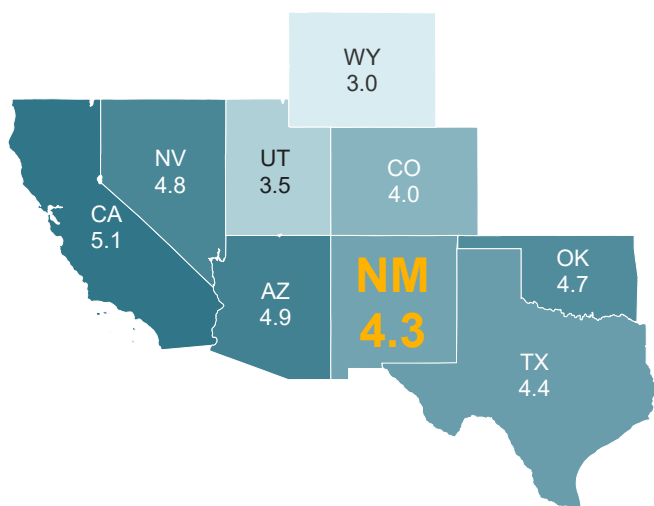


# NEW MEXICO LABOR MARKET REVIEW

## AUGUST 2026

**4.7%**

### Unemployment Rate

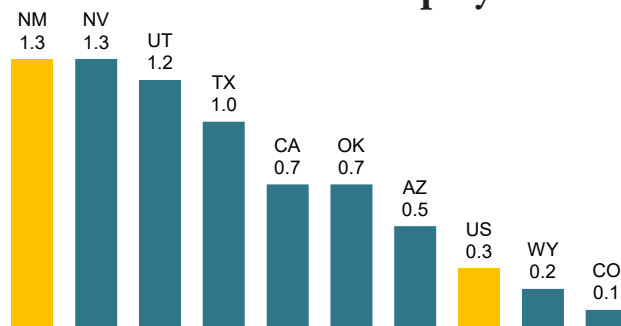


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**11,300 jobs / 1.3%**

### Over-the-Year Change in Total Nonfarm Employment



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# Statewide Unemployment

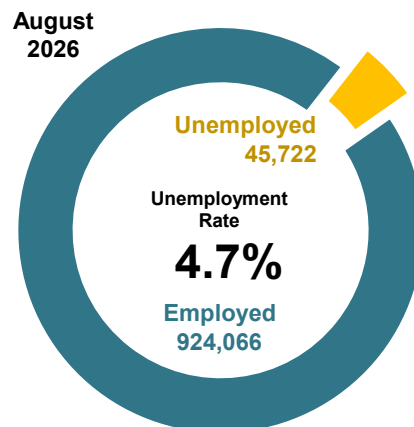
August 2026 • Seasonally Adjusted

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (based on the Current Population Survey, also known as the household survey) was 4.7 percent in August 2026, down from 4.8 percent in July 2026, and up from 4.1 percent in August 2025. The national unemployment rate in August was 4.1 percent, unchanged from July, and down from 4.3 percent the previous year.

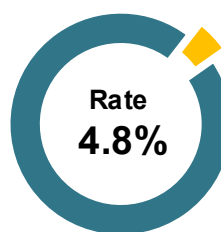
## Highlights

Among all states, New Mexico tied for the 9th highest unemployment rate in the country with Delaware, Illinois, and Kentucky. Washington, D.C. had the highest unemployment rate (5.7 percent) while South Dakota had the lowest (2.0 percent).

The number of people unemployed in New Mexico increased by 5,482 (up 13.6 percent) over-the-year, while the labor force decreased by 13,921 (down 1.4 percent).

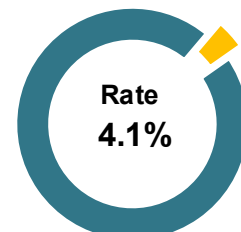


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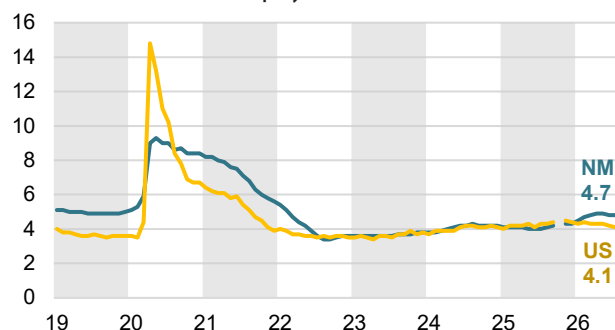
Employed 924,666  
Unemployed 46,162

August 2025

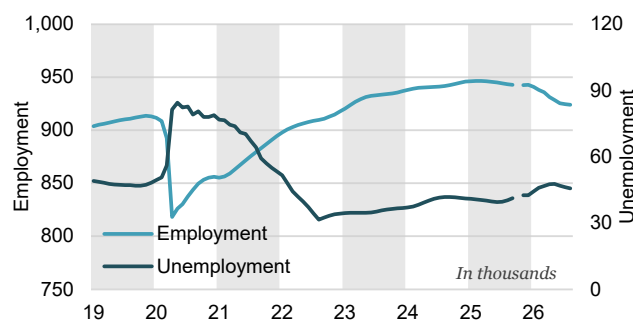


Employed 943,469  
Unemployed 40,240

January 2019 to August 2026  
Unemployment Rate

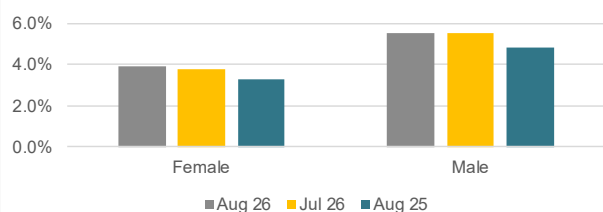


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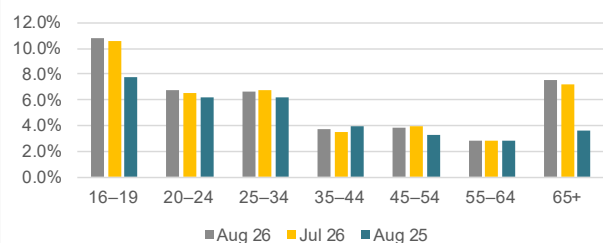


New Mexico Unemployment Rates by Demographic Category

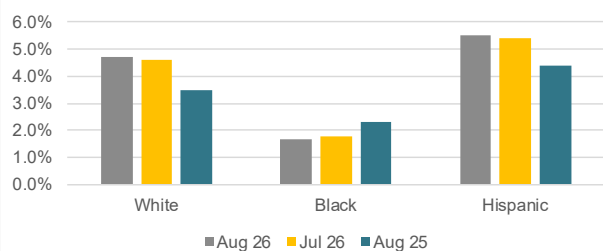
### Gender



### Age



### Race



Current Population Survey (CPS)

For persons 16 and older, 12-month moving average Note: Data based on small sample. Beginning in November 2025, data are 11-month moving averages due to the absence of October 2025 data from the 2025 lapse in Federal appropriations.

<https://www.bls.gov/lau/notescps.htm>

# Substate Unemployment

August 2026 • *Not Seasonally Adjusted*

## Highlights

At 11.4 percent, Luna County had New Mexico's highest (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate, followed by McKinley County (6.9 percent).

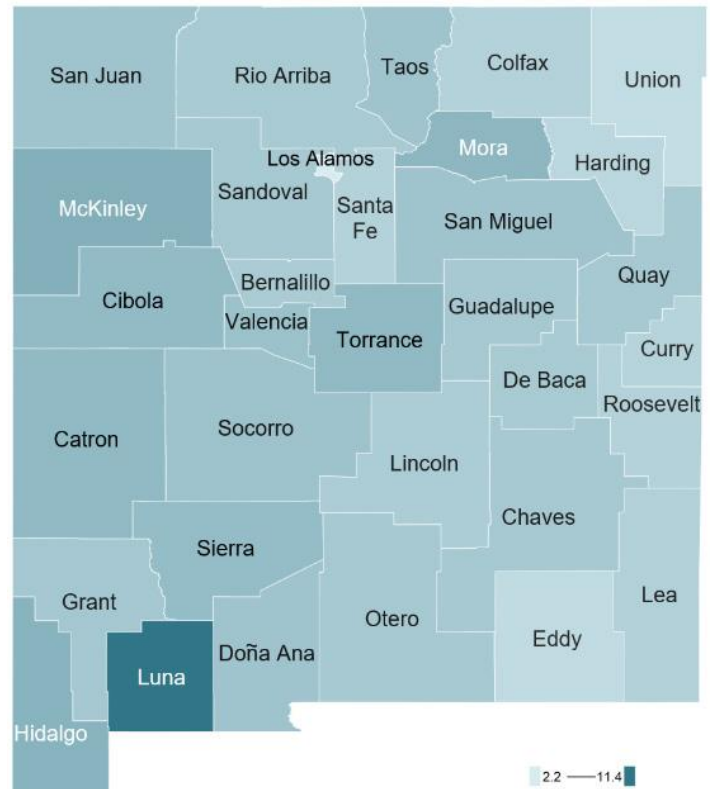
This month, Los Alamos County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.2 percent), followed by Union County (3.4 percent).

Luna County had the largest over-the-year increase in unemployment rate, with a 1.4 percentage point increase. Union County had the only over-the-year decrease in unemployment rate (down 0.1 percent point).

### Unemployment Rate %

| Area            | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | OTY Chg |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| <b>Counties</b> |        |        |        |         |
| Bernalillo      | 4.7    | 5.3    | 4.0    | 0.7     |
| Catron          | 6.1    | 7.3    | 5.4    | 0.7     |
| Chaves          | 4.9    | 5.7    | 4.2    | 0.7     |
| Cibola          | 6.0    | 7.0    | 5.8    | 0.2     |
| Colfax          | 4.2    | 4.9    | 4.1    | 0.1     |
| Curry           | 4.1    | 4.7    | 3.5    | 0.6     |
| De Baca         | 4.8    | 5.5    | 4.8    | 0.0     |
| Doña Ana        | 5.3    | 6.2    | 4.6    | 0.7     |
| Eddy            | 3.5    | 4.2    | 3.3    | 0.2     |
| Grant           | 5.0    | 5.8    | 4.2    | 0.8     |
| Guadalupe       | 4.9    | 5.3    | 4.1    | 0.8     |
| Harding         | 3.8    | 4.7    | 3.5    | 0.3     |
| Hidalgo         | 6.6    | 7.2    | 6.3    | 0.3     |
| Lea             | 4.3    | 4.9    | 3.6    | 0.7     |
| Lincoln         | 4.6    | 5.4    | 4.3    | 0.3     |
| Los Alamos      | 2.2    | 2.7    | 1.8    | 0.4     |
| Luna            | 11.4   | 12.7   | 10.0   | 1.4     |
| McKinley        | 6.9    | 8.1    | 5.7    | 1.2     |
| Mora            | 6.3    | 6.7    | 6.0    | 0.3     |
| Otero           | 4.9    | 5.9    | 4.5    | 0.4     |
| Quay            | 4.9    | 5.6    | 3.8    | 1.1     |
| Rio Arriba      | 4.8    | 5.5    | 4.0    | 0.8     |
| Roosevelt       | 4.2    | 5.4    | 3.8    | 0.4     |
| Sandoval        | 4.9    | 5.7    | 4.3    | 0.6     |
| San Juan        | 5.3    | 6.4    | 4.4    | 0.9     |
| San Miguel      | 5.3    | 5.9    | 4.3    | 1.0     |
| Santa Fe        | 4.2    | 4.9    | 3.7    | 0.5     |
| Sierra          | 5.9    | 6.4    | 5.0    | 0.9     |
| Socorro         | 5.4    | 6.4    | 4.9    | 0.5     |
| Taos            | 5.3    | 6.1    | 4.3    | 1.0     |
| Torrance        | 6.1    | 6.9    | 5.2    | 0.9     |
| Union           | 3.4    | 4.1    | 3.5    | -0.1    |
| Valencia        | 5.5    | 6.2    | 4.5    | 1.0     |
| <b>MSAs</b>     |        |        |        |         |
| Albuquerque     | 4.8    | 5.5    | 4.1    | 0.7     |
| Farmington      | 5.3    | 6.4    | 4.4    | 0.9     |
| Las Cruces      | 5.3    | 6.2    | 4.6    | 0.7     |
| Santa Fe        | 4.2    | 4.9    | 3.7    | 0.5     |

### Unemployment Rate %



At 4.2 percent, the Santa Fe MSA had the lowest not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate among the state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). The Albuquerque MSA had a rate of 4.8 percent. The Farmington and Las Cruces MSAs tied for the highest unemployment rate among the MSAs (5.3 percent).

