

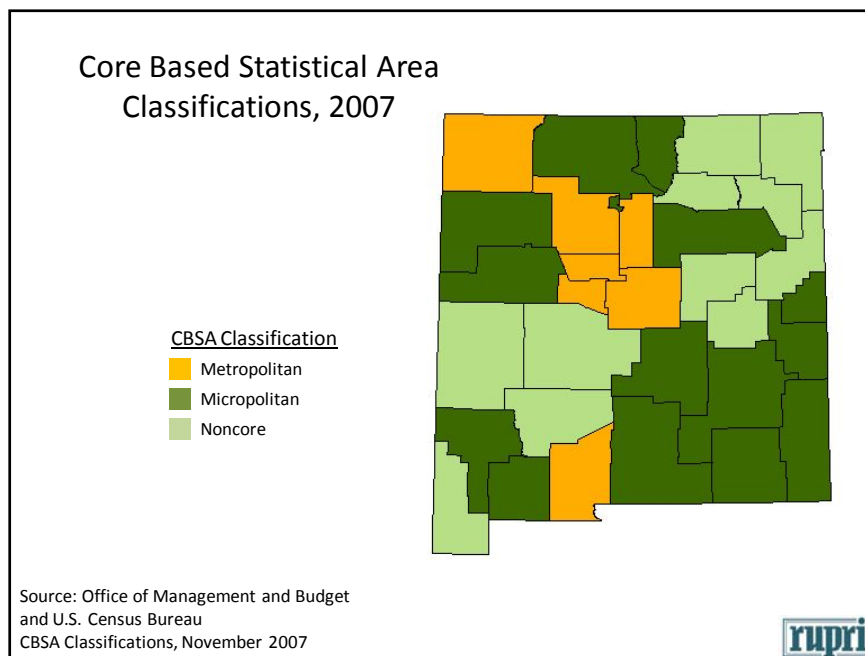
New Mexico

Introduction

This profile report provides updated statistics and trends for New Mexico. The most recent classifications of core based statistical areas, November 2007, are utilized throughout the report in comparisons of metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. This report includes updated data on population trends and racial and ethnic composition of the population (2007), updated estimates of county poverty rates (2005), county unemployment rates (2007), and per capita income data (2006). The report also includes some new indicators of entrepreneurship, classifications of health professional shortage areas, and infant mortality rates.

Metro and Nonmetro Counties

Based on county Core Based Statistical Area classifications, there are 7 metropolitan counties in New Mexico, 15 micropolitan counties, and 11 noncore counties. Based on population estimates for 2007, 66 percent of New Mexico residents live in metropolitan areas, 30 percent live in micropolitan areas, and 4 percent live in noncore areas.



Population Change

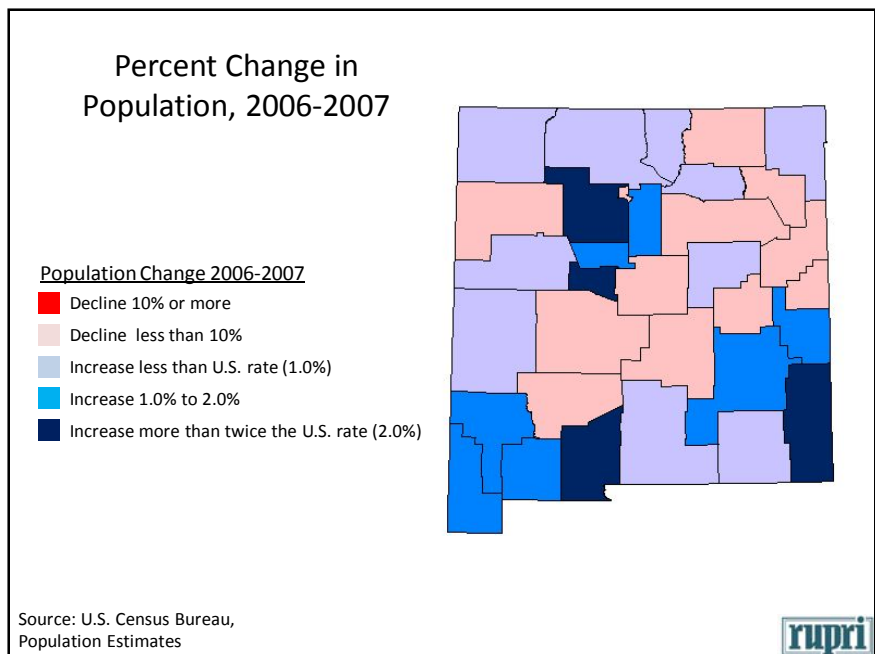
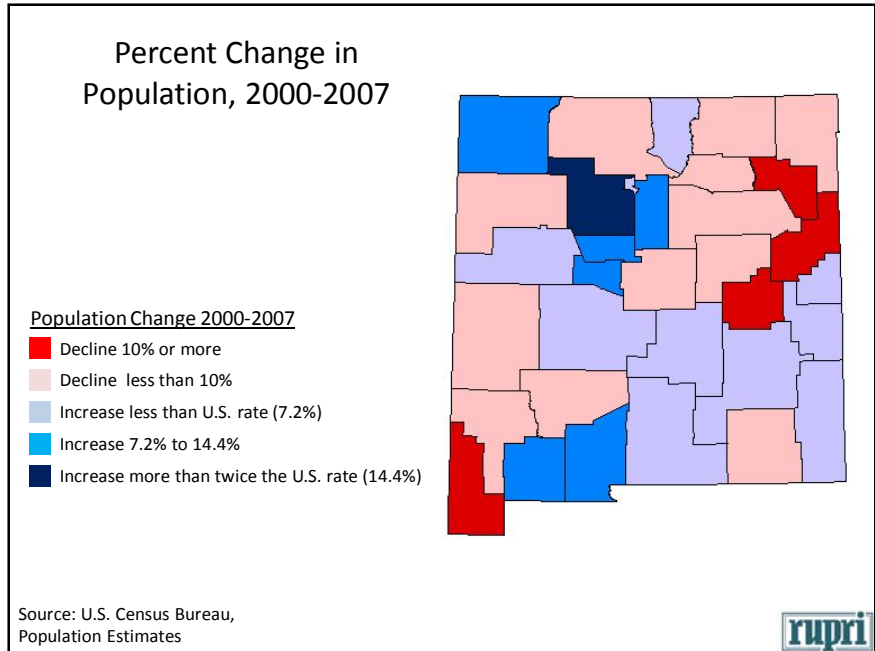
Since the 2000 Census, population increased 7.2 percent in the U.S., and 8.3 percent in New Mexico. Within New Mexico, the fastest growth was in the metropolitan areas, and noncore areas experienced an overall population loss. From 2006 to 2007, the U.S. population grew by one percent, while the New Mexico population

