

# OTERO COUNTY HEALTH PROFILE

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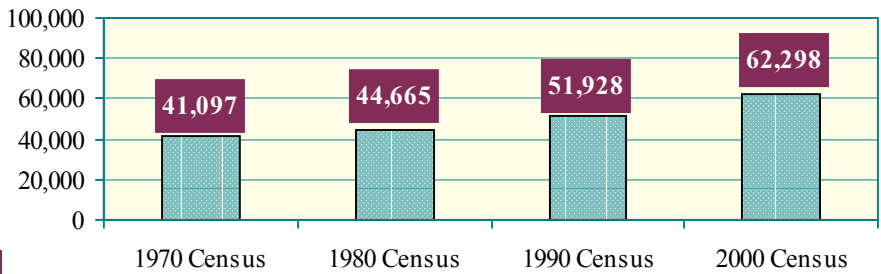
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**OTERO COUNTY POPULATION / AGE AND GENDER**

**POPULATION GROWTH  
1970 TO 2000**



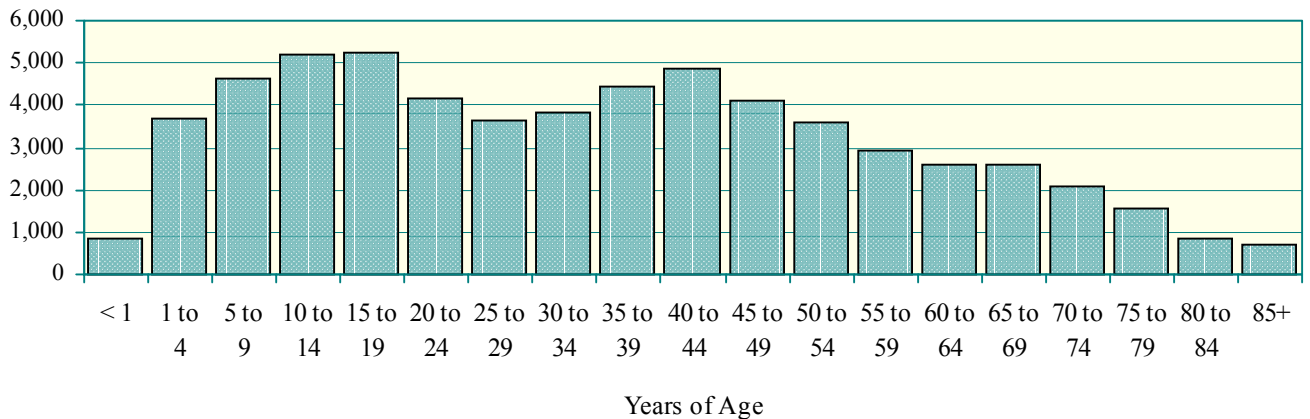
SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census

**2002 POPULATION ESTIMATES  
BY AGE AND GENDER**

Age Groups	Otero County			New Mexico		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Less than 1 yr	412	461	873	13,746	13,361	27,107
1 to 4 years	1,821	1,842	3,663	53,236	51,780	105,016
5 to 9 years	2,343	2,276	4,619	67,768	65,647	133,415
10 to 14 years	2,702	2,506	5,208	74,247	71,746	145,993
15 to 19 years	2,719	2,542	5,261	76,356	72,288	148,644
20 to 24 years	2,112	2,065	4,177	67,182	64,847	132,029
25 to 29 years	1,905	1,725	3,630	56,796	56,273	113,069
30 to 34 years	1,895	1,912	3,807	59,596	59,961	119,557
35 to 39 years	2,197	2,246	4,443	64,222	65,623	129,845
40 to 44 years	2,432	2,443	4,875	70,951	73,496	144,447
45 to 49 years	1,979	2,120	4,099	66,325	70,011	136,336
50 to 54 years	1,827	1,774	3,601	60,317	63,383	123,700
55 to 59 years	1,407	1,510	2,917	47,075	50,411	97,486
60 to 64 years	1,213	1,405	2,618	36,530	40,431	76,961
65 to 69 years	1,282	1,326	2,608	30,979	34,231	65,210
70 to 74 years	1,002	1,055	2,057	26,175	29,427	55,602
75 to 79 years	701	870	1,571	19,298	25,786	45,084
80 to 84 years	361	501	862	12,434	17,304	29,738
85 and over	239	449	688	8,926	16,894	25,820
All Ages	30,549	31,028	61,577	912,159	942,900	1,855,059

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

**2002 POPULATION ESTIMATES  
BY AGE GROUP**



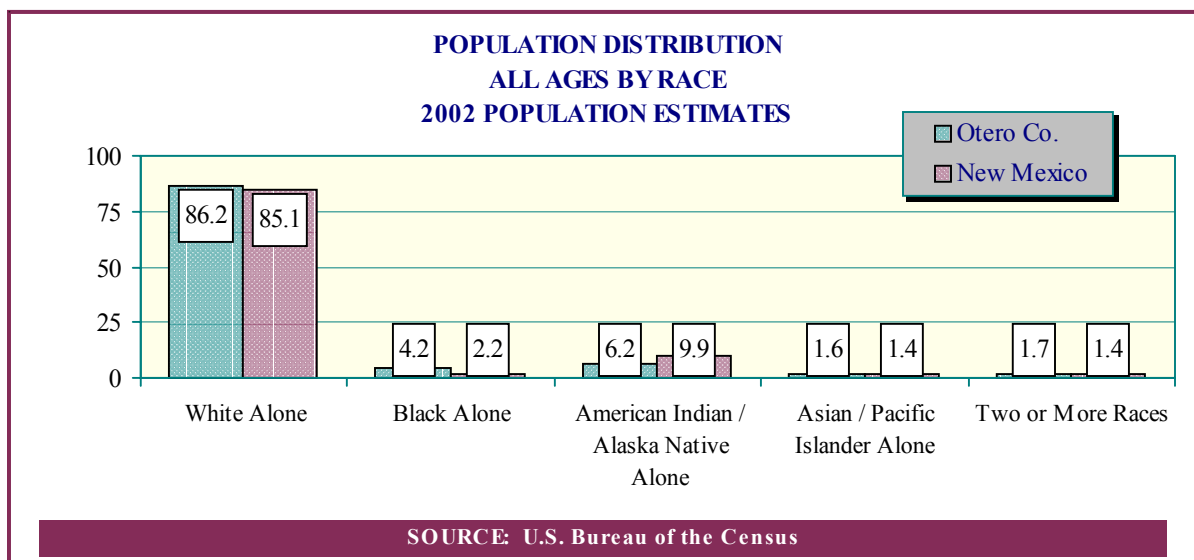
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**OTERO COUNTY POPULATION / AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY**