The Farmington MSA had the largest unemployment rate increase, up 0.9 percentage points since August 2025. The Albuquerque and Las Cruces MSAs both had 0.7 percentage point increases. The Santa Fe MSA had the smallest unemployment rate increase, up 0.5 percentage points over-the-year.

**LAUS publishes estimates of the civilian labor force, employment, and unemployment monthly. Data measure persons 16 years old and older who are employed or actively seeking employment.**

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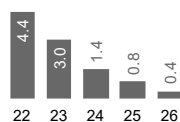
# Statewide Industry Employment Growth

August 2026 • *Not Seasonally Adjusted*

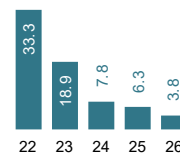
Over the year, **New Mexico's** total nonagricultural employment increased by 11,300 jobs, representing a gain of 1.3 percent. The private sector was up 7,200 jobs, or 1.0 percent, while the public sector was up 4,100 jobs, or 2.2 percent. Six of the nine major private industry sectors reported employment increases.

## 2022 to 2026 Annual Average Over-the-Year Change

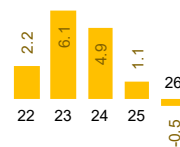
### Total Nonfarm Growth Rate (%)



### Private-Sector Jobs (1000s)



### Government Jobs (1000s)



Annual average for 2026  
is year-to-date

## New Mexico

| Industry                          | Jobs           | Monthly<br>Change | Annual Change from August 25 |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|
|                                   |                |                   | Number                       | Percent    |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>              | <b>905,300</b> | <b>10,500</b>     | <b>11,300</b>                | <b>1.3</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>              | <b>714,500</b> | <b>1,100</b>      | <b>7,200</b>                 | <b>1.0</b> |
| Private Service-Providing         | 600,700        | -1,000            | 2,500                        | 0.4        |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>            | <b>113,800</b> | <b>2,100</b>      | <b>4,700</b>                 | <b>4.3</b> |
| Mining & Construction             | 85,100         | 1,700             | 4,200                        | 5.2        |
| Mining & Logging                  | 26,500         | 200               | 1,300                        | 5.2        |
| Construction                      | 58,600         | 1,500             | 2,900                        | 5.2        |
| Manufacturing                     | 28,700         | 400               | 500                          | 1.8        |
| Durable Goods                     | 15,800         | 200               | 300                          | 1.9        |
| Non-Durable Goods                 | 12,900         | 200               | 200                          | 1.6        |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>          | <b>791,500</b> | <b>8,400</b>      | <b>6,600</b>                 | <b>0.8</b> |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 150,300        | 0                 | 3,400                        | 2.3        |
| Wholesale Trade                   | 21,700         | -200              | 400                          | 1.9        |
| Retail Trade                      | 97,200         | 300               | 2,500                        | 2.6        |
| Transp., Warehousing & Utilities  | 31,400         | -100              | 500                          | 1.6        |
| Information                       | 9,100          | 0                 | -800                         | -8.1       |
| Financial Activities              | 35,400         | 0                 | 100                          | 0.3        |
| Professional & Business Services  | 118,500        | -300              | -2,300                       | -1.9       |
| Prvt. Education & Health Services | 156,500        | 1,100             | 2,400                        | 1.6        |
| Prvt. Educational Services        | 22,200         | 600               | -100                         | -0.4       |
| Health Care & Social Assistance   | 134,300        | 500               | 2,500                        | 1.9        |
| Leisure & Hospitality             | 102,100        | -1,700            | 100                          | 0.1        |
| Other Services                    | 28,800         | -100              | -400                         | -1.4       |
| <b>Government</b>                 | <b>190,800</b> | <b>9,400</b>      | <b>4,100</b>                 | <b>2.2</b> |
| Federal Government                | 26,800         | 400               | -2,000                       | -6.9       |
| State Government                  | 56,400         | 1,700             | 1,400                        | 2.5        |
| State Government Education        | 21,200         | 1,700             | 400                          | 1.9        |
| Local Government                  | 107,600        | 7,300             | 4,700                        | 4.6        |
| Local Government Education        | 53,100         | 8,100             | 3,200                        | 6.4        |

## Highlights

Mining and construction was up 4,200 jobs, or 5.2 percent, with a gain of 1,300 jobs in mining and a gain of 2,900 jobs in construction. Trade, transportation, and utilities was up 3,400 jobs, or 2.3 percent. In the trade, transportation, and utilities industry, retail trade was up 2,500 jobs, transportation, warehousing, and utilities was up 500 jobs, and wholesale trade was up 400 jobs. Private education and health services was up 2,400 jobs, or 1.6 percent. Within the private education and health services industry, health care and social assistance was up 2,500 jobs while private education services was down 100 jobs. Manufacturing employment was up 500 jobs, or 1.8 percent, with a gain of 300 jobs in durable

goods manufacturing and a gain of 200 jobs in non-durable goods manufacturing. Financial activities was up 100 jobs, or 0.3 percent. Leisure and hospitality was up 100 jobs, or 0.1 percent.

Professional and business services was down 2,300 jobs, or 1.9 percent. Information employment was down 800 jobs, or 8.1 percent. Miscellaneous *other services* was down 400 jobs, or 1.4 percent.

# Metro Industry Employment Growth

August 2026 • *Not Seasonally Adjusted*

## Highlights

August 25 to August 26  
Over-the-Year % Change



In the public sector, local government reported a gain of 4,700 jobs, or 4.6 percent. State government was up 1,400 jobs, or 2.5 percent. Federal government was down 2,000 jobs, or 6.9 percent.

Over the year, total nonfarm employment in the **Albuquerque MSA** contracted by 2,300 jobs, or 0.5 percent. The private sector was down 1,300 jobs, representing a decrease of less than 0.4 percent. The public sector was down 1,000 jobs, or 1.2 percent. The following private-sector industries added jobs: private education and health services, up 1,200 jobs, or 1.6 percent; trade, transportation, and utilities, up 600 jobs, or 0.9 percent; financial activities, up 500 jobs, or 2.6 percent; information, up 200 jobs, or 3.5 percent; and mining and construction, up 100 jobs, or 0.4 percent.

Professional and business services was down 3,600 jobs, or 5.4 percent. Miscellaneous *other services* was down 200 jobs, or 1.4 percent. Manufacturing was down 100 jobs, or 0.6 percent.

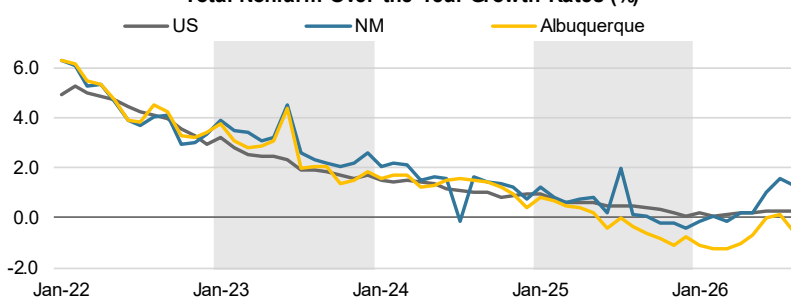
In the public sector, state government was up 900 jobs, or 3.2 percent; federal government employment was down 1,300 jobs, or 9.4 percent; and local government was down 600 jobs, or 1.5 percent.

The **Las Cruces MSA** total nonfarm employment was up 1,300 jobs, or 1.6 percent. The private sector was up 600 jobs, or 1.0 percent, and the public sector was up 700 jobs, or 3.5 percent. Of the private sector industries, trade, transportation, and utilities was up 500 jobs, or 4.0 percent; mining and construction was up 200 jobs, or 3.6 percent; and private education and health services was up 100 jobs, or 0.5 percent.

## Albuquerque MSA

| Industry                   | Jobs           | Monthly      | Annual | #             | %           |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>       | <b>418,100</b> | <b>1,800</b> |        | <b>-2,300</b> | <b>-0.5</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>       | <b>338,000</b> | <b>-500</b>  |        | <b>-1,300</b> | <b>-0.4</b> |
| Mining & Construction      | 27,400         | 500          |        | 100           | 0.4         |
| Manufacturing              | 16,700         | 100          |        | -100          | -0.6        |
| Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 69,200         | -400         |        | 600           | 0.9         |
| Information                | 5,900          | 0            |        | 200           | 3.5         |
| Financial Activities       | 20,100         | -100         |        | 500           | 2.6         |
| Prof. & Business Svcs      | 62,800         | 0            |        | -3,600        | -5.4        |
| Pvt. Ed. & Health Svcs     | 75,400         | -100         |        | 1,200         | 1.6         |
| Leisure & Hospitality      | 46,700         | -300         |        | 0             | 0.0         |
| Other Svcs                 | 13,800         | -200         |        | -200          | -1.4        |
| <b>Government</b>          | <b>80,100</b>  | <b>2,300</b> |        | <b>-1,000</b> | <b>-1.2</b> |
| Federal Government         | 12,500         | 0            |        | -1,300        | -9.4        |
| State Government           | 28,800         | 1,000        |        | 900           | 3.2         |
| Local Government           | 38,800         | 1,300        |        | -600          | -1.5        |

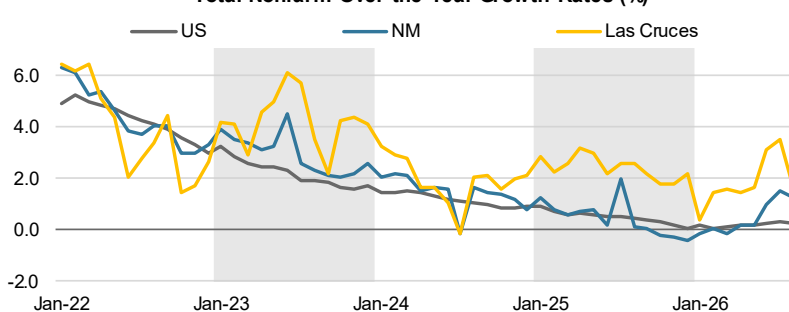
Total Nonfarm Over-the-Year Growth Rates (%)