increased by 1.4 percent. Again, the metropolitan areas experienced the fastest growth, while noncore areas experienced an overall population loss.

From 2000 to 2007, 16 counties in New Mexico lost population, all but one of them nonmetropolitan. From 2006 to 2007, 12 New Mexico counties lost population, again all but one of them nonmetropolitan. The fastest growth during both time periods was in Sandoval County, part of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area.

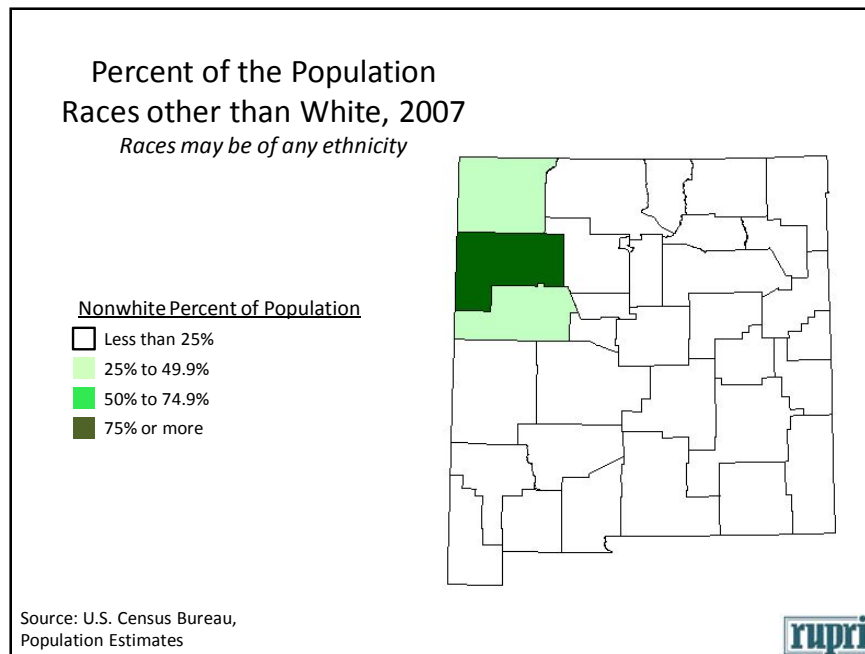
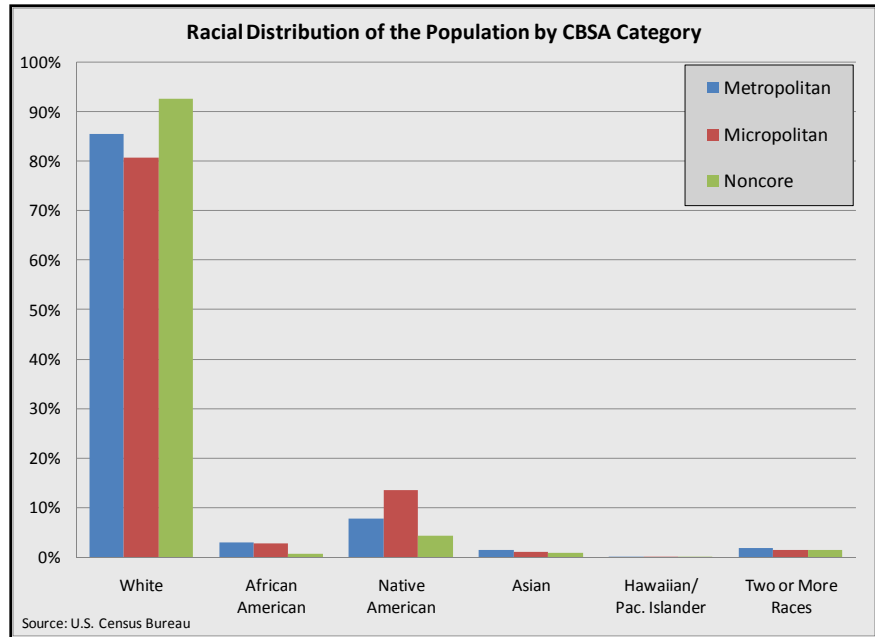
	Percent Change in Population	
	<u>2000-2007</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
U.S.	7.2%	1.0%
New Mexico	8.3%	1.4%
Metropolitan	13.2%	1.9%
Micropolitan	0.7%	0.5%
Noncore	-6.5%	-0.3%