2002 POPULATION ESTIMATES BY AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY							
Age Groups	ONE RACE					Total Population	Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity Any Race <sup>/1</sup>
	White	Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian / Pacific Islander	Two or More Races		
	Under 5 years	3,667	256	351	76		
5 to 9 years	3,803	210	375	80	151	4,619	2,068
10 to 14 years	4,323	233	435	71	146	5,208	2,274
15 to 19 years	4,372	243	441	73	132	5,261	2,223
20 to 24 years	3,429	242	336	84	86	4,177	1,523
25 to 29 years	3,050	206	242	84	48	3,630	1,302
30 to 34 years	3,222	184	276	75	50	3,807	1,299
35 to 39 years	3,768	222	284	108	61	4,443	1,514
40 to 44 years	4,260	198	278	83	56	4,875	1,559
45 to 49 years	3,597	168	225	63	46	4,099	1,233
50 to 54 years	3,205	125	176	66	29	3,601	1,018
55 to 59 years	2,677	80	107	36	17	2,917	724
60 to 64 years	2,408	56	102	35	17	2,618	582
65 to 69 years	2,431	60	68	32	17	2,608	544
70 to 74 years	1,914	59	51	21	12	2,057	441
75 to 79 years	1,513	26	19	5	8	1,571	339
80 to 84 years	811	24	19	5	3	862	148
85 and over	658	16	10	2	2	688	124
All Ages	53,108	2,608	3,795	999	1,067	61,577	20,593

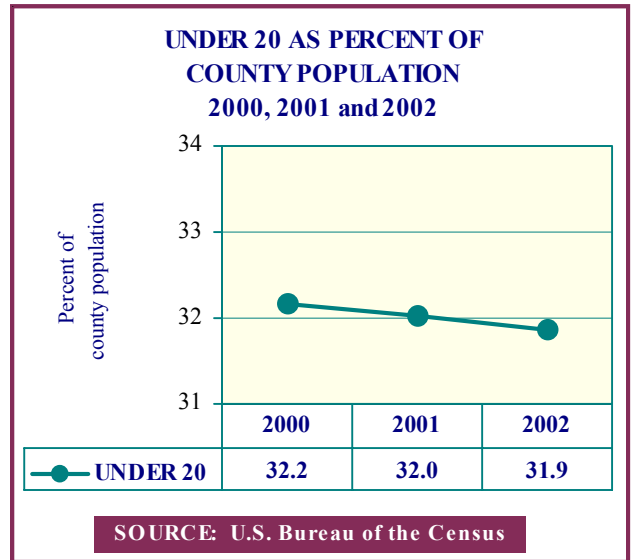
<sup>/1</sup> Hispanic or Latino origin may be of any race. Adding the Hispanic or Latino population to the racial categories will result in double counting.

**SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census**



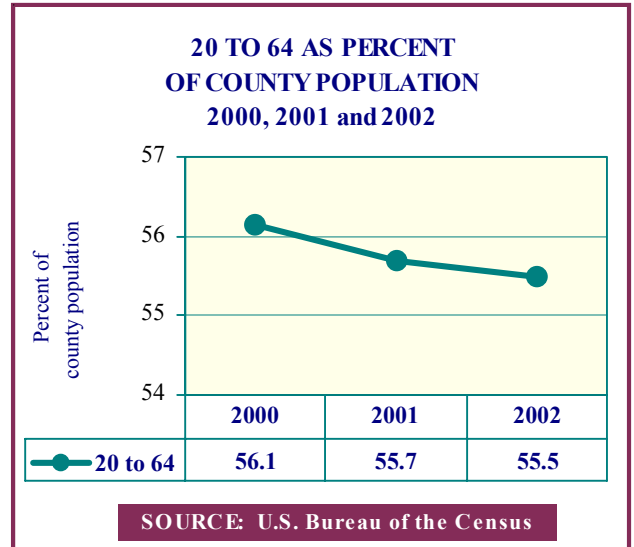
<b>UNDER 20 POPULATION</b> 2000, 2001 and 2002			
Age Groups	2000	2001	2002
Under 5 years	4,620	4,535	4,536
5 to 9 years	5,043	4,776	4,619
10 to 14 years	5,478	5,265	5,208
15 to 19 years	4,889	5,099	5,261
Under 20 years	20,030	19,675	19,624
County Population	62,298	61,459	61,577

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census



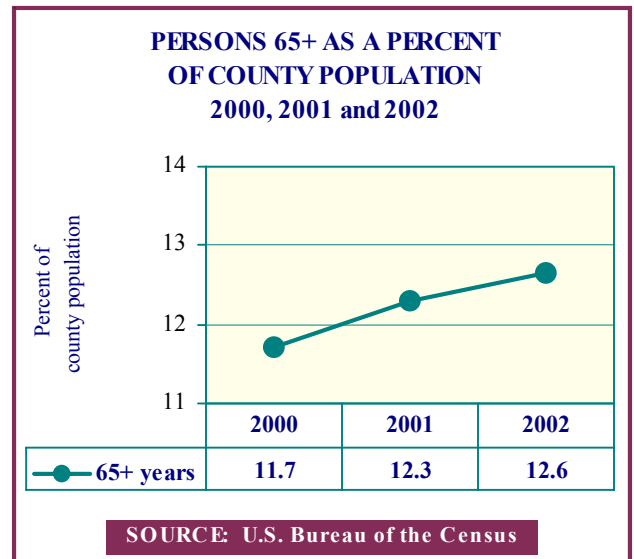
<b>20 TO 64 POPULATION</b> 2000, 2001 and 2002			
Age Groups	2000	2001	2002
20 to 24 years	4,091	4,035	4,177
25 to 29 years	3,975	3,761	3,630
30 to 34 years	4,067	3,902	3,807
35 to 39 years	5,093	4,688	4,443
40 to 44 years	4,685	4,723	4,875
45 to 49 years	3,970	3,985	4,099
50 to 54 years	3,508	3,605	3,601
55 to 59 years	2,865	2,878	2,917
60 to 64 years	2,718	2,642	2,618
20 to 64 years	34,972	34,219	34,167
County Population	62,298	61,459	61,577

