



## NEW MEXICO [NM]

Capital: Santa Fe  
 Area: 121,590 sq. mi.  
 Population: 2,059,179  
 Pop. density: 17.2/sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "Land of Enchantment"  
 State motto: "Crescit eundo" ("It grows as it goes")  
 Governor: Susana Martinez (R)  
 U.S. Senators: Jeff Bingaman (D), Tom Udall (D)



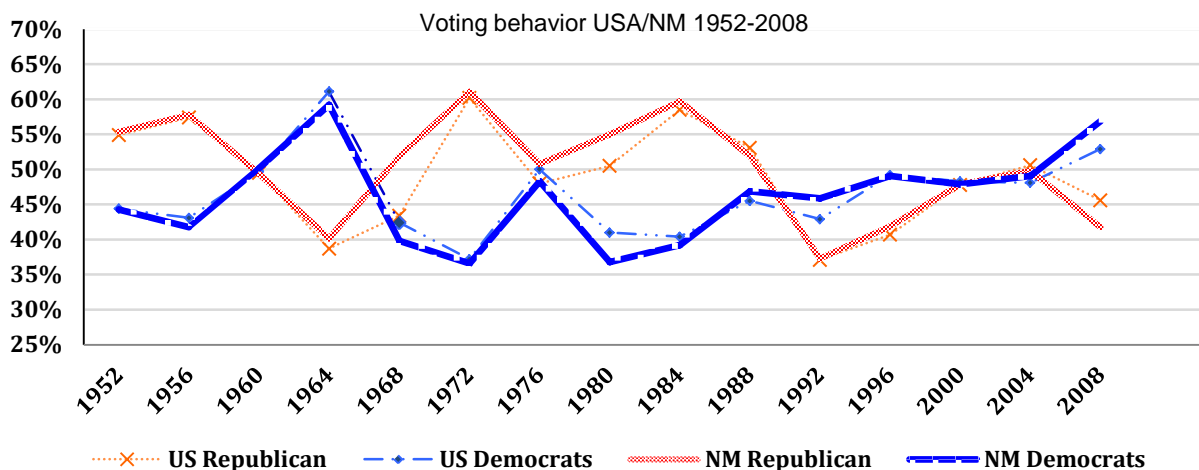
"New Mexico." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/411812/New-Mexico>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"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*



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk*. February 2008. April 25, 2012. <[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/electioninfo/index.aspx](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx)>

### VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) NM
2000	50.3%	45.6%
2004	55.7%	54.3%
2008	57.1%	56.1%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

About 56 percent of New Mexico's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, which is not statistically different from the rate for the nation as a whole. New Mexico has a large Hispanic or Latino population (46.3 percent) among its 2 million residents but a significantly lower share of black people than the national average. New Mexico is one of the top four states in the country in terms of people living below poverty level (18.4 percent), according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



### II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	New Mexico	U.S.
Median age	36.4	36.9
Women	50.6%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	40.5%	63.7%
Black persons	2.1%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	46.3%	16.3%
Median household income	\$43,820	\$51,914
Foreign born	9.7%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	18.4%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.5%	27.9%
Median home value	\$158,400	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.

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



### III. MORE RESOURCES

#### Government Information

New Mexico's Official Website: <http://www.newmexico.gov/>

Governor of New Mexico: <http://www.governor.state.nm.us/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – New Mexico:

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=NM](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NM)

Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – New Mexico:

[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_nm](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_nm)

#### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – New Mexico Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/nm.htm>

*The Green Papers* – New Mexico 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/NM>

*My Time to Vote*: [http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/new\\_mexico.html](http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/new_mexico.html)

Secretary of State – New Mexico: <http://www.sos.state.nm.us/>

#### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – New Mexico: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/35000.html>

Election 2008 (Voting and Registration): <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/index.html>

*Polling Report* – Collection of National Polling Results: <http://www.pollingreport.com/>

*Gallup* – America's largest Polling Institute: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/election.aspx>

#### Media

General Media Collection by the U.S. Embassy: <http://usa.usembassy.de/media.htm>

#### Local newspapers

*News Link*, newspapers: <http://www.newslink.org/nmnews.html>

*U.S. Newspapers List* (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/nmnews.php>

#### Local radio stations

*News Link*, radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/nmradi.html>

*On the Radio*: [http://www.ontheradio.net/states/new\\_mexico.aspx](http://www.ontheradio.net/states/new_mexico.aspx)

#### General Information

*Infoplease* – New Mexico: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108250.html>

*50states.com* – New Mexico: <http://www.50states.com/newmexic.htm>

Official Tourism Website of New Mexico: <http://www.newmexico.org/>

#### Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party  
 Official website: <http://www.nmdemocrats.org/>  
 Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Democratic-Party-of-New-Mexico/15101780487>  
 YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/NMDEMS>  
 Twitter: <http://twitter.com/NMDEMS>

Republican Party  
 Official website: <http://www.gopnm.com/>  
 Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/newmexicogop>  
 YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/NMGOP>  
 Twitter: <http://twitter.com/newmexicogop>