source: U.S. Census Bureau

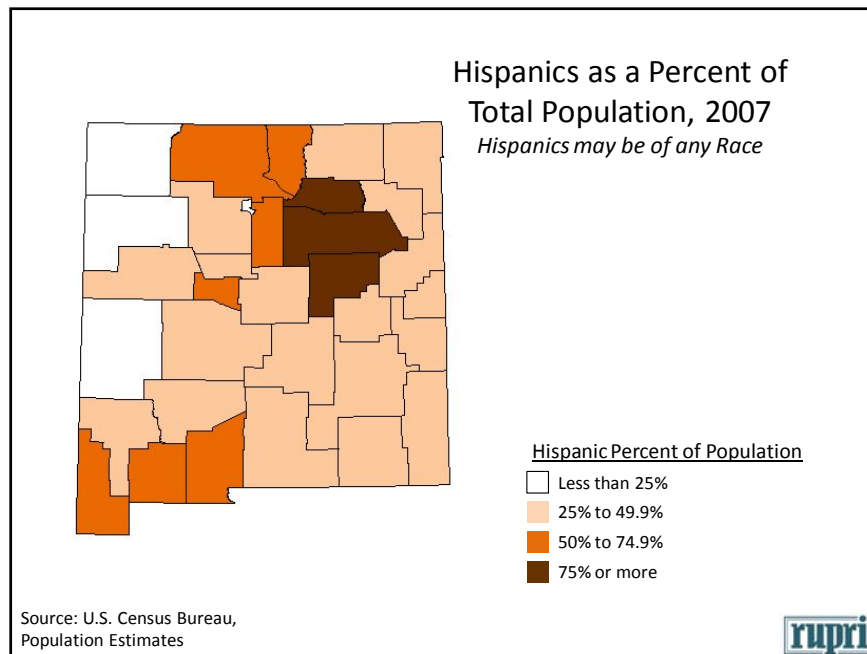


Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Population

The racial composition of the population is shown in the bar chart to the right. It is important to note that the population of any given race includes those of Hispanic ethnicity. Each racial category presented in the chart includes both Hispanics and non Hispanics of that race. The population of New Mexico is 84.5 percent white, and 9.5 percent Native American. New Mexico's population is also 44.4 percent Hispanic. Three counties in New Mexico have a significant portion of nonwhites, shown in the map below.

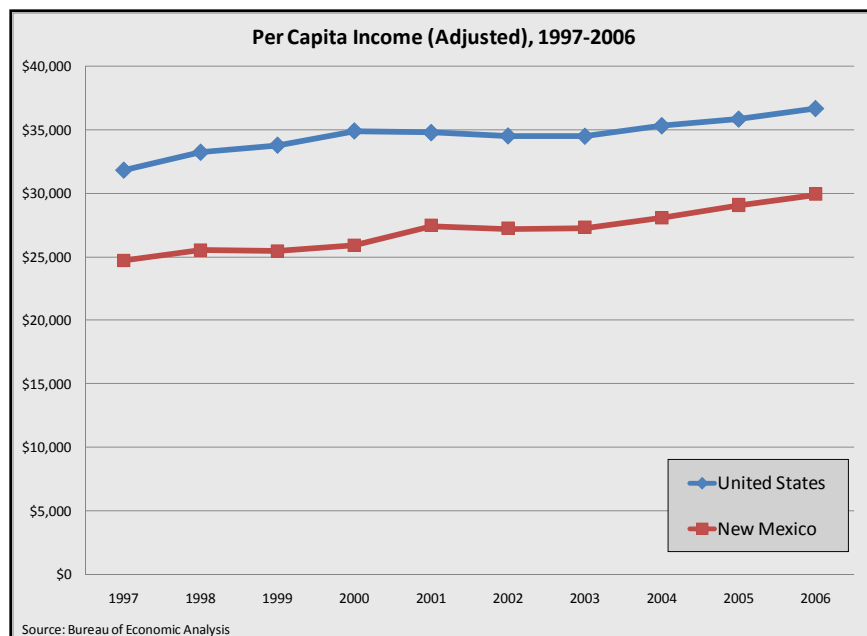


Hispanics make up a large percentage of New Mexico's population. The map below shows the Hispanic population, by county. In three counties, the proportion of Hispanics is over 75 percent of total population.