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census



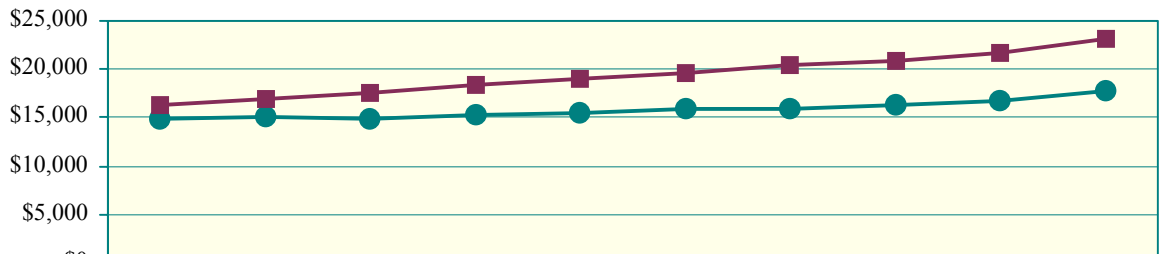
<b>65 AND OLDER POPULATION</b> 2000, 2001 and 2002			
Age Groups	2000	2001	2002
65 to 69 years	2,496	2,525	2,608
70 to 74 years	1,994	2,062	2,057
75 to 79 years	1,427	1,509	1,571
80 to 84 years	765	798	862
85 and over	614	671	688
65 years and older	7,296	7,565	7,786
County Population	62,298	61,459	61,577

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census



**SOCIO-ECONOMIC - INCOME**

**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1992-2001**

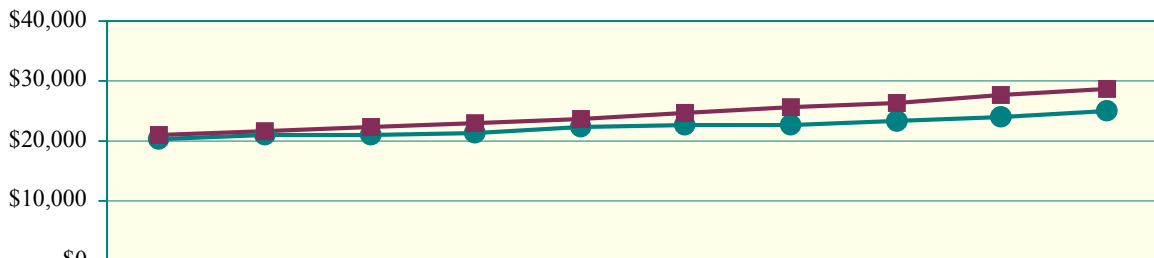


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● Otero Co.	\$14,956	\$15,079	\$14,823	\$15,272	\$15,571	\$15,817	\$15,950	\$16,313	\$16,748	\$17,724
■ New Mexico	\$16,274	\$16,999	\$17,636	\$18,435	\$18,964	\$19,641	\$20,551	\$20,865	\$21,788	\$23,081

<sup>r/</sup> Revised <sup>p/</sup> Preliminary

SOURCE: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, released May 2003.

**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE - SALARY PER JOB <sup>1/</sup>  
1992-2001**



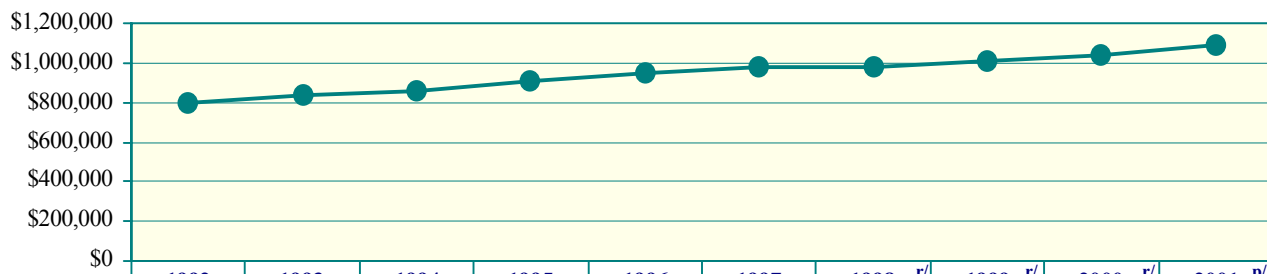
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● Otero Co.	\$20,476	\$21,081	\$20,900	\$21,424	\$22,295	\$22,733	\$22,569	\$23,295	\$24,047	\$25,031
■ New Mexico	\$20,955	\$21,630	\$22,266	\$22,980	\$23,689	\$24,625	\$25,659	\$26,308	\$27,518	\$28,701

<sup>r/</sup> Revised <sup>p/</sup> Preliminary

<sup>1/</sup> The employment estimates used to compute the average wage are a job, not person, count.

SOURCE: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, released December 2002.

**TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME  
1992-2001**



	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 <sup>r/</sup>	1999 <sup>r/</sup>	2000 <sup>r/</sup>	2001 <sup>p/</sup>
● Otero Co.	801,471	835,650	855,492	908,916	946,681	973,126	977,071	1,009,799	1,042,448	1,089,312

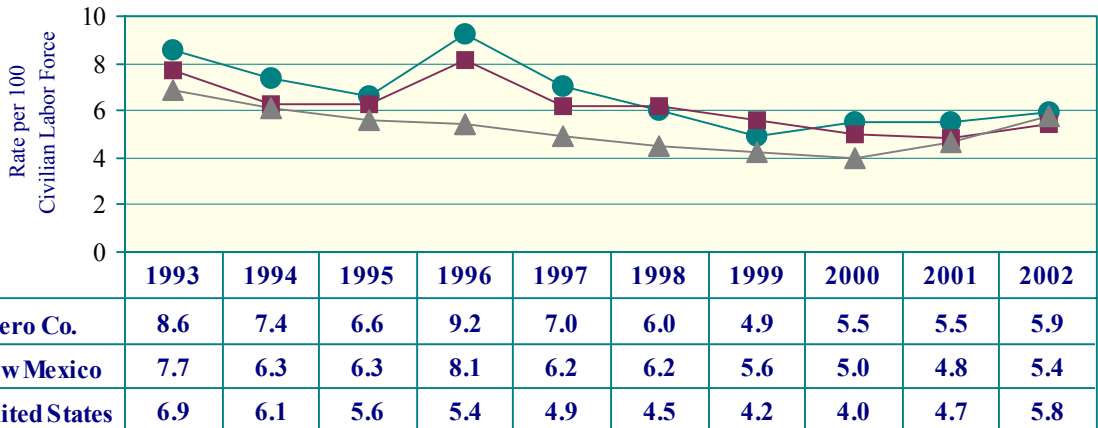
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See glossary for definition of Total Personal Income

SOURCE: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, released May 2003.



**UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS  
ANNUAL RATES  
1993-2002**



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

**AVERAGE MONTHLY TANF AND FOOD STAMPS CASES  
FISCAL YEAR 2003  
(7/02 - 6/03)**

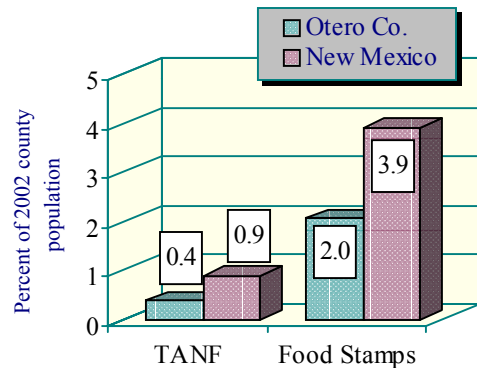
Supplement	Otero Co.		New Mexico	
	Number	Percent*	Number	Percent*
TANF	236	0.4	16,382	0.9
Food Stamps	1,258	2.0	72,411	3.9

\*Percent of county's estimated 2002 population.