## Las Cruces MSA

| Industry                   | Jobs          | Monthly      | Annual | #            | %          |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>       | <b>83,900</b> | <b>1,600</b> |        | <b>1,300</b> | <b>1.6</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>       | <b>63,300</b> | <b>0</b>     |        | <b>600</b>   | <b>1.0</b> |
| Mining & Construction      | 5,800         | 0            |        | 200          | 3.6        |
| Manufacturing              | 3,300         | 0            |        | 0            | 0.0        |
| Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 13,000        | 0            |        | 500          | 4.0        |
| Information                | 500           | 0            |        | 0            | 0.0        |
| Financial Activities       | 2,800         | 0            |        | 0            | 0.0        |
| Prof. & Business Svcs      | 7,500         | 0            |        | -100         | -1.3       |
| Pvt. Ed. & Health Svcs     | 19,700        | 100          |        | 100          | 0.5        |
| Leisure & Hospitality      | 8,800         | -100         |        | -100         | -1.1       |
| Other Svcs                 | 1,900         | 0            |        | 0            | 0.0        |
| <b>Government</b>          | <b>20,600</b> | <b>1,600</b> |        | <b>700</b>   | <b>3.5</b> |
| Federal Government         | 3,700         | 100          |        | 300          | 8.8        |
| State Government           | 6,300         | 0            |        | -300         | -4.5       |
| Local Government           | 10,600        | 1,500        |        | 700          | 7.1        |

Total Nonfarm Over-the-Year Growth Rates (%)



# Metro Industry Employment Growth

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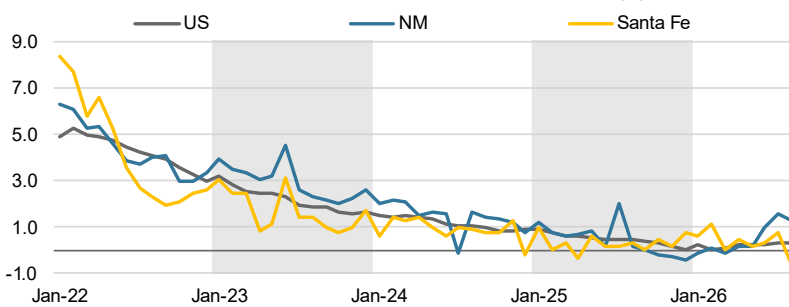
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## Highlights

### Santa Fe MSA

| Industry                   | Jobs          | Monthly     | Annual | #           | %           |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>       | <b>63,900</b> | <b>0</b>    |        | <b>-400</b> | <b>-0.6</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>       | <b>49,000</b> | <b>-300</b> |        | <b>-300</b> | <b>-0.6</b> |
| Mining & Construction      | 3,200         | 0           |        | 0           | 0.0         |
| Manufacturing              | 800           | 0           |        | 0           | 0.0         |
| Trade, Transp. & Utilities | 10,300        | 0           |        | 200         | 2.0         |
| Information                | 800           | 0           |        | 0           | 0.0         |
| Financial Activities       | 2,200         | -100        |        | 0           | 0.0         |
| Prof. & Business Svcs      | 5,000         | 0           |        | -300        | -5.7        |
| Prvt. Ed. & Health Svcs    | 11,700        | 0           |        | 300         | 2.6         |
| Leisure & Hospitality      | 11,800        | -100        |        | 0           | 0.0         |
| Other Svcs                 | 3,200         | -100        |        | -500        | -13.5       |
| <b>Government</b>          | <b>14,900</b> | <b>300</b>  |        | <b>-100</b> | <b>-0.7</b> |
| Federal Government         | 900           | 0           |        | -100        | -10.0       |
| State Government           | 7,900         | -100        |        | 100         | 1.3         |
| Local Government           | 6,100         | 400         |        | -100        | -1.6        |

Total Nonfarm Over-the-Year Growth Rates (%)



Professional and business services was down 100 jobs, or 1.3 percent. Leisure and hospitality was down 100 jobs, or 1.1 percent.

In the public sector, employment in local government was up 700 jobs, or 7.1 percent. Federal government employment was up 300 jobs, or 8.8 percent. State government was down 300 jobs, or 4.5 percent.

Total nonfarm employment in the **Santa Fe MSA** was down 400 jobs, or 0.6 percent. The private sector was down 300 jobs, or 0.6 percent, while the public sector was down 100 jobs, or 0.7 percent.

Private education and health services was up 300 jobs, or 2.6 percent. Trade, transportation, and utilities was up 200 jobs, or 2.0 percent, with all gains in retail trade.

Miscellaneous *other services* was down 500 jobs, or 13.5 percent. Professional and business services was down 300 jobs, or 5.7 percent.

In the public sector, employment in state government was up 100 jobs, or 1.3 percent. Federal government was down 100 jobs, or 10.0 percent. Local government was down 100 jobs, or 1.6 percent.

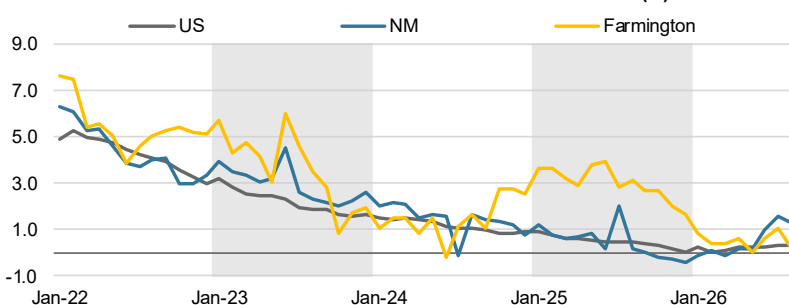
The **Farmington MSA's** total nonfarm employment was up 100 jobs, or 0.2 percent.

The private service-providing sector was down 100 jobs, or 0.4 percent. Employment in the goods producing sector was unchanged over the year. The public sector was up 200 jobs, or 1.7 percent, with a gain of 300 jobs, or 3.2 percent, in local government and a loss of 100 jobs, or 6.7 percent, in federal government.

### Farmington MSA

| Industry                  | Jobs          | Monthly      | Annual | #           | %           |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>      | <b>49,800</b> | <b>2,100</b> |        | <b>100</b>  | <b>0.2</b>  |
| <b>Total Private</b>      | <b>38,100</b> | <b>0</b>     |        | <b>-100</b> | <b>-0.3</b> |
| Goods-Producing           | 10,400        | 0            |        | 0           | 0.0         |
| Private Service-Providing | 27,700        | 0            |        | -100        | -0.4        |
| <b>Government</b>         | <b>11,700</b> | <b>2,100</b> |        | <b>200</b>  | <b>1.7</b>  |
| Federal Government        | 1,400         | 0            |        | -100        | -6.7        |
| State Government          | 500           | 0            |        | 0           | 0.0         |
| Local Government          | 9,800         | 2,100        |        | 300         | 3.2         |

Total Nonfarm Over-the-Year Growth Rates (%)



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# Major Employment Developments

August 2026

Major employment developments are activities driving either the creation or loss of around 50 jobs or more. Information is gathered from published articles, government documents, private- and public-sector news releases, and reports from America's Job Center New Mexico locations. In most cases, information is not verified for accuracy.

For an updated listing of these and other recent major employment developments, visit

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## Job Gains

### Statewide

At its August meeting, the New Mexico Economic Development Department's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board approved \$1,617,537 in funding to support the creation of 51 jobs and five intern positions with 12 New Mexico companies, including: Half-life Digital, Albuquerque (2 jobs); Mantis Space, Albuquerque (2 jobs); Securin, Albuquerque (1 job); Loadpath, Albuquerque (10 jobs); Bandelier Technologies, Santa Fe (3 jobs); Tumbleroot Brewing, Santa Fe (2 jobs); UpSpring Associates, Santa Fe (2 jobs); Southwest Public Policy Institute, Rio Rancho (1 job); Growvera, Albuquerque (5 jobs); Atolla Tech, Albuquerque (2 jobs); IonQ, Albuquerque (3 jobs); and Indica Labs, Albuquerque (18 jobs and 5 interns).

### Santa Fe

The AMC mini-series "Check In Check Out" completed filming in August in Santa Fe. The series employed 40 New Mexico crew members and four local actors.

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# New Mexico Data Focus: STEM Occupations

Raymond Sena, Economist

STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) occupations include computer and mathematical, architecture and engineering, and life and physical science occupations.

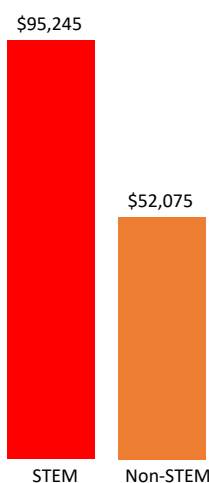
## Highlights

The annual median wages for STEM occupations in 2025 were \$95,245, just over 83 percent higher than the median wage of non-STEM occupations (\$52,075).

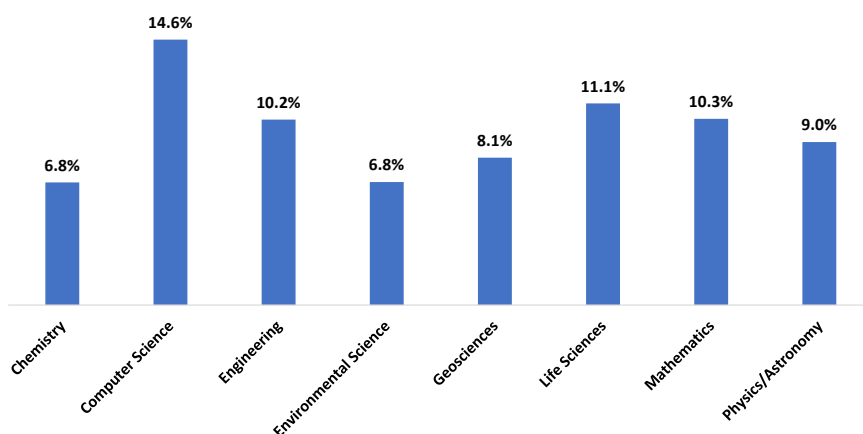
The occupations in the STEM discipline of computer science are expected to increase by 14.6 percent by 2034, 8.5 percentage points faster than the statewide average of 10.6 percent.

Software developers had the largest number of expected annual job openings (364), followed by computer user support specialists (258), and computer and information research scientists (244).