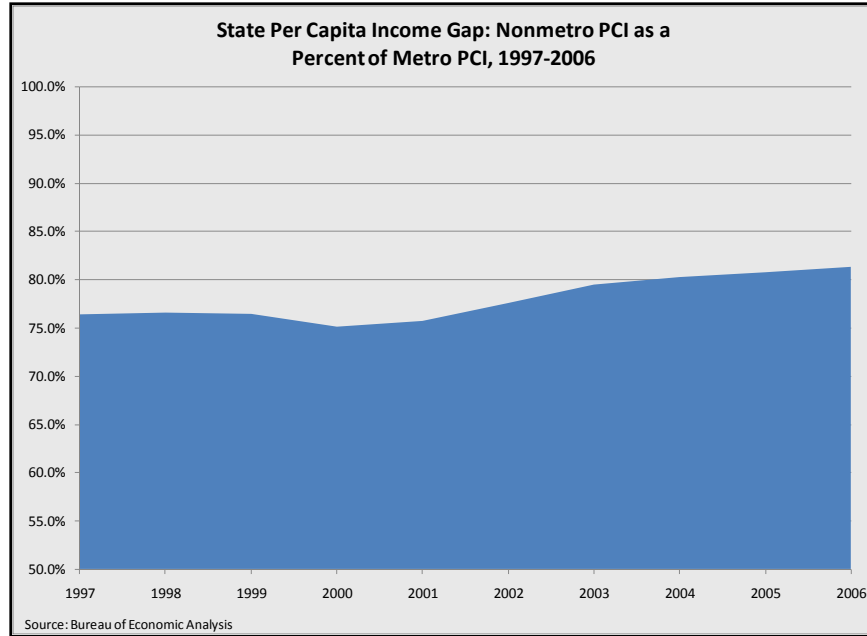


Per Capita Income

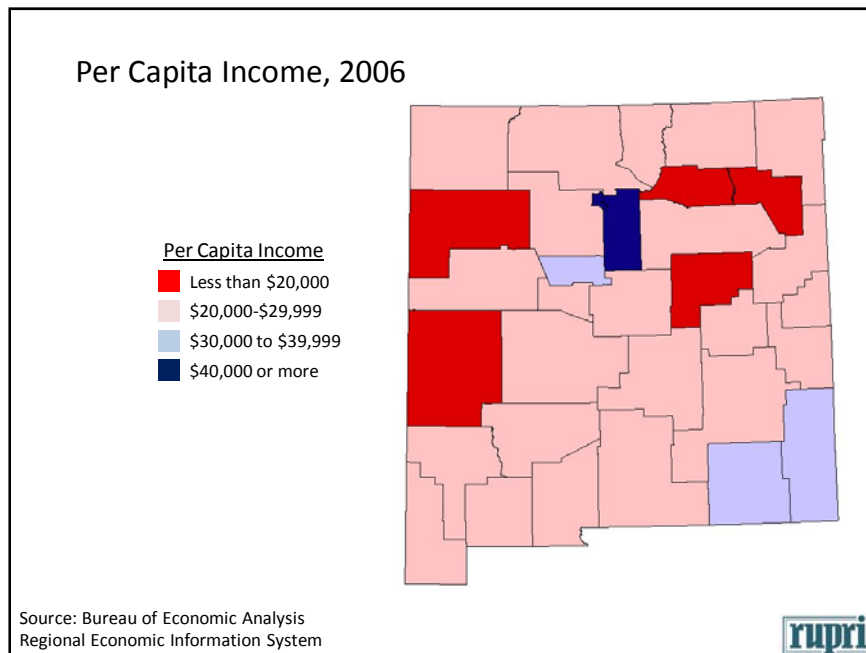
Per capita income in New Mexico has followed a similar trend as the nation over the past 10 years, with New Mexico's income lagging behind the U.S. income. In 2006 per capita income was \$36,714 in the U.S. and \$29,929 in New Mexico.



The per capita income gap in New Mexico has also persisted over the past 10 years. In 2006, nonmetropolitan per capita income was 81.4 percent of metro per capita income in New Mexico. The per capita income in nonmetro areas was about \$6,000 less than in metro areas (\$26,018 compared to \$31,978).

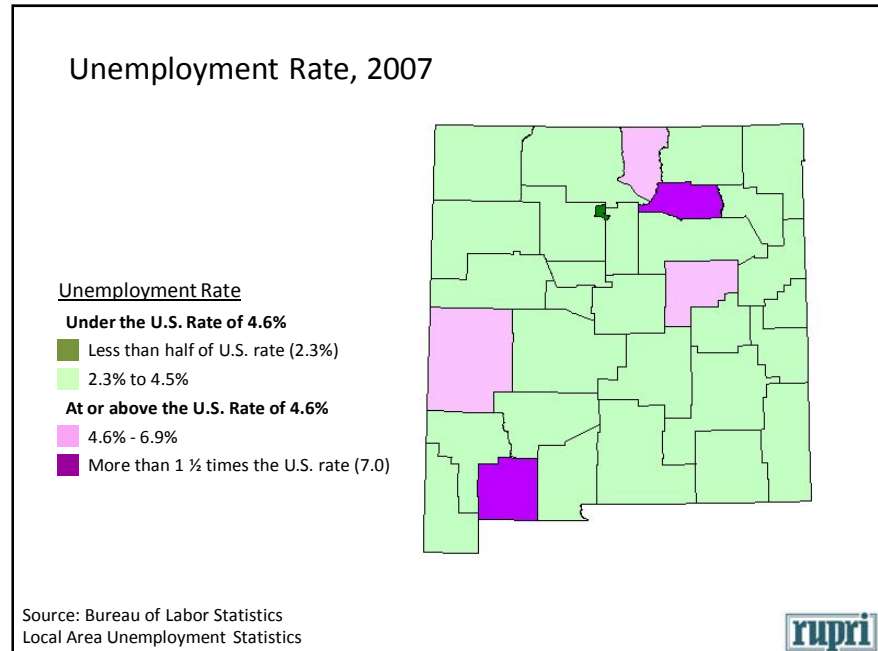


Within New Mexico, per capita income ranged from \$17,047 in Guadalupe County to \$56,928 in Los Alamos County. Five New Mexico counties had per capita income under \$20,000.