NOTE: Starting July 1, 1999, changes were made in the methodology for counting TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) caseloads. Caution should be used when comparing data to previous fiscal years.

SOURCE: NM Human Services Department, Income Support Division.

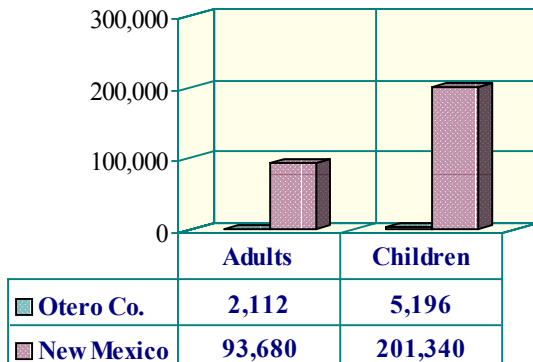
**AVERAGE MONTHLY PERCENT  
TANF AND FOOD STAMP CASES  
FISCAL YEAR 2003**



TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

SOURCE: NM Human Services Department Income Support Division.

**AVERAGE MONTHLY MEDICAID  
ELIGIBLES\*  
FISCAL YEAR 2000**



\*Medicaid eligible counts do not include retroactive and late reported eligibility. Figures subject to change.

SOURCE: NM Human Services Department Income Support Division

**ESTIMATED NUMBER AND PERCENT  
OF PEOPLE IN POVERTY  
1999**

Age	Otero Co.		New Mexico	
	Number	Percent*	Number	Percent*
All Ages in Poverty	9,994	16.3	326,223	18.2
----Children age < 18 years	4,626	25.3	133,194	26.4
----Related children ages 5-17 years	3,424	25.4	92,333	25.0

See glossary for definition of poverty. \*Percent of Specified Age Group.

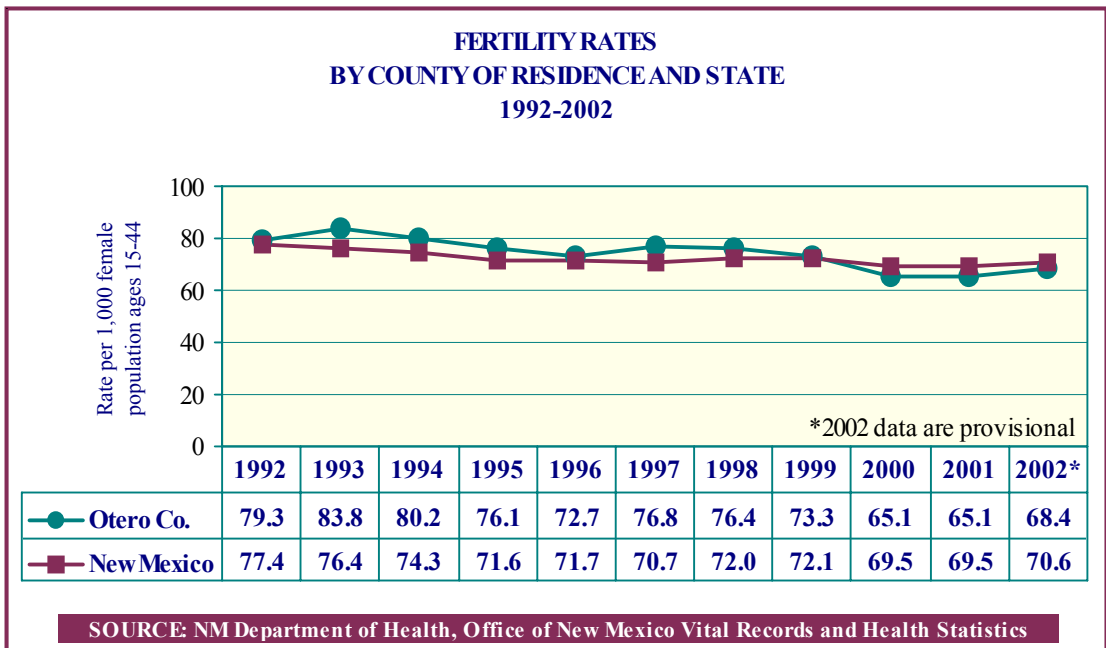
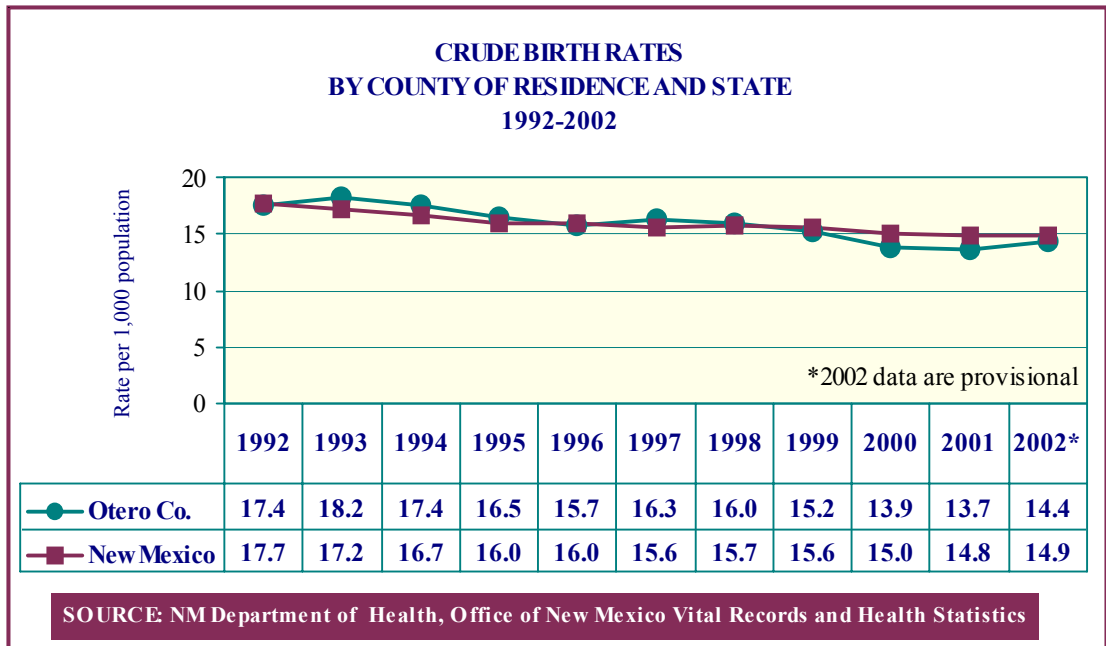
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, "Estimates Model 1999."

# MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH -LIVE BIRTHS

RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE AND STATE 1992-2002											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	904	964	946	910	870	902	869	821	865	841	885
New Mexico	27,910	27,831	27,585	26,914	27,216	26,844	27,294	27,133	27,206	27,101	27,708

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics



**MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH -LIVE BIRTHS**

**OTERO COUNTY RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS  
BY AGE OF MOTHER  
1992-2002**

AGE	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
15-19	142	156	143	143	129	149	137	132	148	128	144
20-24	305	291	327	317	283	280	291	291	316	300	339
25-29	266	284	280	239	257	239	222	219	209	222	215
30-34	136	180	145	150	146	159	141	108	115	113	115
35-39	47	41	39	51	46	60	66	54	69	63	58
40-44	7	7	11	8	6	11	9	12	7	12	12

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**OTERO COUNTY RESIDENT BIRTH RATES\*\*  
BY AGE OF MOTHER  
1992-2002**

AGE	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
15-19	79.6	84.8	73.9	70.7	62.0	71.0	66.2	64.0	60.9	52.0	56.6
20-24	161.5	148.9	162.2	154.2	138.3	139.7	149.6	148.6	157.3	149.7	164.2
25-29	127.6	141.9	142.6	122.9	132.4	124.2	118.8	119.5	110.2	123.7	124.6
30-34	64.8	86.2	68.9	73.1	74.6	87.4	83.5	67.5	55.1	57.7	60.1
35-39	25.1	21.5	19.8	25.4	22.7	30.1	34.5	29.0	27.5	26.9	25.8
40-44	4.2	4.1	6.1	4.3	3.1	5.8	4.8	6.4	3.0	5.1	4.9

\*2002 data are provisional      \*\*Rate per 1,000 women in specified group

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**NEW MEXICO RESIDENT BIRTH RATES\*\*  
BY AGE OF MOTHER  
1992-2002**

AGE	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
15-19	79.8	80.7	77.2	74.3	70.8	68.0	69.1	67.2	65.5	63.1	62.3
20-24	153.9	150.4	142.2	134.0	135.0	133.6	135.8	137.6	136.1	134.2	132.1
25-29	129.0	131.7	129.7	125.5	131.8	129.8	132.1	128.0	117.0	119.3	123.3
30-34	75.8	74.7	76.5	77.2	76.6	79.1	79.6	82.7	77.2	77.2	79.1
35-39	31.3	30.8	31.3	31.3	32.5	31.5	33.8	34.1	33.3	33.5	35.0
40-44	6.9	5.9	7.0	6.6	7.4	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.6	7.5	7.1

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SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**UNITED STATES BIRTH RATES\*  
BY AGE OF MOTHER  
1992-2002**

AGE	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
15-19	60.7	59.6	58.9	56.8	54.4	52.3	51.1	49.6	47.7	45.3	43.0
20-24	114.6	112.6	111.1	109.8	110.4	110.4	111.2	111.0	109.7	106.2	103.6
25-29	117.4	115.5	113.9	112.2	113.1	113.8	115.9	117.8	113.5	113.4	113.6
30-34	80.2	80.8	81.5	82.5	83.9	85.3	87.4	89.6	91.2	91.9	91.5
35-39	32.5	32.9	33.7	34.3	35.3	36.1	37.4	38.3	39.7	40.6	41.4
40-44	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.3	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.3

\* Rate per 1,000 women in specified group.

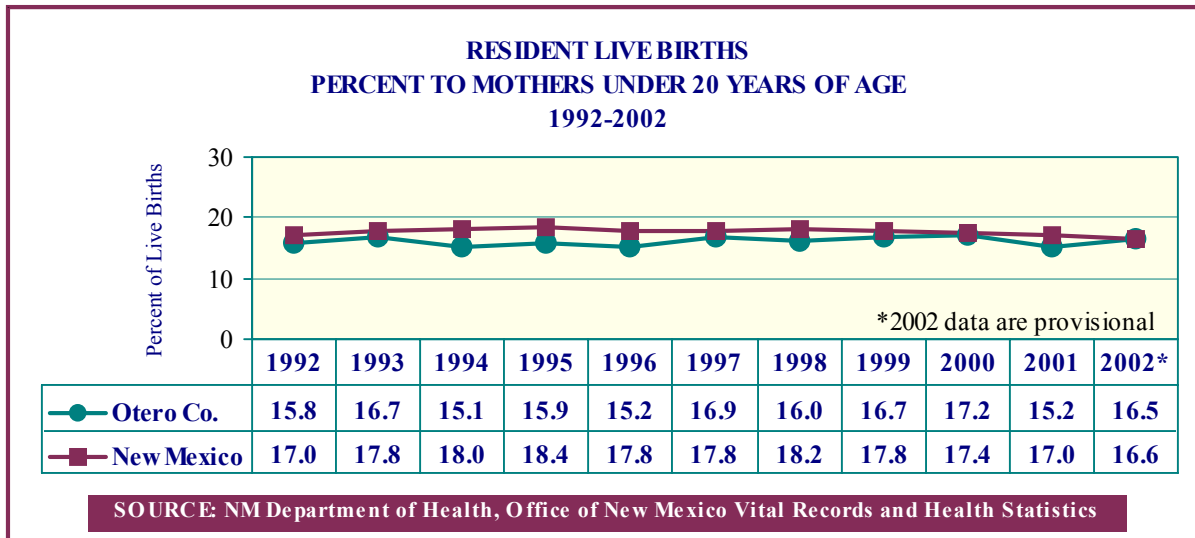
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# MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH - *LIVE BIRTHS*

RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS TO MOTHERS UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE 1992-2002											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	143	161	143	145	132	152	139	137	149	128	146
New Mexico	4,749	4,965	4,964	4,950	4,850	4,789	4,964	4,841	4,728	4,603	4,592