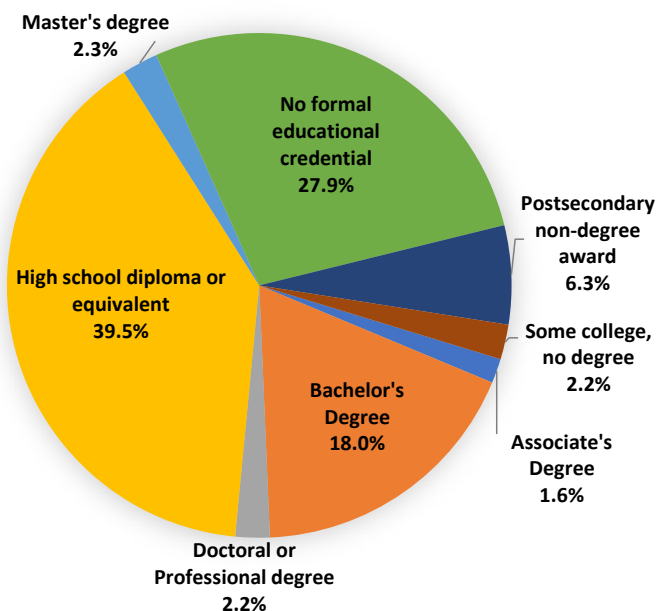
Annual Median Wages for STEM and Non-STEM Occupations, 2025 OEWS



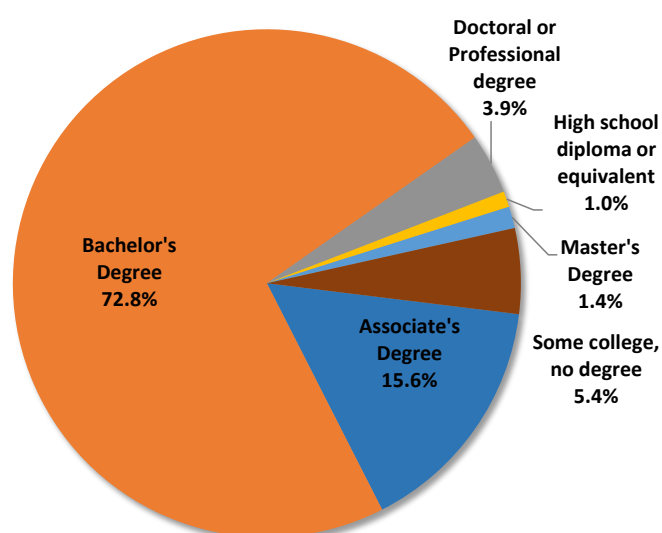
2024–2034 New Mexico Employment Projections by STEM Discipline



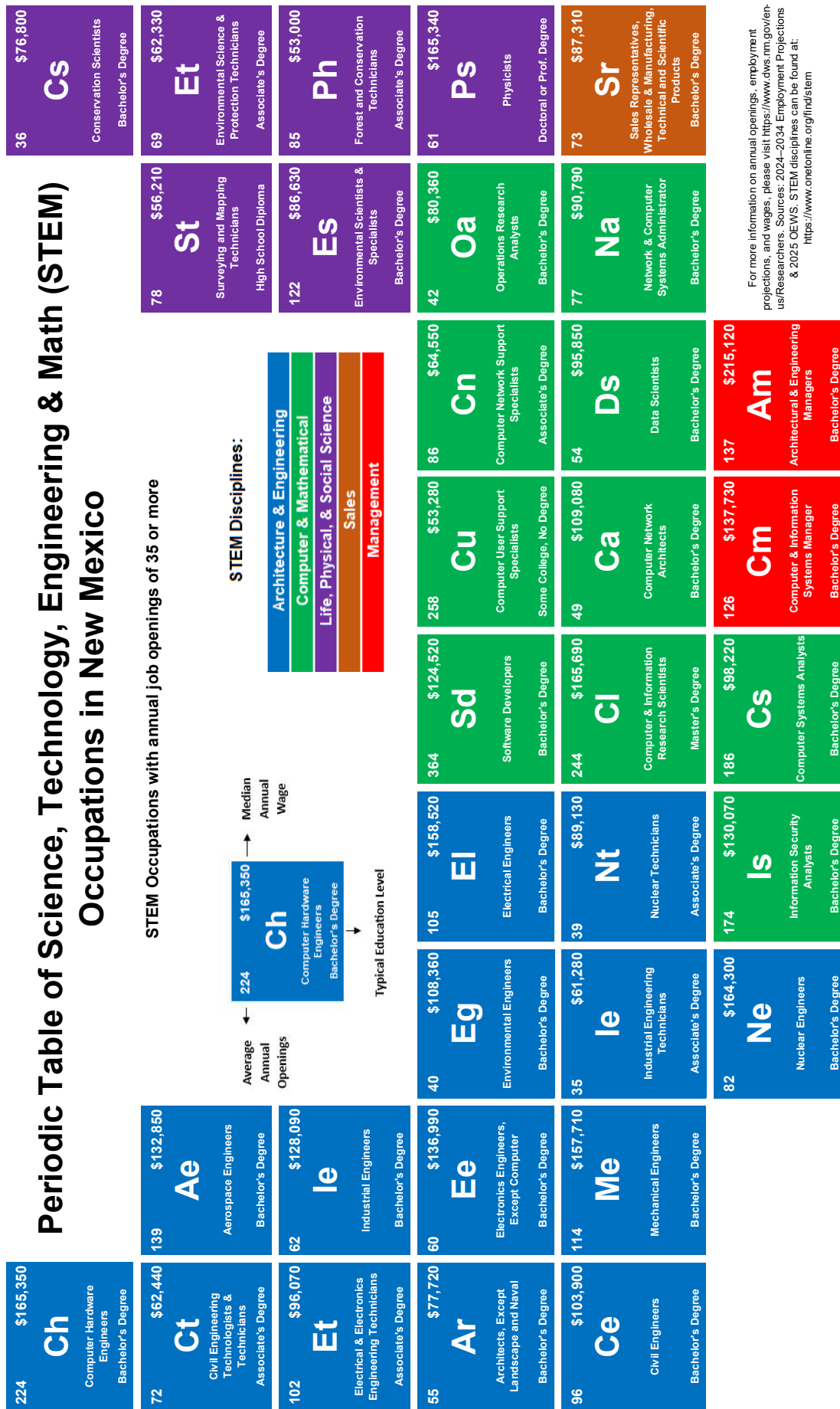
Non-STEM Occupations in New Mexico by Typical Education Needed for Entry



STEM Occupations in New Mexico by Typical Education Needed for Entry



# Periodic Table of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Occupations in New Mexico

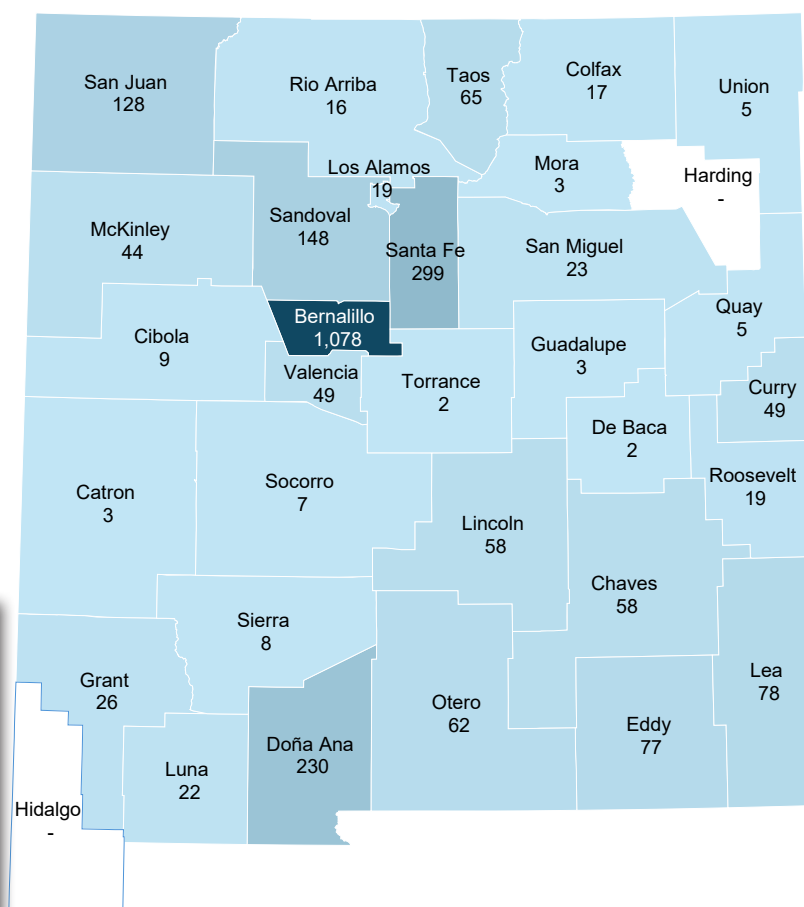
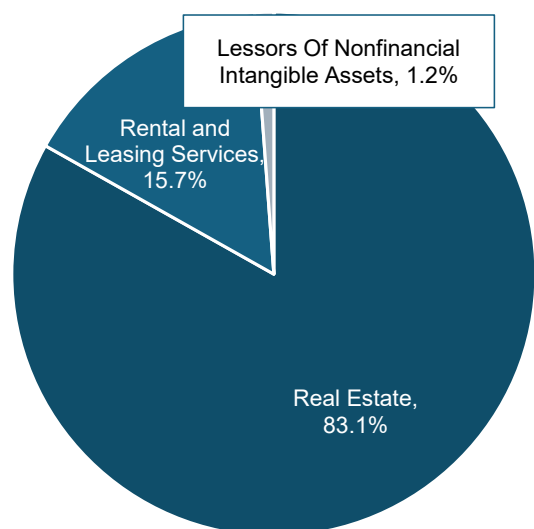


For more information on annual openings, employment projections, and wages, please visit <https://www.dws.nm.gov/en-us/Researchers>. Sources: 2024–2034 Employment Projections & 2025 OEWS. STEM disciplines can be found at <https://www.onetonline.org/find/STEM>

# Industry Profile: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing

The Real Estate and Rental and Leasing sector (NAICS 53) comprises establishments primarily engaged in renting, leasing, or otherwise allowing the use of tangible or intangible assets. Subsectors for this sector are Real Estate (NAICS 531), Rental and Leasing Services (532), and Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (Except Copyrighted Works) (533).