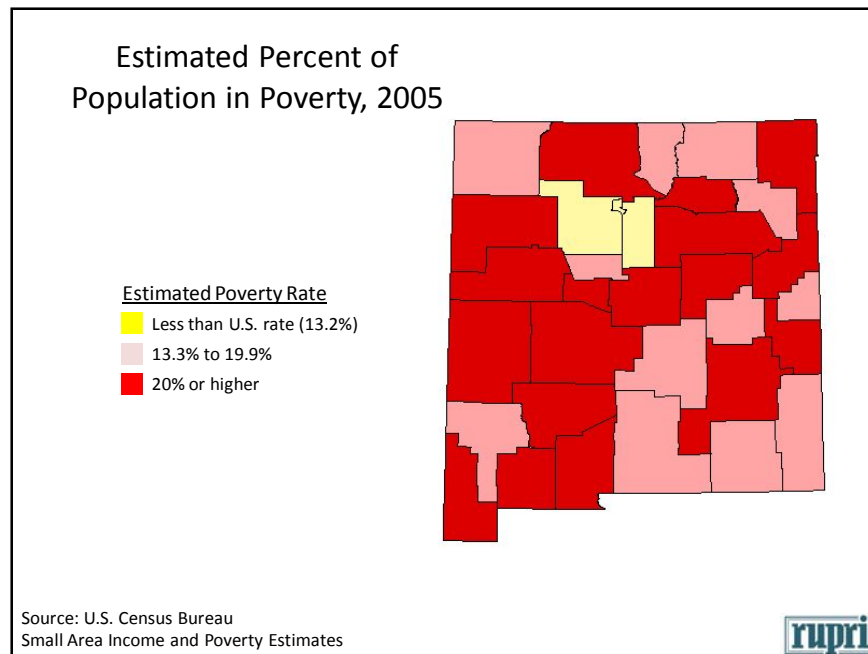
Unemployment

The 2007 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in the U.S. and 3.5 percent in New Mexico. 5 counties in New Mexico had unemployment rates equal to or higher than the U.S. average, all of them nonmetropolitan, and 2 nonmetropolitan counties had unemployment rates more than 1 ½ times the U.S. average. One county had an unemployment rate less than half of the U.S. average.



Poverty

Poverty estimates for 2005 show that the poverty rate in the U.S. in 2005 was 13.3 percent, compared to 18.4 percent in New Mexico. Within New Mexico, poverty rates ranged from 3.3 in Los Alamos County to 34 in Socorro County. 18 New Mexico counties had poverty rates over 20 percent, the majority of which were nonmetropolitan counties.

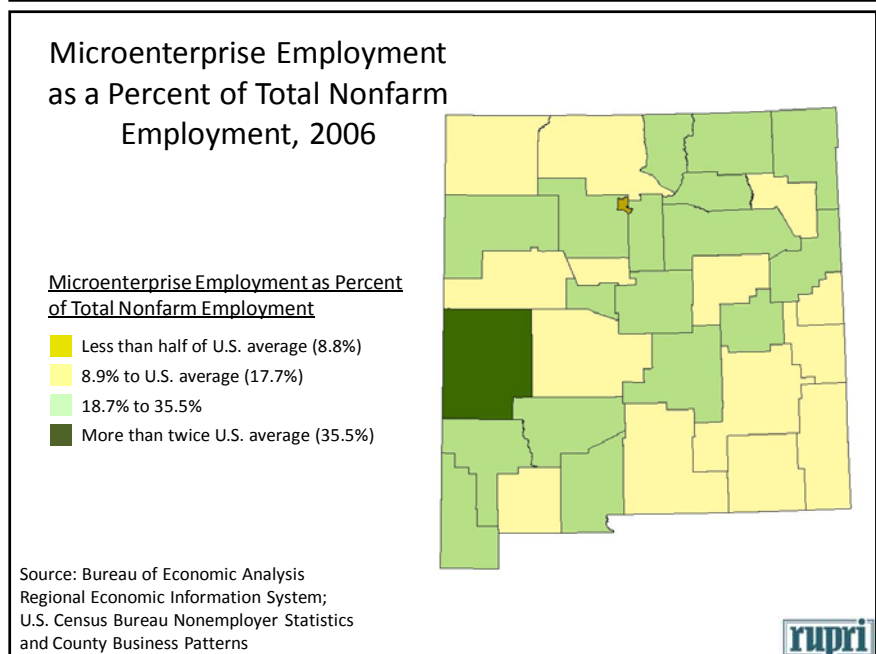
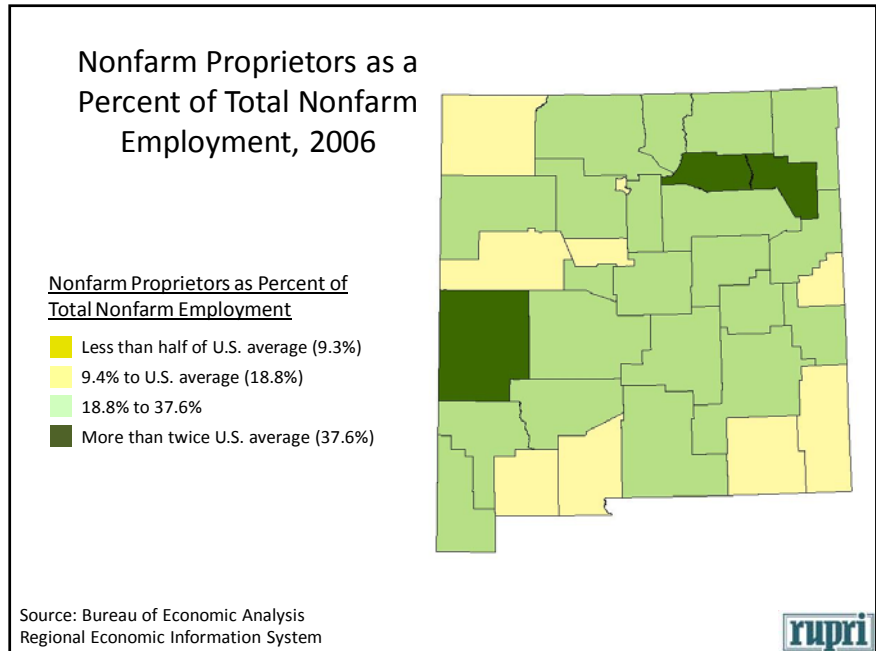