\*2002 data are provisional

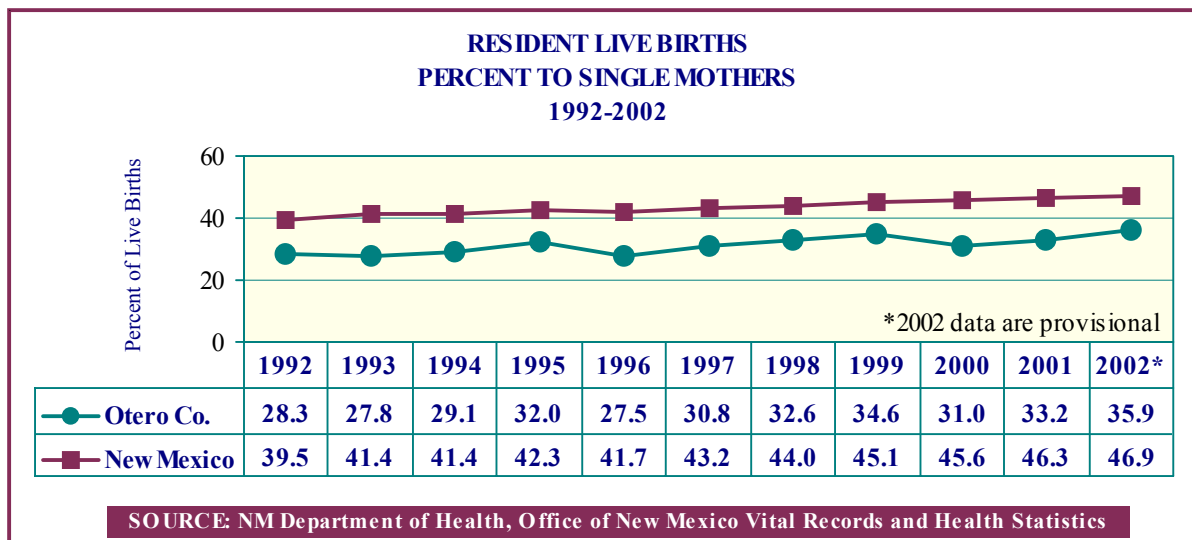
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RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS TO SINGLE MOTHERS 1992-2002											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	256	268	275	291	239	278	283	284	268	279	318
New Mexico	11,021	11,522	11,408	11,388	11,347	11,590	12,021	12,236	12,400	12,549	12,984

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

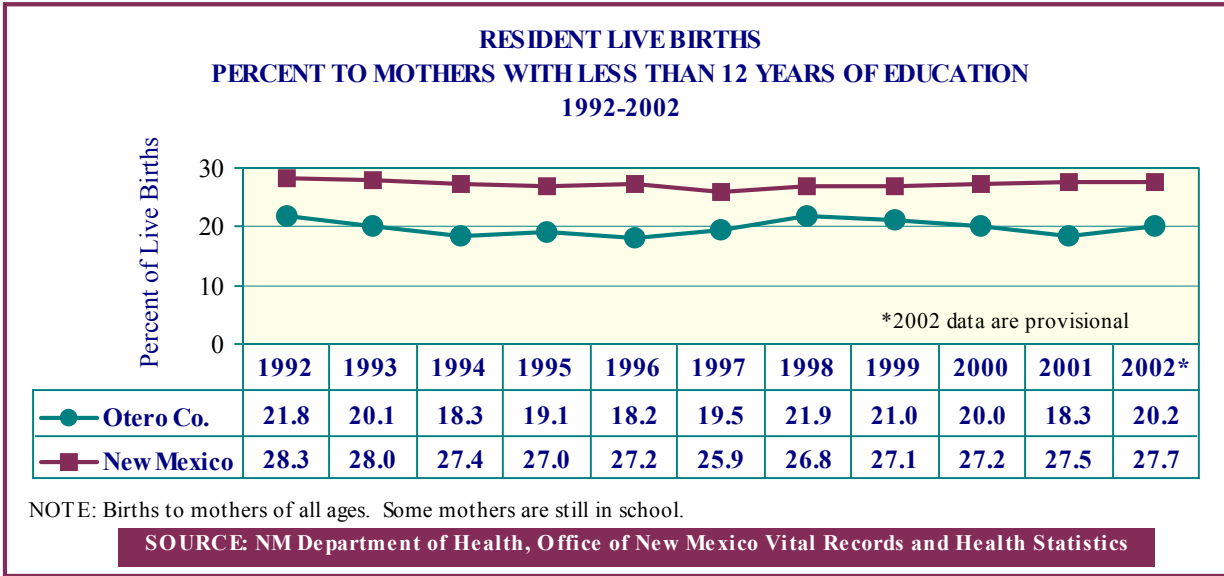


**RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS  
TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION  
1992-2002**

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	197	194	173	174	158	176	190	172	173	154	179
New Mexico	7,898	7,806	7,545	7,269	7,415	6,961	7,309	7,342	7,408	7,459	7,679

\*2002 data are provisional      NOTE: Births to mothers of all ages. Some mothers are still in school.

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics**

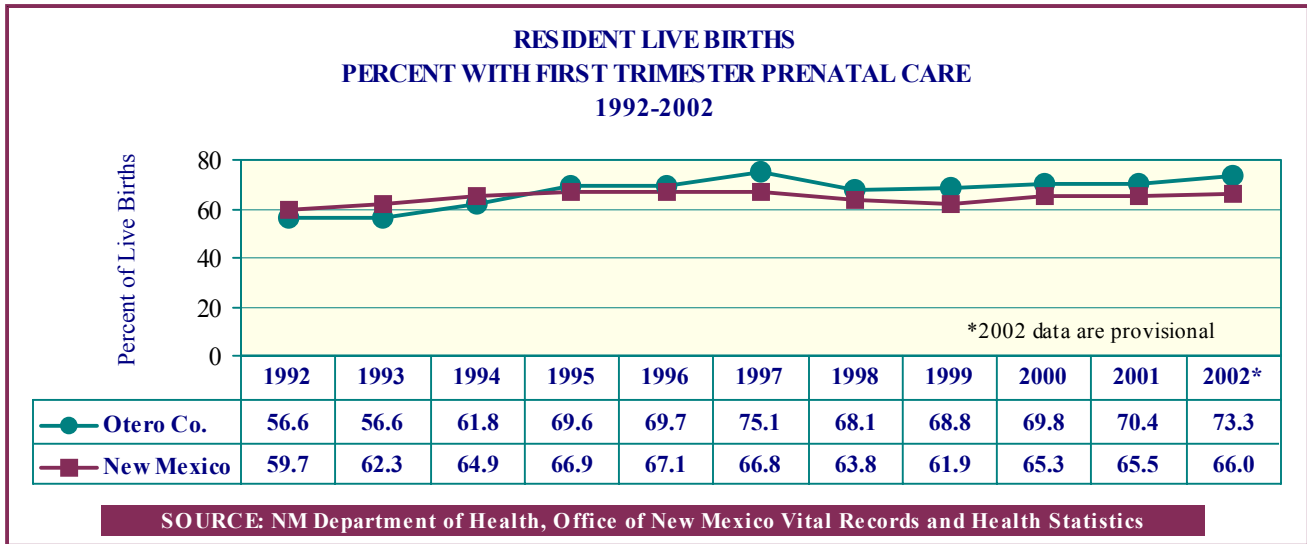


**RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS  
WITH FIRST TRIMESTER PRENATAL CARE  
1992-2002**

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	512	546	585	633	606	677	592	565	604	592	649
New Mexico	16,656	17,344	17,893	18,011	18,264	17,932	17,411	16,790	17,757	17,741	18,293

\*2002 data are provisional

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics**



**KESSNER INDEX VERSUS  
KOTELCHUCK INDEX**

Both the Kessner Index and the Kotelchuck Index utilize the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began and the number of prenatal visits. The Kessner Index relies very heavily on the timing of the initiation of prenatal care. For example, inadequate prenatal care is defined as no prenatal care or care beginning in the third trimester. The Kessner Index has been modified by most states to allow for insufficient visits even when care was initiated early. The exact combination varies from state to state so that there is no standard modified Kessner.