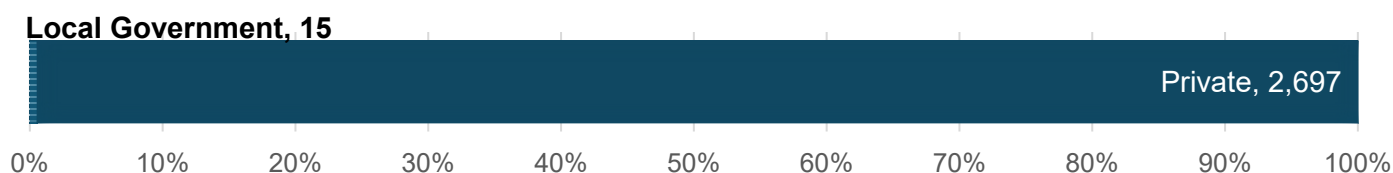
## Number of Establishments, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing, 2,712



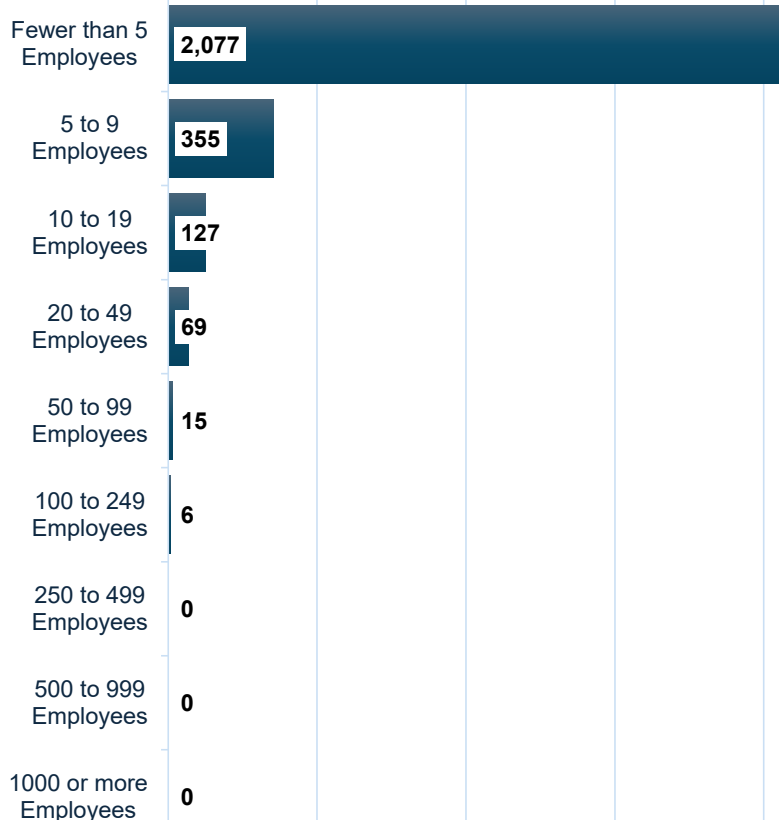
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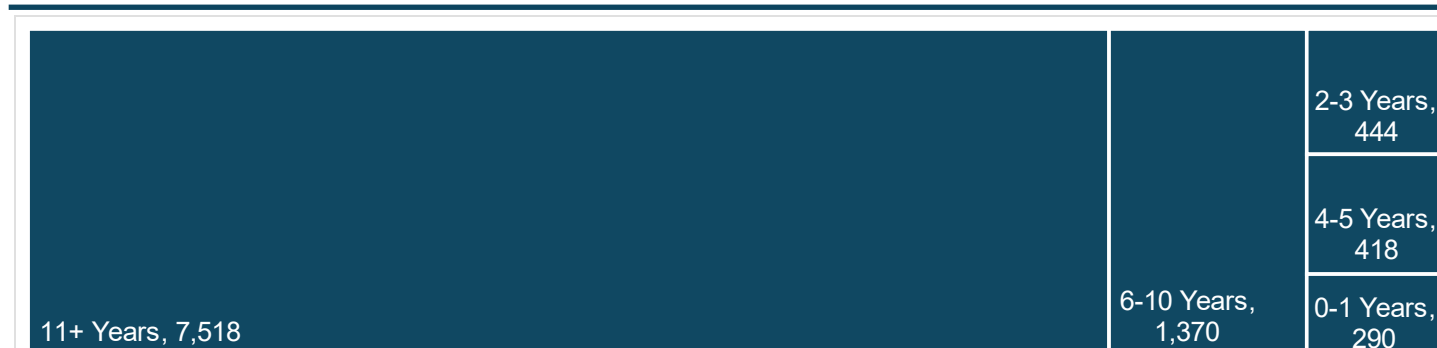
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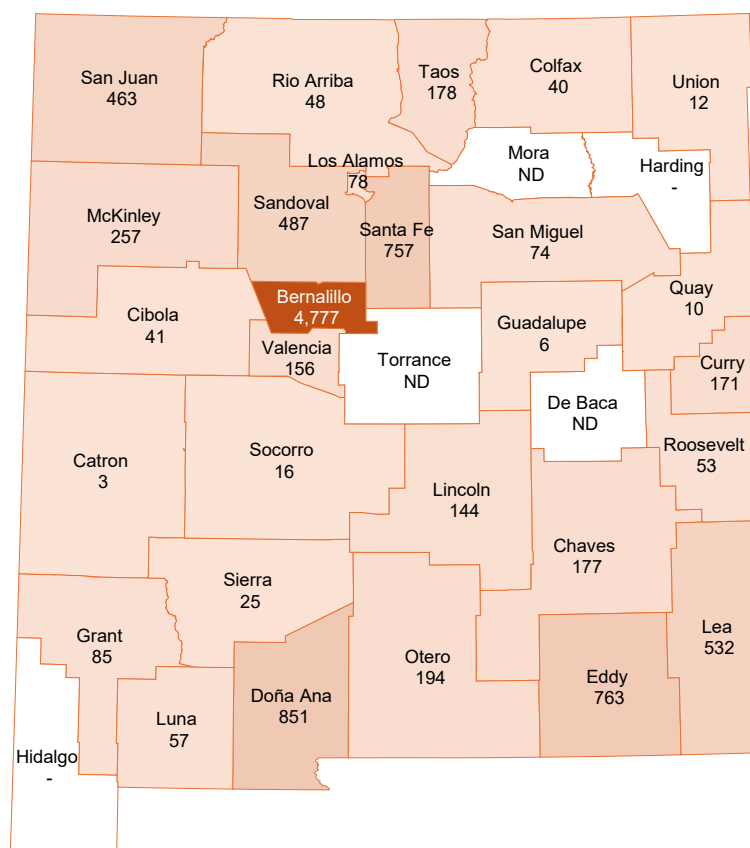
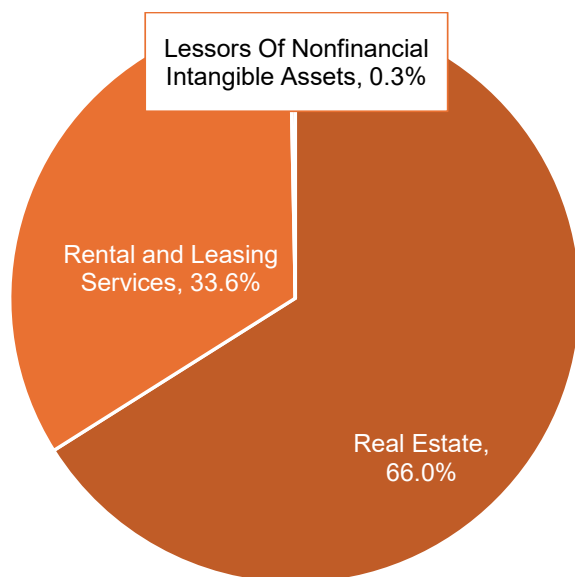


## Number of Employees by Firm Age<sup>1</sup>, 2025



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## Average Employment, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing, 10,833



## New Mexico's Industry Concentration Compared to the US<sup>2</sup>

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Real Estate and Rental and Leasing</b> | <b>0.78</b> |
| Real Estate                               | 0.67        |
| Rental and Leasing Services               | 1.14        |
| Lessors Of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets | 0.28        |

## Top 10 Occupations by Estimated Employment<sup>3</sup>, 2024

|                                                           |       |                                           |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|-----|
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General                   | 1,359 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers   | 339 |
| Counter and Rental Clerks                                 | 1,285 | Secretaries and Administrative Assistants | 293 |
| Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers | 1,106 | Office Clerks, General                    | 277 |
| Real Estate Sales Agents                                  | 589   | Real Estate Brokers                       | 270 |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting, Auditing Clerks                  | 411   | Receptionists and Information Clerks      | 266 |

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<sup>3</sup> Employment Projections Staffing Patterns, 2024 – 2034

