

New Mexico State Fact Sheet

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Population, Income, Education, Employment, and Federal Funds

Population				
		Rural *	Urban *	Total
Year				
1980		557,089	746,213	1,303,302
1990		589,610	925,459	1,515,069
2000		671,622	1,147,424	1,819,046
2009 (latest estimates)		673,686	1,335,985	2,009,671

More information on New Mexico population

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact John Cromartie, 202-694-5421.](#)

Income				
		Rural *	Urban *	Total
Per-capita income (2008 dollars)				
2007		28,523	33,935	32,093
2008		30,337	34,946	33,389
Percent change		2.4	-0.8	0.2
Earnings per job (2008 dollars)				
2007		40,516	43,150	43,150
2008		40,449	42,513	42,513
Percent change		-0.2	-1.5	-1.5
Poverty rate (percent)				
1979		20.5	15.7	17.6
1989		25	17.8	20.6
1999		22.3	16.2	18.4
2008 (latest model-based estimates)		20.3	15.3	17

More information on New Mexico poverty rates

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Income, Poverty, and Welfare Briefing Room](#)
- [See important notes about decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates](#)
- [Contact Tracey Farrigan, 202-694-5489](#)

Education (Persons 25 and older)				
		Rural *	Urban *	Total
Percent not completing high school				
1980		36.7	27.4	31.1

1990	30.8	21.3	24.9
2000	25.4	18.7	21.1
Percent completing high school only			
1980	35	33.9	34.1
1990	30.4	27.7	28.7
2000	29	25.2	26.6
Percent completing some college			
1980	15.4	18.3	17.1
1990	24.2	27	25.9
2000	28.4	29.1	28.8
Percent completing college			
1980	13.5	20.4	17.6
1990	14.6	24	20.4
2000	17.2	27	23.5
More information on New Mexico education			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County-level Education Data • Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room • Contact Robert Gibbs, 202-694-5423 			

Employment			
	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Total number of jobs			
2007	344,709	755,747	1,100,456
2008	350,261	767,172	1,117,433
Percent employment change			
2006-2007	1.7	1.9	1.8
2007-2008	1.4	0.9	1
2008-2009	-2.7	-3.7	-3.3
Unemployment rate (percent)			
2008	4.5	4.5	4.5
2009	7.1	7.2	7.2
More information on New Mexico unemployment rates			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County-level Unemployment and Median Household Income Data • Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room • Contact Lorin Kusmin, 202-694-5429 			

Federal Funds, FY 2008			
	Rural *	Urban *	Total
Federal funding, dollars per person			
All Federal funds	13,021	10,692	11,479
Federal funding by purpose (function codes)			
Agriculture and natural resources	201	41	95

Community resources	851	1,347	1,180
Defense and space	605	999	866
Human resources	355	253	287
Income security	6,254	4,794	5,287
National functions	4,756	3,257	3,763

[Federal funding by type of payments \(object codes\)](#)

Grants	2,606	1,691	2,000
Direct loans	27	8	14
Guaranteed/insured loans	579	1,101	924
Retirement/disability payments	3,171	2,870	2,972
Other direct payments to individuals	1,311	1,002	1,106
Direct payments, not to individuals	165	76	106
Procurement contracts	4,425	2,998	3,480
Salaries and wages	737	947	876

More information on Federal Funds

- Program Function and Object Code Definitions
- [Federal Funds and Development Policy Briefing Room](#)
- [Federal Funds Data](#)
- [Contact Richard Reeder, 202-694-5360](#)

* [Urban and rural \(metro and nonmetro\) definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) June 2003 classification. See *Measuring Rurality: New Definitions in 2003* for more information.](#)

More information on socioeconomic conditions

- [Rural Emphasis Page](#)
- [Contact Tim Parker, 202-694-5435.](#)

Organic Agriculture

	2006	2007	2008
Number of certified operations	152	188	197
Crops (acres)	23,208	30,858	44,602
Pasture & rangeland (acres)	39,319	318,566	314,708
Total acres	62,527	349,424	359,310

More information on organic agriculture

- [Organic Production Data](#)
- [Organic Agriculture Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact Catherine Greene, 202-694-5541.](#)