The Kotelchuck Index is more sophisticated and uses two dimensions, the timing of the initiation of care and the adequacy of services received (ratio of observed visits to expected visits), which are combined into a single summary index.

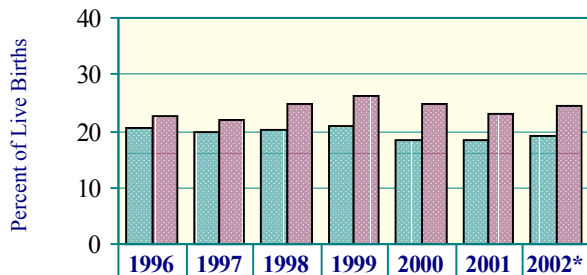
**RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS  
ADEQUACY OF PRENATAL CARE UTILIZATION  
(Kotelchuck Index)  
1996-2002**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
<b>Inadequate Care</b>							
Otero Co.	170	172	162	164	147	140	162
New Mexico	5,811	5,541	6,284	6,499	6,333	5,854	6,321
<b>Intermediate Care</b>							
Otero Co.	291	330	295	177	233	259	320
New Mexico	4,943	4,845	4,660	4,331	4,122	4,187	4,663
<b>Adequate Care</b>							
Otero Co.	234	258	246	272	290	236	254
New Mexico	8,826	8,417	8,239	8,052	7,915	8,165	8,498
<b>Intensive Care</b>							
Otero Co.	128	112	103	167	129	125	109
New Mexico	6,182	6,341	6,109	5,885	7,097	7,090	6,526

\* 2002 data are provisional

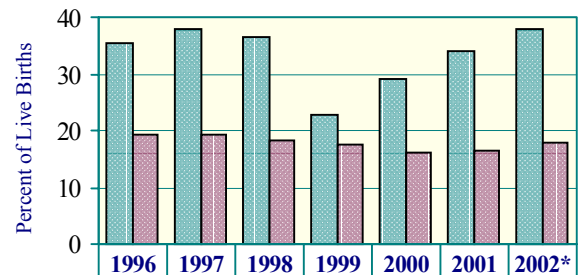
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**PERCENT INADEQUATE  
PRENATAL CARE  
1996-2002**



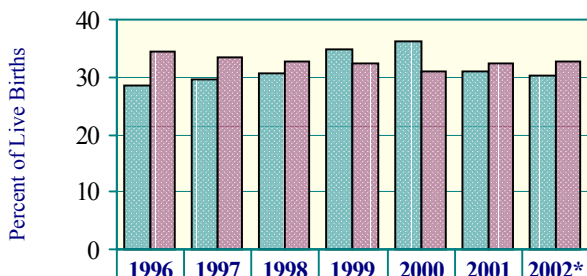
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**PERCENT INTERMEDIATE  
PRENATAL CARE  
1996-2002**



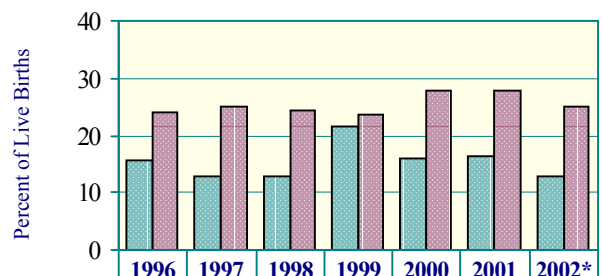
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**PERCENT ADEQUATE  
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**PERCENT INTENSIVE  
PRENATAL CARE  
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SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH - *PRENATAL CARE*