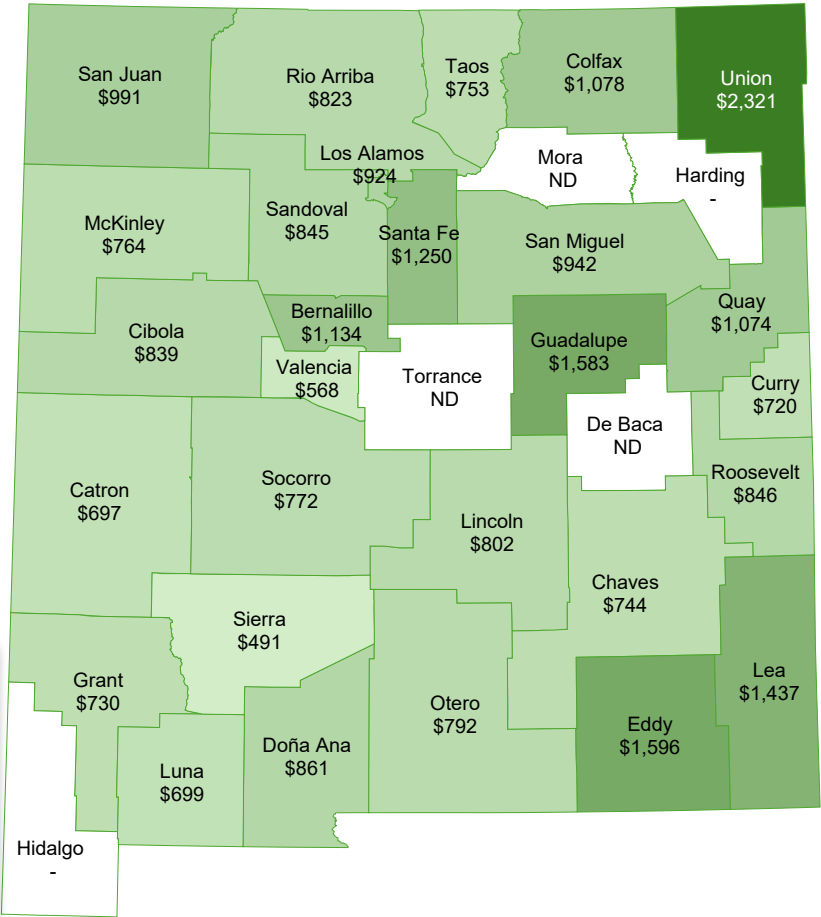
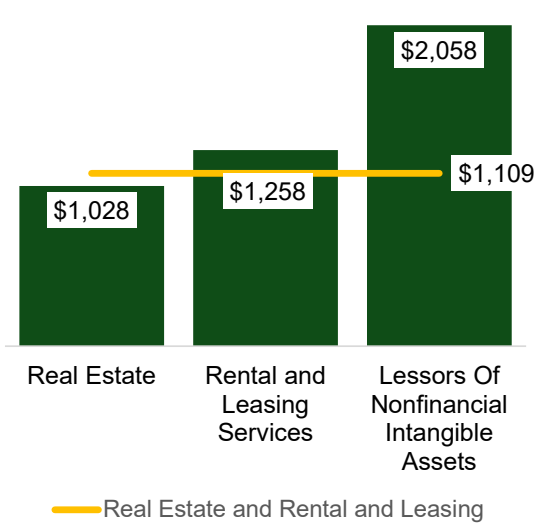
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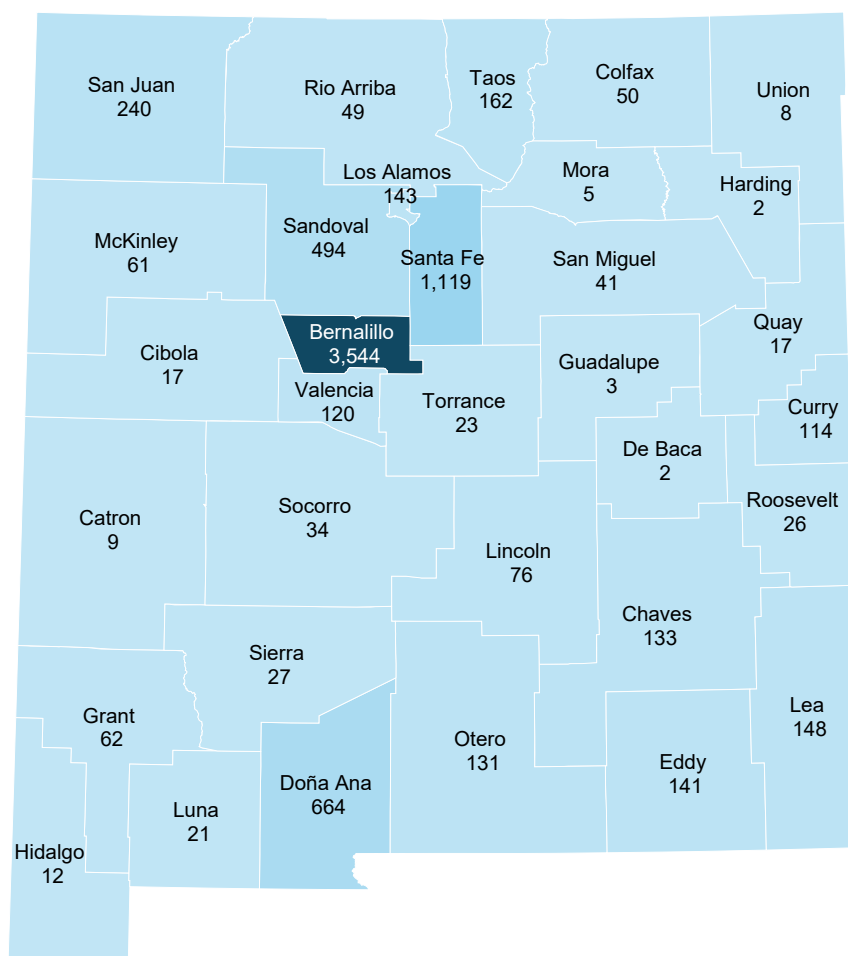
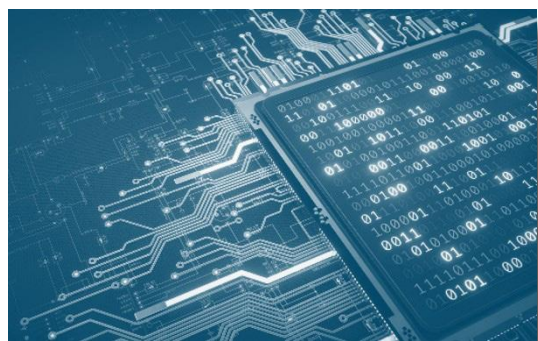
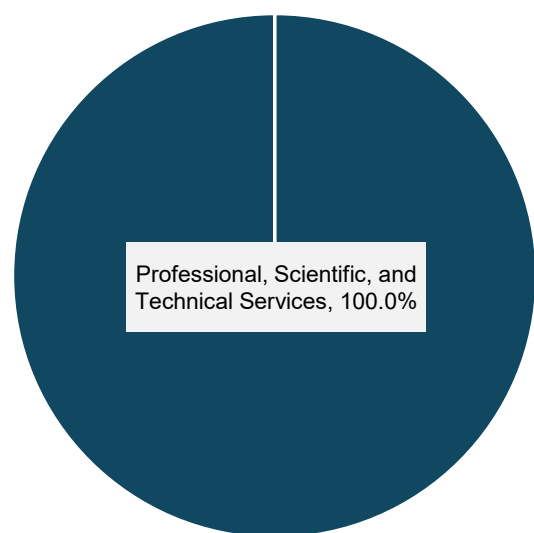
Average Weekly Wage



# Industry Profile: Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services

The Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services sector (NAICS 54) comprises establishments that specialize in performing professional, scientific, and technical activities for others. There is only one subsector for this sector, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (541). Los Alamos National Labs and Sandia National Labs are known as the largest employers in this sector in New Mexico.

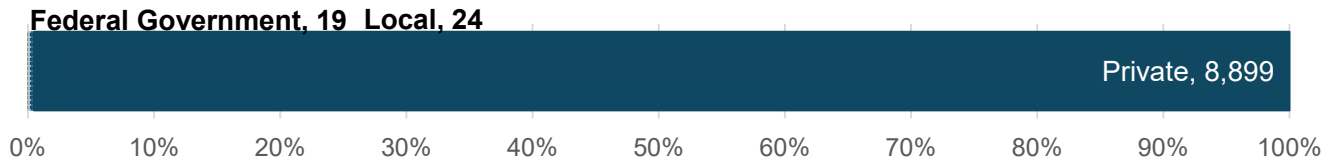
## Number of Establishments, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 8,941



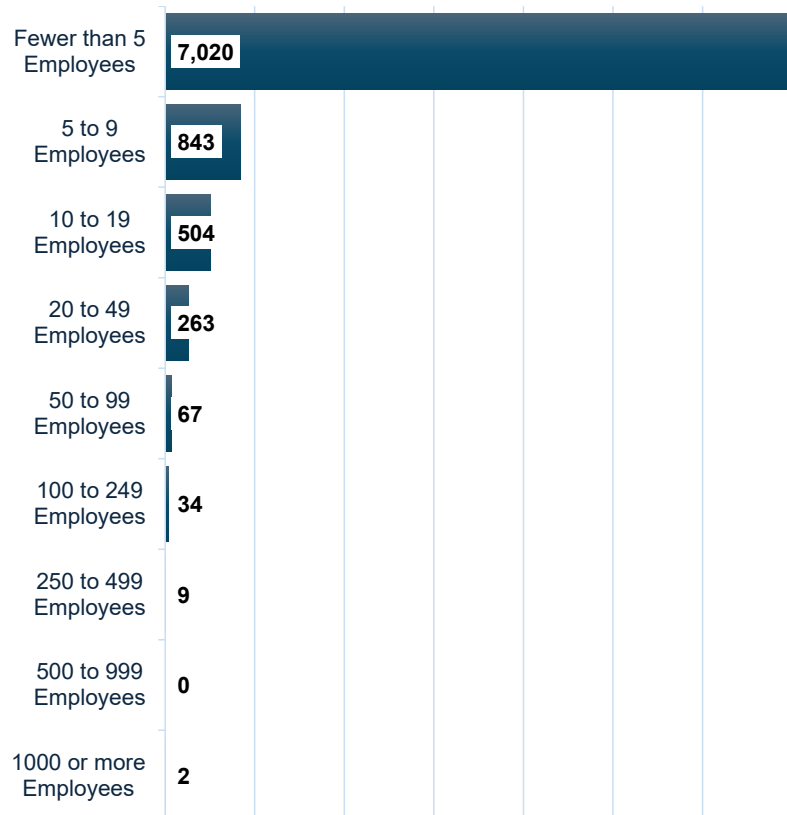
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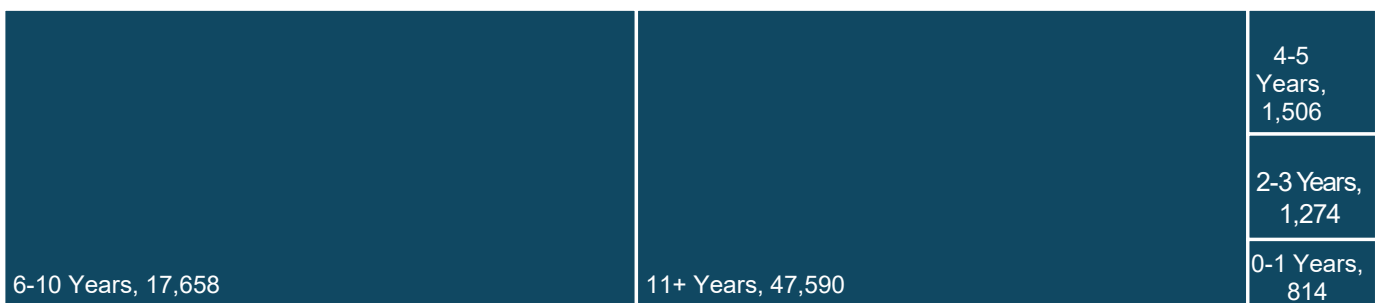
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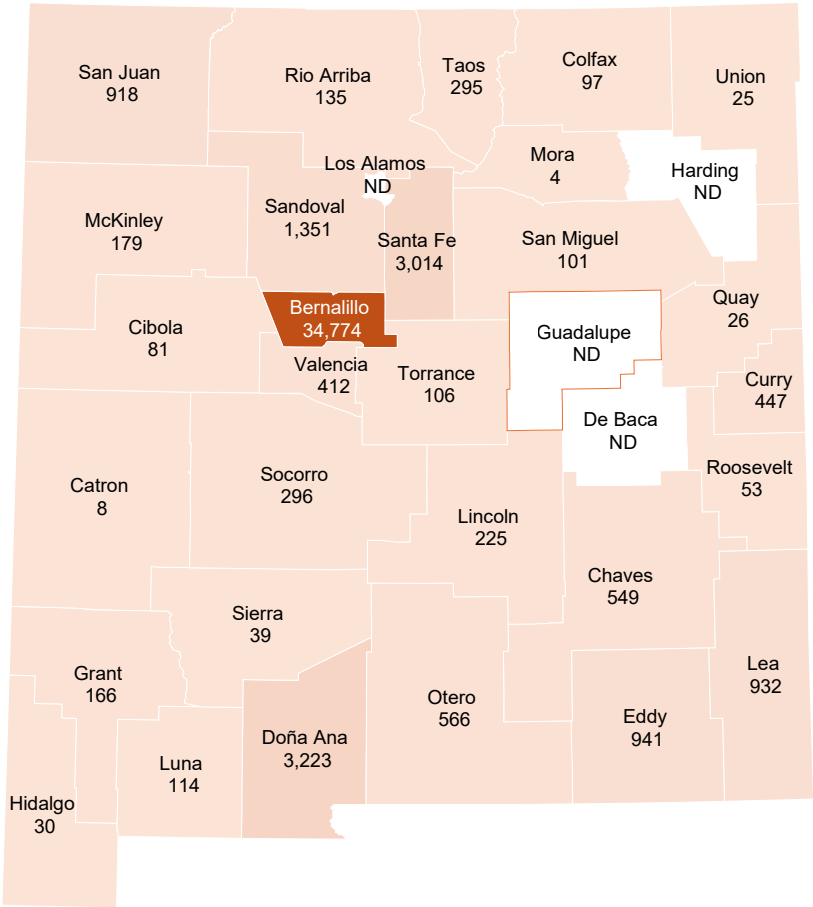
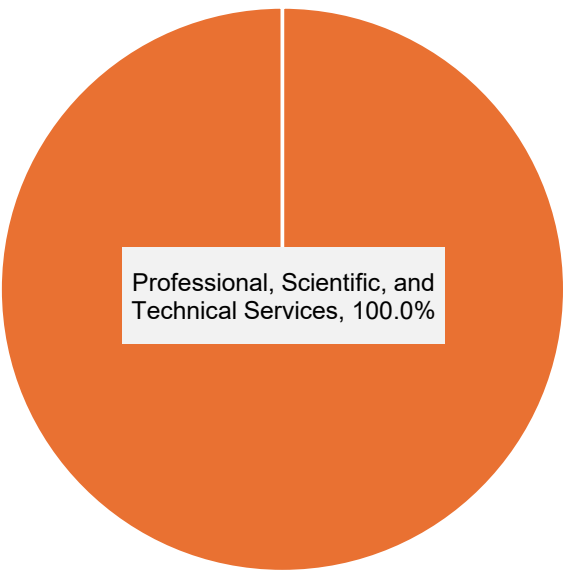