Farm Characteristics

1997, 2002 and 2007 Census of Agriculture

	1997	2002	2007
Approximate total land area (acres)	77,673,275	77,667,533	77,629,852
Total farmland (acres)	46,177,267	44,810,083	43,238,049
Percent of total land area	59.5	57.7	55.7
Cropland (acres)	2,307,719	2,575,107	2,334,018
Percent of total farmland	5	5.7	5.4
Percent in pasture	27.1	31.9	27.4
Percent irrigated	30.7	25.4	27.8
Harvested Cropland (acres)	1,118,176	856,166	1,009,683
Woodland (acres)	2,453,305	2,548,379	2,868,929
Percent of total farmland	5.3	5.7	6.6
Percent in pasture	78	68.3	70.8
Pastureland (acres)	40,964,637	39,136,229	37,597,641
Percent of total farmland	88.7	87.3	87
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)	451,606	550,368	437,461
Percent of total farmland	1	1.2	1
Conservation practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (acres)	484,629	545,884	592,766
Average farm size (acres)	2,583	2,954	2,066
Farms by size (percent)			
1 to 99 acres	48.6	52.6	58.7
100 to 499 acres	21.1	18.6	18.2
500 to 999 acres	8.4	6.6	6.1
1000 to 1,999 acres	7.2	6.1	5.2
2,000 or more acres	14.7	16	11.8
Farms by sales (percent)			
Less than \$9,999	67.2	68.3	72.9
\$10,000 to \$49,999	17.5	16.3	14.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5.2	4.9	4
\$100,000 to \$499,999	7.4	7.4	5.4
More than \$500,000	2.8	3.1	2.6
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner (farms)	11,642	10,666	15,850
Percent of total	65.1	70.3	75.7

Part owner (farms)	4,522	3,612	4,007
Percent of total	25.3	23.8	19.1
Tenant owner (farms)	1,712	892	1,073
Percent of total	9.6	5.9	5.1
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	15,194	13,455	18,185
Percent of total	85	88.7	86.9
Family-held corporations (farms)	866	573	780
Percent of total	4.8	3.8	3.7
Partnerships (farms)	1,338	885	1,456
Percent of total	7.5	5.8	7
Non-family corporations (farms)	125	58	59
Percent of total	0.7	0.4	0.3
Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	353	199	450
Percent of total	2	1.3	2.2
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	55.9	56.4	59.6
Percent with farming as their primary occupation	46.8	55.9	48
Men	15,275	13,002	16,284
Women	2,601	2,168	4,646
More information on farm characteristics			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census of Agriculture • Contact NASS Customer Service, 1-800-727-9540. 			

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data		
	2007	2008
Number of farms	21,000	20,600
	Thousands \$	
Final crop output	724,171	698,451
+ Final animal output	2,312,446	2,420,628
+ Services and forestry	262,509	269,555
= Final agricultural sector output	3,299,126	3,388,634

- Intermediate consumption outlays	1,909,223	2,016,084
+ Net government transactions	17,304	24,482
= Gross value added	1,407,207	1,397,032
- Capital consumption	154,112	161,246
= Net value added	1,253,095	1,235,786
- Factor payments	406,435	405,951
Employee compensation (total hired labor)	260,336	254,210
Net rent received by nonoperator landlords	24,304	34,605
Real estate and nonreal estate interest	121,795	117,136
= Net farm income	846,660	829,835

More information on farm income

- [Farm Income Data](#)
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact Timothy Park, 202-694-5446.](#)

Farm balance sheet

- [Estimation of State-level Balance Sheets has been suspended. See the Farm Balance Sheet data page for more information.](#)

Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2009

	Value of receipts thousand \$	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Cattle and calves	1,007,546	37.3	2.3
2. Dairy products	950,213	35.2	3.9
3. Hay	174,706	6.5	3.1
4. Pecans	119,680	4.4	28.7
5. Greenhouse/nursery	62,050	2.3	0.4
All commodities	2,698,524		1

More information on New Mexico's top agriculture commodities

- [Leading commodities by cash receipts in Excel.](#)

- [Other cash receipts data.](#)
- [Contact Ted Covey, 202-694-5344.](#)

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2009

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Dairy products	6	103.1
2. Tree nuts	4	42.4
3. Vegetables and preparations	21	23.2
4. Wheat and products	37	22.7
5. Cotton and linters	16	22.6
Overall rank	39	257.3

More information on agricultural exports

- [State Export Data](#)
- [Agricultural Trade Briefing Room](#)
- [Contact Nora Brooks, 202-694-5211.](#)

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 2007

	Percent of state total receipts	Thousands \$
1. Dona Ana County	17.9	388,787
2. Curry County	16	347,323
3. Chaves County	15.6	339,088
4. Roosevelt County	11.7	253,950
5. Union County	6.3	136,971
State total		2,175,080

More information on agricultural sales

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- [Contact NASS Customer Service, 1-800-727-9540.](#)

Data Sources

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