS USE (Integrated Public use Microdata Series)

U.S. Census Bureau 5-Year ACS (American Community Survey) data for 2016-2020
Goals of the Report

- Explore characteristics of young parents (ages 18 to 24) in New Mexico
  - Employment
  - Educational attainment
  - Health insurance coverage
  - Poverty status and income

The data only tell part of the story!
Demographics

**FIGURE I**
New Mexico’s Population by Race and Ethnicity

- Hispanic: 49%
- White: 37%
- Native American: 9%
- Black: 2%
- Asian: 2%
- Other Race: 0.2%
- 2 or More Races: 2%

**FIGURE VII**
Young Parents by Race and Ethnicity

- Hispanic: 65%
- White: 22%
- Native American: 11%
- Black: 2%
- Asian: 0.3%
- Other Race: 0.2%
- 2 or More Races: 0.2%
Demographics

FIGURE III
Parents with Minor Children as a Share of the Total Population
- All Parents with Children Younger than 18
- All Other New Mexicans
- 18% to 82%

FIGURE IV
Young Parents as a Share of all Parents with Minor Children
- Young Parents
- Older Parents
- 6% to 94%
Demographics

**FIGURE V**
Young Parents as a Share of all Young Adults

- Young Parents: 12%
- Young Adults, no Children: 88%

**FIGURE VI**
All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by Sex

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<th>Category</th>
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FIGURE X
All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by Employment Status

Employed | Unemployed | Not in the Labor Force
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Young Parents | 61% | 9% | 31%
Older Parents | 75% | 3% | 22%
Young Adults, no Children | 60% | 8% | 32%

How to read this bar chart: “Of all young parents, 61% are employed, 9% are unemployed, and the remaining 31% are not in the labor force.”

FIGURE XI
Young Parents by Employment Status and Sex

Employed | Male | Female
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61% | 39%
Unemployed | 60% | 40%
Not in the Labor Force | 88% | 12%

Total Young Parent Population by Sex

69% | 31%
### FIGURE XIII
All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by Income Level

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<tr>
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<th>Less than $25,000</th>
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<td>33%</td>
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### FIGURE XVI
All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by Poverty Level

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<td>42%</td>
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<td>15%</td>
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<td>Older Parents</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>Young Adults, no Children</td>
<td>28%</td>
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# Educational Attainment

**FIGURE XXI**

All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by Level of Educational Attainment

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<tr>
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<th>Attended 9th-12th Grade, no Diploma</th>
<th>High School Diploma or GED</th>
<th>Some College, less than 1 Year</th>
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<th>Associate’s Degree</th>
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<td>20%</td>
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<td>Older Parents</td>
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Educational Attainment

**FIGURE XIX**
All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by School Attendance and Sex

- **Young Parents**
  - Attending School: 16%
  - Not Attending School: 84%

- **Older Parents**
  - Attending School: 8%
  - Not Attending School: 92%

- **Young Adults, no Children**
  - Attending School: 47%
  - Not Attending School: 53%

**Of Those Attending School:**

- **Young Parents**
  - Female: 66%
  - Male: 34%

- **Older Parents**
  - Female: 66%
  - Male: 34%

- **Young Adults, no Children**
  - Female: 50%
  - Male: 50%

How to read these bar charts: “Of all young parents, just 16% are attending school. Of all young parents attending school, 66% are female and 34% are male.”
Health Care and SNAP

**FIGURE XXIV**
All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by Health Insurance Coverage and Type

- **Young Parents**: 86% With any Health Insurance, 14% Without Health Insurance
- **Older Parents**: 88% With any Health Insurance, 12% Without Health Insurance
- **Young Adults, no Children**: 84% With any Health Insurance, 16% Without Health Insurance

**FIGURE XXVII**
All Parents with Minor Children and All Young Adults by SNAP Recipiecy and Sex

- **Young Parents**: 53% Receiving SNAP, 47% Not Receiving SNAP
- **Older Parents**: 25% Receiving SNAP, 75% Not Receiving SNAP
- **Young Adults, no Children**: 19% Receiving SNAP, 81% Not Receiving SNAP

**Of Those with Health Insurance:**
- **Young Parents**: 31% Private Coverage, 77% Public Coverage
- **Older Parents**: 69% Private Coverage, 31% Public Coverage
- **Young Adults, no Children**: 64% Private Coverage, 41% Public Coverage

**Of Those Receiving SNAP:**
- **Young Parents**: 69% Female, 31% Male
- **Older Parents**: 61% Female, 39% Male
- **Young Adults, no Children**: 46% Female, 54% Male

How to read these bar charts: "Of all young parents, 86% have health insurance and 14% do not. Of all young parents who have health insurance, 31% have private insurance and 77% have public insurance."

How to read these bar charts: "Of all young parents, 53% receive SNAP benefits and 47% do not. Of all young parents who do receive SNAP benefits, 69% are female and 31% are male."
Children of Young Parents

**FIGURE XXXIX**

Number and Percentage of Children of Young Parents by Age Group

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<th>Number</th>
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<td>0-1</td>
<td>12,179</td>
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<td>1-2</td>
<td>8,076</td>
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<td>2-3</td>
<td>4,562</td>
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<td>3-4</td>
<td>2,801</td>
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<td>4-5</td>
<td>1,630</td>
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<td>5 and older</td>
<td>7,155</td>
<td>20%</td>
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How to read this bar chart: “Of all children of young parents, 12,179 of them are younger than 1 year old. That age group makes up 33% of all children of young parents.”
Thank You!

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