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Average Employment, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 69,417



New Mexico’s Industry Concentration Compared to the US<sup>2</sup>

|                                                  |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 1.14 |
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Top 10 Occupations by Estimated Employment<sup>3</sup>, 2024

|                                              |       |                                           |       |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|-------|
| Project Management Specialists               | 3,342 | Engineering Technologists and Technicians | 2,121 |
| Software Developers                          | 3,271 | Accountants and Auditors                  | 2,069 |
| Secretaries and Administrative Assistants    | 2,977 | Computer User Support Specialists         | 1,755 |
| Computer and Information Research Scientists | 2,513 | Aerospace Engineers                       | 1,716 |
| Computer Hardware Engineers                  | 2,360 | Lawyers                                   | 1,665 |

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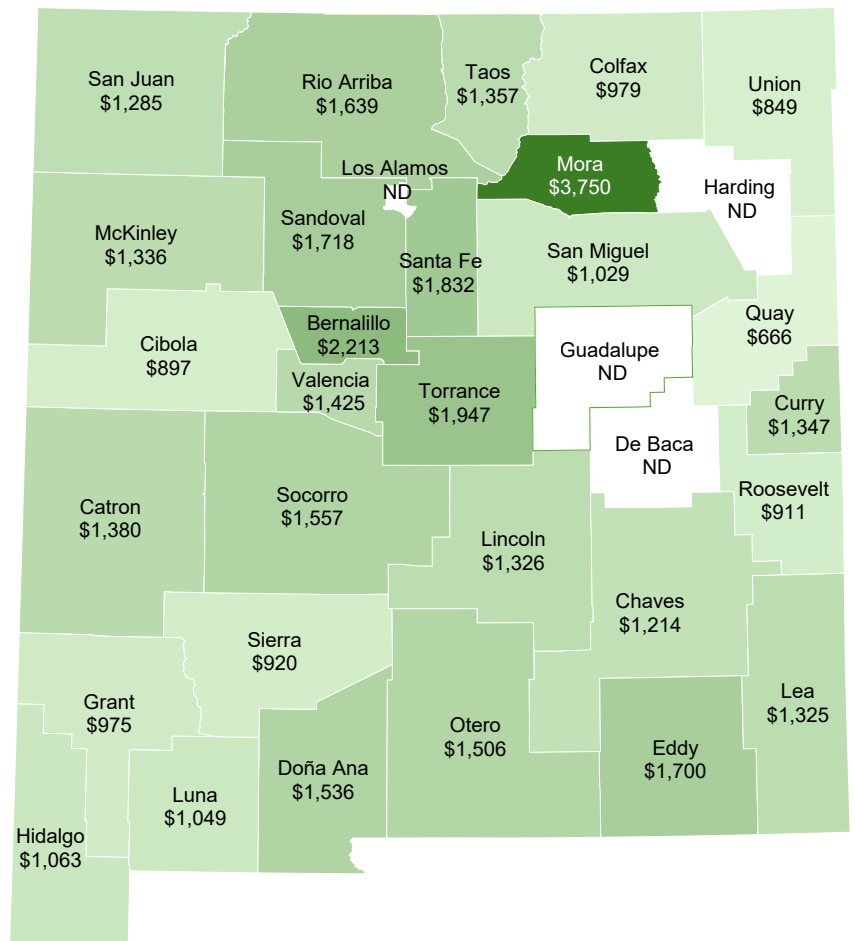
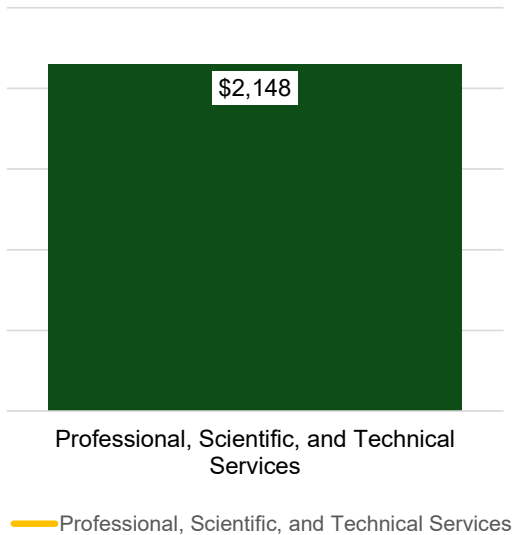
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## Average Weekly Wage

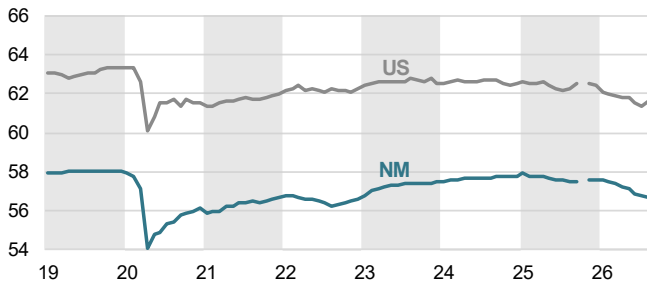


# Key Labor Market Indicators for New Mexico

## Labor Force & Unemployment

### Labor Force Participation Rate (%)

Jan 19-Aug 26

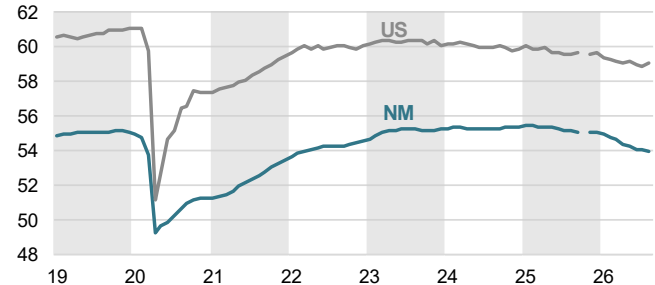


|    | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | Percentage Point Change |      |      |      |
|----|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------|------|------|
|    |        |        |        | OTM                     | OTY  | 2 yr | 5 yr |
| US | 61.6   | 61.4   | 62.3   | 0.2                     | -0.7 | -1.1 | -0.1 |
| NM | 56.7   | 56.8   | 57.5   | -0.1                    | -0.8 | -1.0 | 0.2  |

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)  
Seasonally adjusted

### Employment-to-Population Ratio (%)

Jan 19-Aug 26

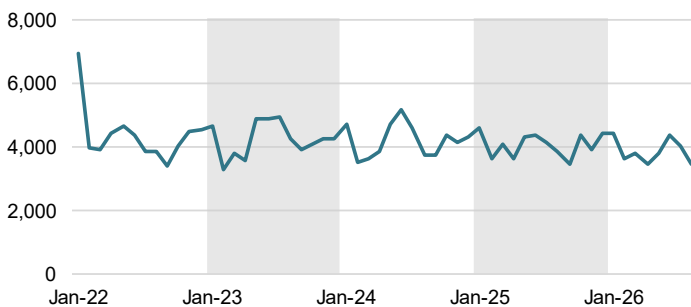


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|----|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------|------|------|
|    |        |        |        | OTM                     | OTY  | 2 yr | 5 yr |
| US | 59.1   | 58.9   | 59.6   | 0.2                     | -0.5 | -0.9 | 0.5  |
| NM | 54.0   | 54.1   | 55.2   | -0.1                    | -1.2 | -1.3 | 1.4  |

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)  
Seasonally adjusted

### Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims

Jan 22-Aug 26

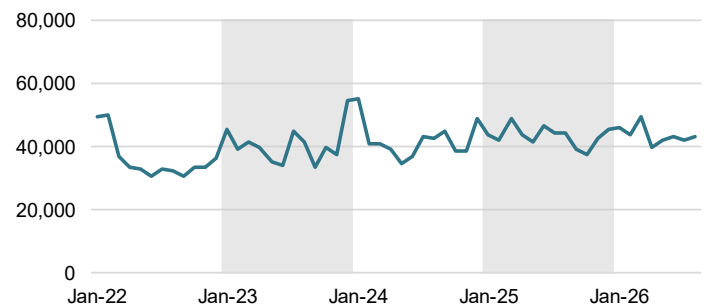


|    | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | Percentage Change (%) |       |      |       |
|----|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|
|    |        |        |        | OTM                   | OTY   | 2 yr | 5 yr  |
| NM | 3,440  | 4,009  | 3,884  | -14.2                 | -11.4 | -7.9 | -80.7 |

NM Department of Workforce Solutions  
New claim applications

### Continued Weeks Claimed, Unemployment Insurance

Jan 22-Aug 26



|    | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | Percentage Change (%) |      |      |       |
|----|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|------|------|-------|
|    |        |        |        | OTM                   | OTY  | 2 yr | 5 yr  |
| NM | 43,428 | 41,960 | 44,130 | 3.5                   | -1.6 | 1.9  | -43.9 |

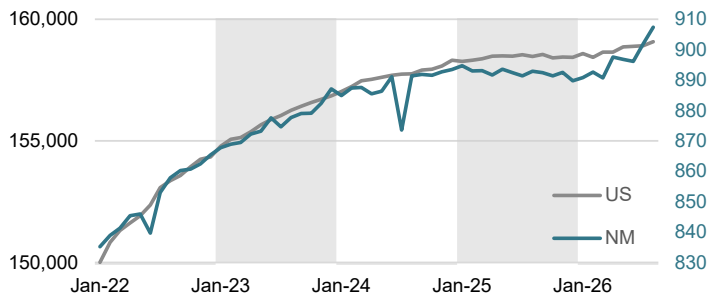
NM Department of Workforce Solutions  
Number of weeks claimed for UI benefits or waiting week credit