Entrepreneurship Indicators

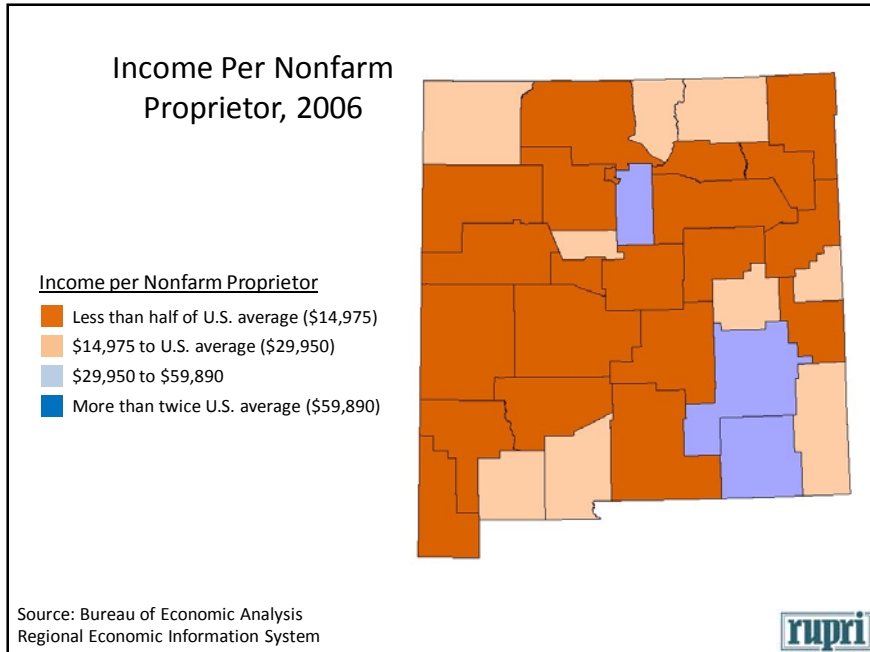
Entrepreneurship plays a key role in the economic development of communities, but entrepreneurship is a difficult concept to measure. Four indicators of entrepreneurship are presented here: (1) nonfarm proprietors as a proportion of total nonfarm employment and (2) microenterprise employment (calculated as the number of self employed individuals plus the number of employees in establishments with less than 5 employees) as a proportion of total nonfarm employment; (3) income per nonfarm proprietor; and (4) nonfarm proprietors income as a proportion of county total personal income.

Nationally, nonfarm proprietor employment accounts for 18.8 percent of total nonfarm employment. In New Mexico, this figure is 19.0 percent, and within New Mexico, this figure ranges from 10.2 percent to over 65 percent.

