



## NEW MEXICO

### In Brief

" In voter registration, Democrats usually outnumber Republicans by about 2 to 1. The eastern part of New Mexico was settled largely by Southerners, who generally vote for Democrats. In the north-central counties, the Spanish American population has been largely Democratic since the early 1930's. Centers of Republican strength lie in the northeast, northwest, and central portions of the state."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Santa Fe

Area: 121,589 sq mi

Population: 1,954,599

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

About 64 percent of New Mexico's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, which is not statistically different from the rate for the nation as a whole. As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries or caucuses on Feb. 5, New Mexico has a large Hispanic or Latino population (44.0 percent) among its nearly 2 million residents. New Mexico is one of the top four states in the country in terms of people living below poverty level (18.5 percent), according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>

Selected Characteristics	New Mexico	U.S.
Median age	35.3	36.4
Women	50.6%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	42.8%	66.4%
Black alone	2.5%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	44.0%	14.8%
Median household income	\$40,629	\$48,451
Foreign born	10.1%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	18.5%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.3%	27.0%
Median home value	\$141,200	\$185,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

## More Resources

<b>Government Information</b>
<p>The official web site for the State New Mexico <a href="http://www.newmexico.gov/">http://www.newmexico.gov/</a></p> <p>Governor of New Mexico <a href="http://www.governor.state.nm.us/index2.php">http://www.governor.state.nm.us/index2.php</a></p> <p>New Mexico - Elected officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NM">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NM</a></p> <p>New Mexico - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives <a href="http://www.house.gov/house/MemStateSearch.shtml#ne">http://www.house.gov/house/MemStateSearch.shtml#ne</a></p>
<b>Elections 2008</b>
<p>Politics 1: New Mexico Directory <a href="http://www.politics1.com/nm.htm">http://www.politics1.com/nm.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: New Mexico 2008 General Elections General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/NM.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/NM.phtml</a></p> <p>Secretary of State – Elections <a href="http://www.sos.state.nm.us/">http://www.sos.state.nm.us/</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>New Mexico - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/34000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/34000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/nmnews.html">http://www.newslink.org/nmnews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/nmradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/nmradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease New Mexico <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108250.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108250.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - New Mexico <a href="http://www.50states.com/newmexic.htm">http://www.50states.com/newmexic.htm</a></p>

Please find more information at  
<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>