# Key Labor Market Indicators for New Mexico *(Continued)*

## Employment, Hours & Earnings

### Seasonally Adjusted Employment

Jan 22-Aug 26

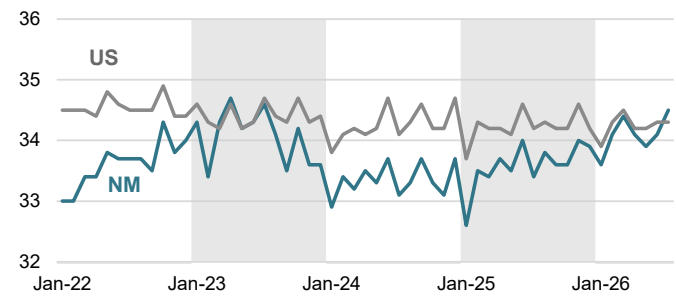


|    | Aug 26  | Jul 26  | Aug 25  | Percentage Change (%) |     |      |      |
|----|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----|------|------|
|    |         |         |         | OTM                   | OTY | 2 yr | 5 yr |
| US | 159,075 | 158,913 | 158,472 | 0.1                   | 0.4 | 0.7  | 8.3  |
| NM | 907.4   | 901.9   | 892.9   | 0.6                   | 1.6 | 3.2  | 9.6  |

Current Employment Statistics (CES)  
Seasonally adjusted, in thousands

### Average Weekly Hours

Jan 22-Aug 26

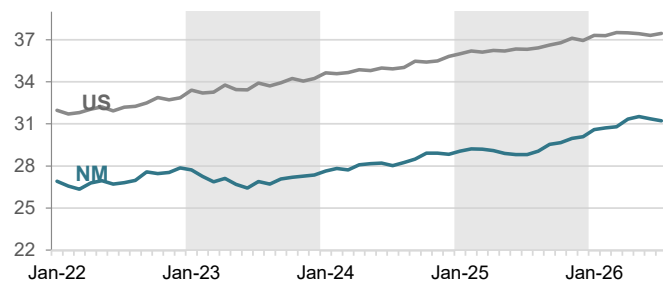


|    | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | Change in Hours |     |      |      |
|----|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|-----|------|------|
|    |        |        |        | OTM             | OTY | 2 yr | 5 yr |
| US | 34.8   | 34.3   | 34.3   | 0.5             | 0.5 | 0.2  | -0.4 |
| NM | 35.0   | 34.5   | 33.8   | 0.5             | 1.2 | 1.4  | -0.4 |

Current Employment Statistics (CES)  
Private establishments, not seasonally adjusted

### Average Hourly Earnings

Jan 22-Aug 26

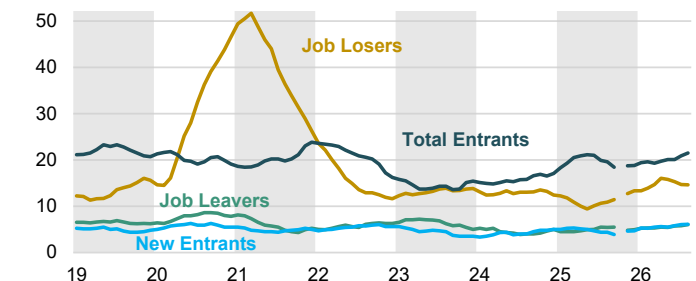


|    | Aug 26  | Jul 26  | Aug 25  | Change in Dollars |        |        |        |
|----|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|    |         |         |         | OTM               | OTY    | 2 yr   | 5 yr   |
| US | \$37.78 | \$37.45 | \$36.41 | \$0.33            | \$1.37 | \$2.52 | \$6.96 |
| NM | \$31.32 | \$31.21 | \$29.05 | \$0.11            | \$2.27 | \$3.18 | \$6.62 |

Current Employment Statistics (CES)  
Private establishments, not seasonally adjusted

### People Entering and Leaving the Workforce

Jan 19-Aug 26



|                | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | Percentage Point Change |     |      |       |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----|------|-------|
|                |        |        |        | OTM                     | OTY | 2 yr | 5 yr  |
| Total Entrants | 21.5   | 20.9   | 19.6   | 0.6                     | 1.9 | 5.7  | 1.7   |
| New Entrants   | 6.1    | 6.0    | 4.4    | 0.1                     | 1.7 | 2.1  | 1.4   |
| Job Losers     | 14.6   | 14.7   | 10.9   | -0.1                    | 3.7 | 1.6  | -21.8 |
| Job Leavers    | 6.0    | 5.8    | 5.4    | 0.2                     | 0.6 | 2.0  | 1.2   |

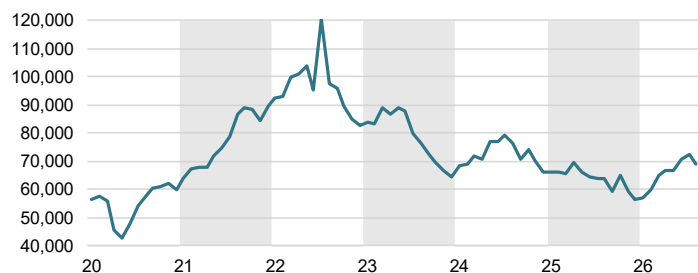
Current Population Survey (CPS)  
12-month moving average (11-month moving average starting Nov 25), thousands

# Key Labor Market Indicators for New Mexico *(Continued)*

## Online Job Postings

### Online Job Postings

Jan 20-Aug 26

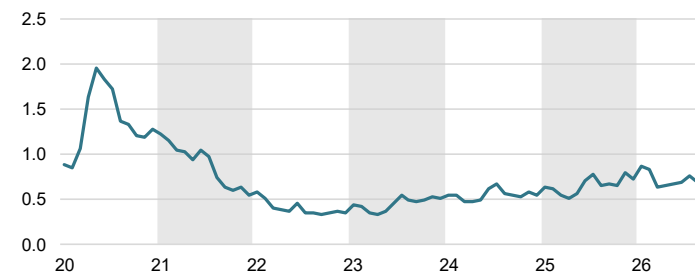


|    | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | Percentage Change (%) |     |      |       |
|----|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-----|------|-------|
|    |        |        |        | OTM                   | OTY | 2 yr | 5 yr  |
| NM | 68,735 | 72,692 | 63,597 | -5.4                  | 8.1 | -9.9 | -20.8 |

NM Department of Workforce Solutions  
Job postings from New Mexico Jobs

### Unemployment per Online Job Posting

Jan 20-Aug 26



|    | Aug 26 | Jul 26 | Aug 25 | Percentage Point Change |     |      |      |
|----|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----|------|------|
|    |        |        |        | OTM                     | OTY | 2 yr | 5 yr |
| NM | 0.69   | 0.75   | 0.65   | -9.0                    | 5.8 | 0.1  | -0.1 |

NM Department of Workforce Solutions. Job postings from New Mexico Jobs and unemployment estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program.

### Industries with the Most Online Job Postings

Aug 2026

| Top Industries                                              |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| General Medical and Surgical Hospitals                      | 6,045 |
| Elementary and Secondary Schools                            | 2,764 |
| Temporary Help Services                                     | 2,752 |
| Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools            | 2,258 |
| R&D in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences         | 1,861 |
| Employment Placement Agencies and Executive Search Services | 1,729 |
| Restaurants and Other Eating Places                         | 1,577 |
| Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Hospitals                   | 1,515 |
| Department Stores                                           | 1,352 |
| Legislative Bodies                                          | 1,313 |

NM Department of Workforce Solutions  
Job postings from New Mexico Jobs

### Occupations with the Most Online Job Postings

Aug 2026

| Top Occupations                                   |       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Registered Nurses                                 | 6,866 |
| Physicians, All Other                             | 1,961 |
| Customer Service Representatives                  | 1,684 |
| Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses | 1,521 |
| Teachers and Instructors, All Other               | 985   |
| Nurse Practitioners                               | 958   |
| Radiologic Technologists and Technicians          | 952   |
| General and Operations Managers                   | 922   |
| Retail Salespersons                               | 920   |
| Computer Systems Engineers/Architects             | 900   |

NM Department of Workforce Solutions  
Job postings from New Mexico Jobs

| Initial Claims by County for the Week of August 16, 2026 |     |            |    | New Mexico's Unemployment Insurance Program            |       |                                 |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------|----|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                                                          |     |            |    | Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, August 2026 |       |                                 |       |
|                                                          |     |            |    | Gender                                                 |       | Industry                        |       |
| Bernalillo                                               | 282 | McKinley   | 19 | Male                                                   | 5,008 | Agriculture                     | 158   |
| Catron                                                   | *   | Mora       | *  | Female                                                 | 4,485 | Mining                          | 174   |
| Chaves                                                   | 14  | Otero      | 11 | NA                                                     | 7     | Utilities                       | 26    |
| Cibola                                                   | 8   | Quay       | *  | Ethnicity                                              |       | Construction                    | 1,163 |
| Colfax                                                   | *   | Rio Arriba | 10 | Hispanic/Latino                                        | 4,959 | Manufacturing                   | 349   |
| Curry                                                    | 9   | Roosevelt  | *  | Not Hispanic/Latino                                    | 3,903 | Wholesale Trade                 | 257   |
| De Baca                                                  | *   | San Juan   | 43 | NA                                                     | 638   | Retail Trade                    | 978   |
| Doña Ana                                                 | 91  | San Miguel | *  | Race                                                   |       | Transportation & Warehousing    | 370   |
| Eddy                                                     | 20  | Sandoval   | 54 | Native American/AK Native                              | 1,190 | Information                     | 670   |
| Grant                                                    | 7   | Santa Fe   | 32 | Asian                                                  | 135   | Finance & Insurance             | 250   |
| Guadalupe                                                | *   | Sierra     | 11 | African American                                       | 418   | Real Estate, Rental, Leasing    | 150   |
| Harding                                                  | *   | Socorro    | *  | Native HI/Pacific Islander                             | 43    | Professional & Scientific Serv  | 588   |
| Hidalgo                                                  | *   | Taos       | 7  | White                                                  | 5,837 | Mgmt of Companies               | 20    |
| Lea                                                      | 14  | Torrance   | 9  | NA                                                     | 1,877 | Admin & Support/Waste Mgmt      | 856   |
| Lincoln                                                  | 6   | Union      | *  | Age                                                    |       | Educational Services            | 322   |
| Los Alamos                                               | *   | Unknown    | *  | <22                                                    | 241   | Healthcare & Social Assistance  | 1,074 |
| Luna                                                     | 18  | Valencia   | 27 | 22-24                                                  | 365   | Arts, Entertainment, Recreation | 173   |
| Total                                                    | 727 |            |    | 25-34                                                  | 2,014 | Accommodation & Food Serv       | 777   |
|                                                          |     |            |    | 35-44                                                  | 2,464 | Other Services                  | 235   |
|                                                          |     |            |    | 45-54                                                  | 2,047 | Public Administration           | 357   |
|                                                          |     |            |    | 55-59                                                  | 905   | NA                              | 553   |
|                                                          |     |            |    | 60-64                                                  | 752   |                                 |       |
|                                                          |     |            |    | >=65                                                   | 712   |                                 |       |
|                                                          |     |            |    |                                                        |       | Transportation,Material Moving  | 753   |
|                                                          |     |            |    |                                                        |       | Military Specific               | 16    |
|                                                          |     |            |    |                                                        |       | NA                              | 111   |

\* Data <5 can not be released. Initial claims data are for standard UI, intrastate only.

Characteristics data are for individuals with regular state UI continued weeks claimed for both intrastate and interstate agent for the week that includes the 19th of the month. NA=not available. Characteristics data are from ETA 203, which can also be found at <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/DataDownloads.asp>



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