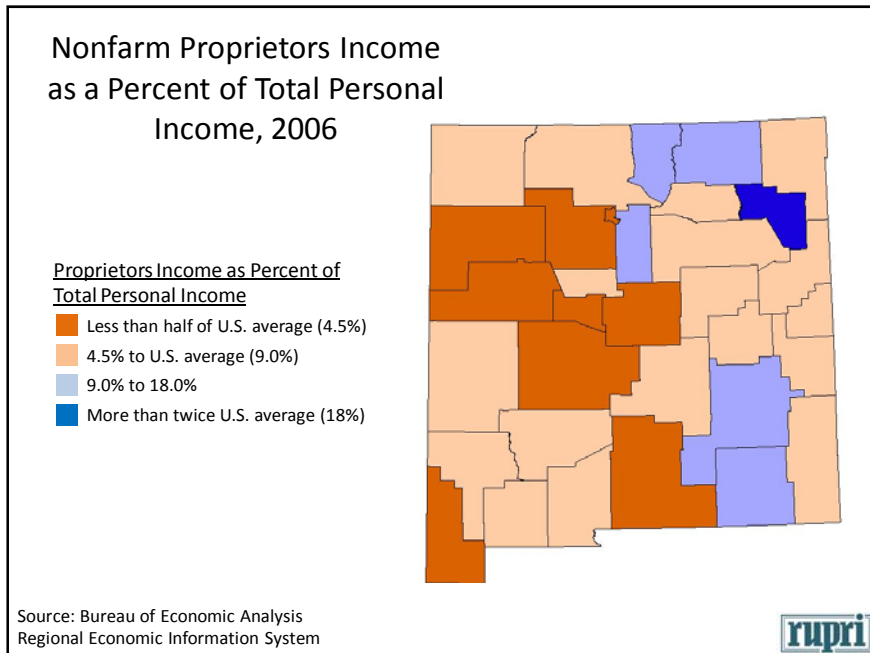
Microenterprise employment represents 17.7 percent of U.S nonfarm employment and 16.6 percent of New Mexico nonfarm employment. Within New Mexico, this ranges from 7.3 percent to 42 percent.



Average income per proprietor in the U.S was \$29,950, compared to \$20,543 in New Mexico. Within New Mexico, this ranged from \$5,571 per proprietor to \$43,340 per proprietor.



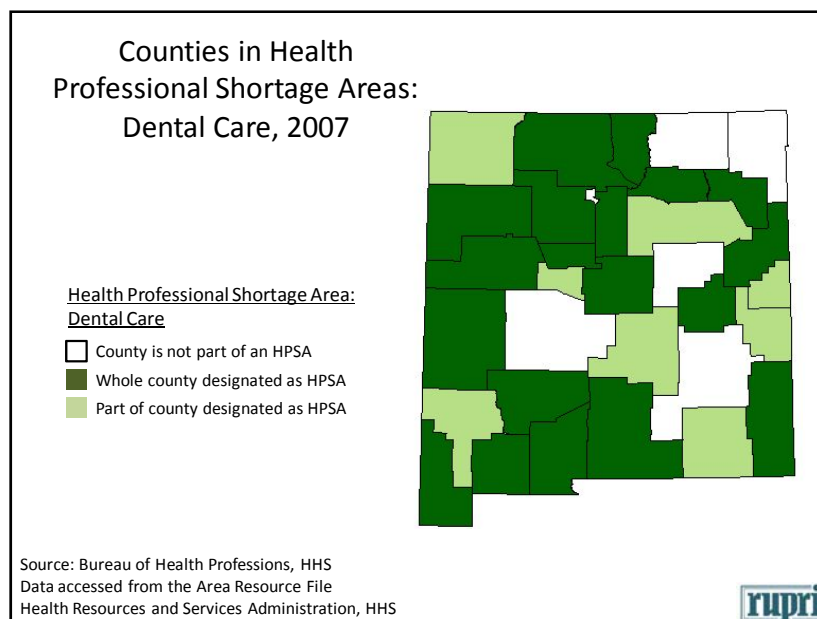
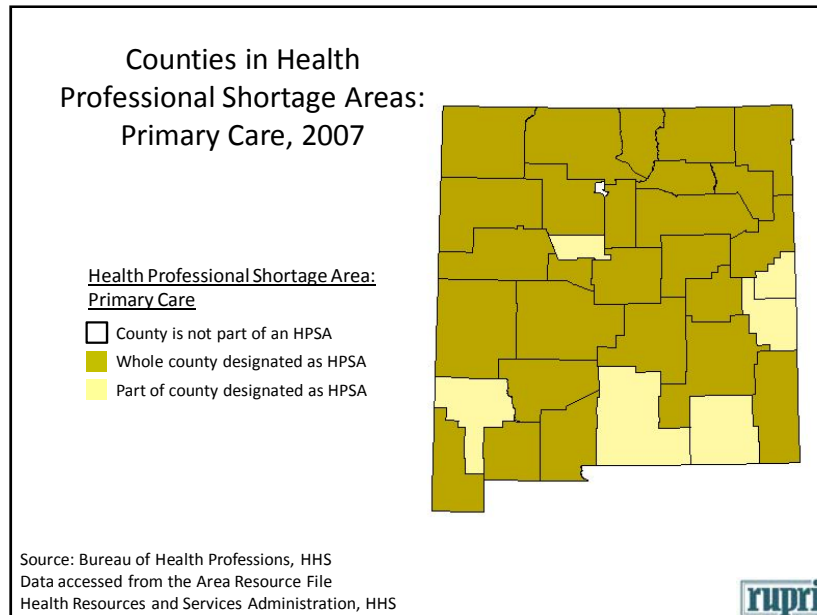
Nationally, nonfarm proprietors income accounted for 9 percent of total personal income. In New Mexico, this figure was 7 percent, and ranged from 2 percent to 21 percent in New Mexico counties.

