

# RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHING DATA RELATED TO LOCAL ECONOMICS, CUSTOM AND CULTURE

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### Agriculture

[http://nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/New\\_Mexico/index.asp](http://nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/index.asp)

**Description:** The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts hundreds of surveys every year and prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture. Production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm finances, chemical use, and changes in the demographics of U.S. producers are only a few examples. Here you can find state specific data for the following subjects: crops and plants, demographics, economics and prices, environmental, livestock and animals.

<http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

**Description:** Web Soil Survey (WSS) provides soil data and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. It is operated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. NRCS has soil maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site is updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information.

Soil surveys can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning. Onsite investigation is needed in some cases, such as soil quality assessments and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#) or your [NRCS State Soil Scientist](#).

<http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>

**Description:** The Census of Agriculture is the leading source of facts and figures about American agriculture. Conducted every five years, the Census provides a detailed picture of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It is the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the United States. Participation by every farmer and rancher, regardless of the size or type of operation, is vitally important. By responding to the Census, producers are helping themselves, their communities and all of U.S. agriculture.

The 2012 Census of Agriculture collected information concerning all areas of farming and ranching operations, including production expenses, market value of products, and operator characteristics. This information is used by everyone who provides services to farmers and rural communities - including federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, and many others. Census data is used to make decisions about many things that directly impact farmers, including:

- community planning
- store/company locations
- availability of operational loans and other funding
- location and staffing of service centers
- farm programs and policies

<http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/dairy/index.html>

**Description:** The Extension Dairy program provides NM dairies with sound scientific information related to environmental impacts such as carbon footprint, air emissions, water usage, etc. as an asset in federal or State regulatory matters, as well as a tool to help show public stakeholders about the industry's economic and environmental impact.

<http://www.usgs.gov/state/state.asp?State=NM>

**Description:** The USGS is a science organization that provides impartial information on the health of our ecosystems and environment, the natural hazards that threaten us, the natural resources we rely on, the impacts of climate and land-use change, and the core science systems that help us provide timely, relevant, and useable information.

**County Websites** (Example) <http://www.chavescounty.net/reports.php>

**Description:** This website gives information on the topics: Local Agriculture, population, labor, transportation, utilities, tax base, major employers, education, economy and climate

Agriculture (size of county, land ownership, livestock, crops); Population (population and commuter populations); Labor (per capita personal income, employment and unemployment numbers and unemployment rate); Transportation (air transportation, rail transportation, road transportation/trucking); Utilities (electric, natural gas, water); Tax information (gross receipts tax, property taxes); Major employers (list of major employers and their respective industry); Education (higher education statistics, Independent school districts); Economy (economic contributing factors, housing market); Climate (2013 climate outlook) *\*Topics may change per location, to better suit that county.*

<http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/land-and-water/water>

**Description:** Water planning reports, middle Rio Grande water assembly, estancia water basin regional water plan, LUP resources including various maps, community profiles, local government plans (land use plans), Focus 2050 Regional Plan.

<http://wrri.nmsu.edu/wrdis/wrdis.html>

**Description:** The overall mission of the NM WRRI is to develop and disseminate knowledge that will assist the state and nation in solving water problems. Through the funding of research and demonstration projects, the institute utilizes knowledge and experience of researchers throughout the state to solve New Mexico's pressing water problems. Research is conducted by faculty and students within the departmental structure of each New Mexico university campus. In-house staff administers the institute's programs, conducts special research projects, and produces a variety of issue reports.

## **Socioeconomic**

<http://archive.sba.gov/advo/research/profiles/09nm.pdf>

**Description:** Business information, small employers, large employers, male owned, female owned, workforce information, income and finance, employment by industry and firm size, establishment and employment turnover by quarter.

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/35000.html>

**Description:** Provides quick access to Census Bureau links for New Mexico demographic, business and government summary statistics.

<http://www.city-data.com>

**Description:** By collecting and analyzing data from numerous sources, we're able to create detailed, informative profiles of all cities in the United States. From crime rates to weather patterns, you can find the data you're looking for on City-Data.com.

<http://bber.unm.edu/>

**Description:** The Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of New Mexico is committed to contributing to the understanding of economic and demographic issues in New Mexico by collecting and disseminating information, providing technical expertise, and analyzing and conducting applied research for a diverse constituency including community organizations, businesses, labor unions, government officials, academia, students and others. Through these efforts, BBER will further the public service and educational missions of the University of New Mexico and contribute to the economic well-being of New Mexico residents. apartment information.

<http://www.census.gov/econ/nonemployer/index.html>

**Description:** Non employer Statistics is an annual series that provides subnational economic data for businesses that have no paid employees and are subject to federal income tax. The data consist of the number of businesses and total receipts by industry. Most non employers are self-employed individuals operating unincorporated businesses (known as sole proprietorships), which may or may not be the owner's principal source of income.

<http://www.bls.gov/>

**Description:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor is the principal Federal agency responsible for measuring labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy. Its mission is to collect, analyze, and disseminate essential economic information to support public and private decision-making. As an independent statistical agency, BLS serves its diverse user communities by providing products and services that are objective, timely, accurate, and relevant. <http://beta.bls.gov/maps/cew/us> provides maps with county labor statistics.

<http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/>

**Description:** Population, geography, business, state maps, county maps, state geography changes, quick facts for multiple counties.

<http://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=NM>

**Description:** The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) collects, analyzes, and disseminates independent and impartial energy information to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment.

## Cultural

<http://econtent.unm.edu/cdm/>

**Description:** New Mexico Digital Collections is a central search portal for digital collections about New Mexico. A service of the University of New Mexico Libraries, we provide access to digitized photographs, manuscripts, posters, oral histories, videos, maps, and books from libraries, museums, and cultural centers across the state. Historical documents, art, old newspapers, cultural documents, New Mexico Waters contains historical source materials about rivers, irrigation, ecology, and the economic impact of water resources on communities in New Mexico, primarily along the Rio Grande.

## Climate

<http://weather.nmsu.edu/products/drought/>

**Description:** NM climate maps, drought, climate information for NM, data from weather stations. Data products are based on climate data collected from around the state and the data is formatted tell a specific story.

- [NM Climate Maps \(Courtesy of WRCC\)](#)
- [NM Drought Information](#)

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/>

**Description:** The State of the Climate is a collection of monthly summaries recapping climate-related occurrences on both a global and national scale. Topics covered include: drought, wildfires. Global analysis, upper air, national snow and ice, global ice and snow, El Nino/Southern Oscillation, tornados, etc. Drought portal, climate timeline tool: climate history for the last 1000 years.

<http://www.blm.gov/ras/>

**Description:** BLM Rangeland Administration System: This site can be queried to get the number of AUMs permitted and authorized on BLM grazing allotments.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/rangelands/reports/>

**Description:** Grazing Statistical Summary Reports: A USDA Forest Service publication providing statistics on grazing use at the forest level.

Visit UNM and NMSU library online

#### **WALK-IN LOCATIONS:**

##### **For local Ag Production/Revenue Statistics:**

County Extension Office

Local FSA office

NRCS Office

Economic development councils

Rural Development Office in USDA

##### **For local information on customs and culture:**

Local museums

Local Library:

Chamber of commerce