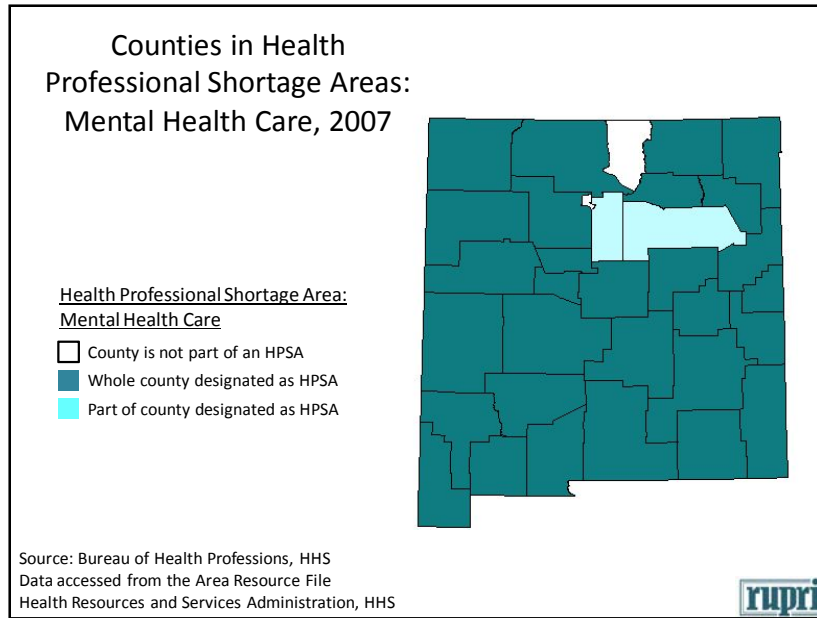


Health Professional Shortage Areas

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated for primary medical care, dentists, and mental health professionals. The designations are made by the Bureau of Health Professions within the Department of Health and Human Services. The maps below present the status of counties as being whole or in part designated as part of an HPSA.

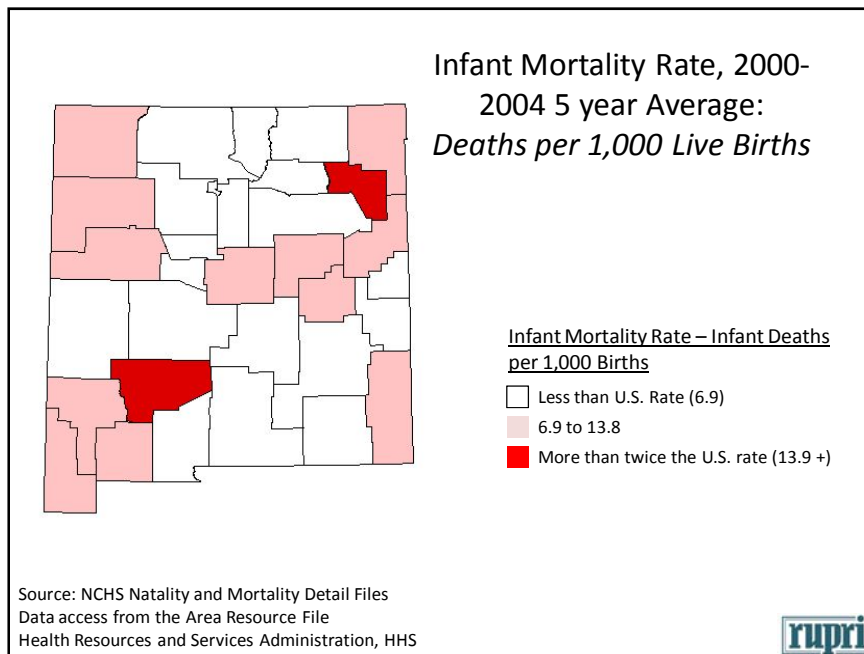
Within New Mexico, 32 counties were either whole or in part designated as a primary care HPSA, 27 counties were designated whole or part of a dental care HPSA, and 31 counties were designated whole or in part of a mental health care HPSA.





Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rates are a 5 year average of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate is 6.9 for the U.S. and 6.3 for New Mexico. 12 counties in New Mexico had an infant mortality rate higher than the U.S. average, and 2 counties had a rate more than twice the national average.



Data Sources:

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

<http://www.bea.gov/beat/regional/reis/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm>

Department of Health and Human Services , Health Resources and Services Administration
Area Resource File

<http://www.arfsys.com/>

U.S. Census Bureau

Population Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Classifications

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metrodef.html>

Nonemployer Statistics

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/nonemployer/>

County Business Patterns

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/index.html>

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/saipe.html>

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<http://ims2.missouri.edu/step1.AOI/New Mexicolist.asp>

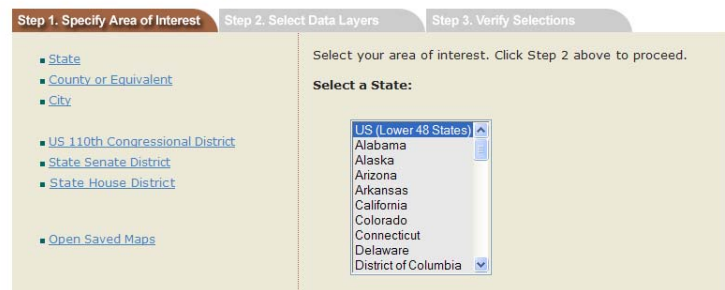
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