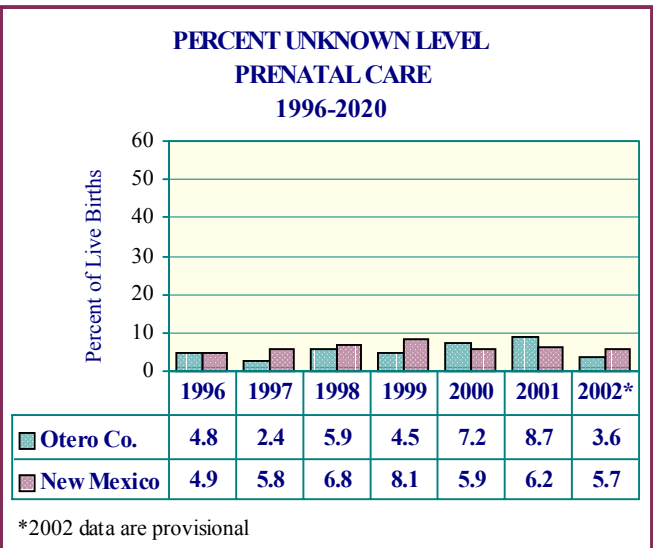
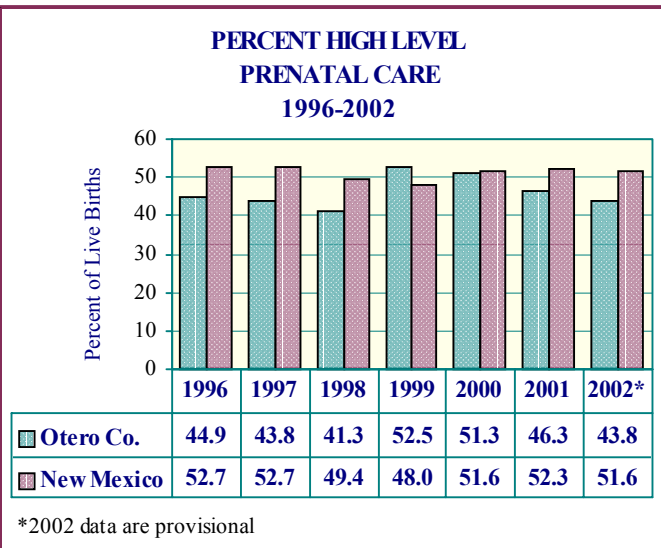
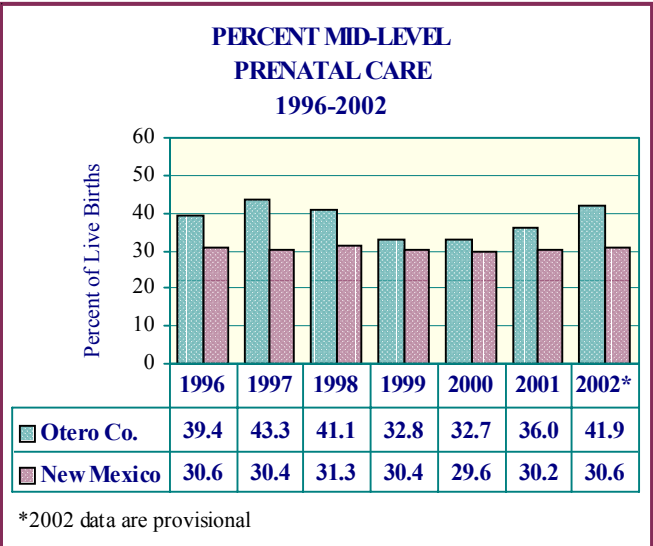
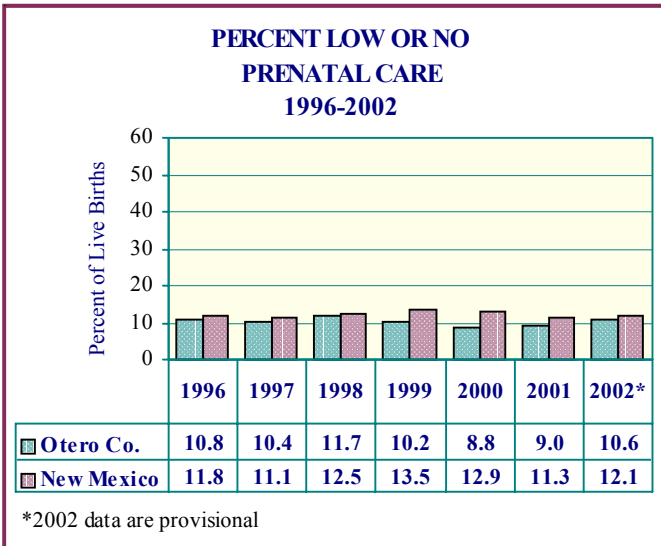
RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS LEVEL OF PRENATAL CARE (Modified Kessner Index) 1996-2002							
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
<b>Low or No Prenatal Care</b>							
Otero Co.	94	94	102	84	76	76	94
New Mexico	3,203	2,973	3,413	3,665	3,523	3,065	3,356
<b>Mid-Level Prenatal Care</b>							
Otero Co.	343	391	357	269	283	303	371
New Mexico	8,337	8,166	8,551	8,258	8,045	8,190	8,485
<b>High Prenatal Care</b>							
Otero Co.	391	395	359	431	444	389	388
New Mexico	14,331	14,139	13,476	13,025	14,035	14,164	14,284
<b>Unknown Prenatal Care</b>							
Otero Co.	42	22	51	37	62	73	32
New Mexico	1,345	1,566	1,854	2,185	1,603	1,682	1,581

\* 2002 data are provisional

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health, ONMVRHS**

MODIFIED KESSNER INDEX CLASSIFICATIONS OF LEVELS OF PRENATAL CARE					
NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS	MONTH CARE BEGAN				
	1-3	4-6	7-9	NONE (0)	UNKNOWN
9+	H	M	L	L	?
5-8	M	M	L	L	?
1-4	L	L	L	L	L
NONE	L	L	L	(NONE) L	L
UNKNOWN	?	?	L	L	?

HIGH (OPTIMUM) LEVEL H      LOW or NO LEVEL L  
MID-LEVEL M      UNKNOWN LEVEL ?



**SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics**

**MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH - TYPE OF ATTENDANT**

**RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS  
BY TYPE OF ATTENDANT  
1992-2002**

<b>Physician</b>											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	892	950	933	900	847	888	831	714	734	711	680
New Mexico	23,454	22,492	22,309	21,965	22,101	21,387	20,932	19,696	19,407	19,063	19,231
<b>Certified Nurse Midwife</b>											
Otero Co.	1	1	3	3	15	10	33	93	119	124	201
New Mexico	3,977	4,756	4,738	4,474	4,622	5,040	5,912	7,011	7,338	7,619	7,937
<b>Lay Midwife</b>											
Otero Co.	0	7	7	6	7	2	3	6	4	2	2
New Mexico	286	293	292	272	254	240	248	269	290	268	336
<b>Other</b>											
Otero Co.	11	6	3	1	1	2	2	8	8	4	2
New Mexico	193	290	246	203	239	177	202	157	171	151	204

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

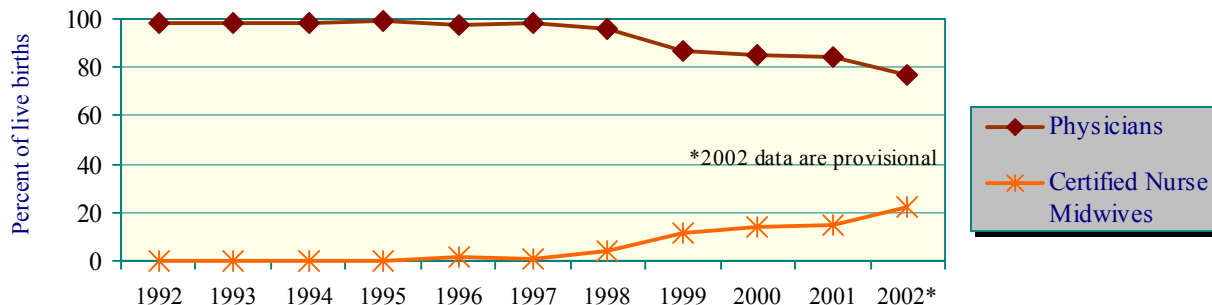
**PERCENT OF RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS  
BY TYPE OF ATTENDANT  
1992-2002**

<b>Physician</b>											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	98.7	98.5	98.6	98.9	97.4	98.4	95.6	87.0	84.9	84.5	76.8
New Mexico	84.0	80.8	80.9	81.6	81.2	79.7	76.7	72.6	71.3	70.3	69.4
<b>Certified Nurse Midwife</b>											
Otero Co.	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.1	3.8	11.3	13.8	14.7	22.7
New Mexico	14.2	17.1	17.2	16.6	17.0	18.8	21.7	25.8	27.0	28.1	28.6
<b>Lay Midwife</b>											
Otero Co.	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2
New Mexico	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2
<b>Other</b>											
Otero Co.	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.2
New Mexico	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**PERCENT OF RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS  
DELIVERED BY PHYSICIANS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES  
OTERO COUNTY 1992-2002**



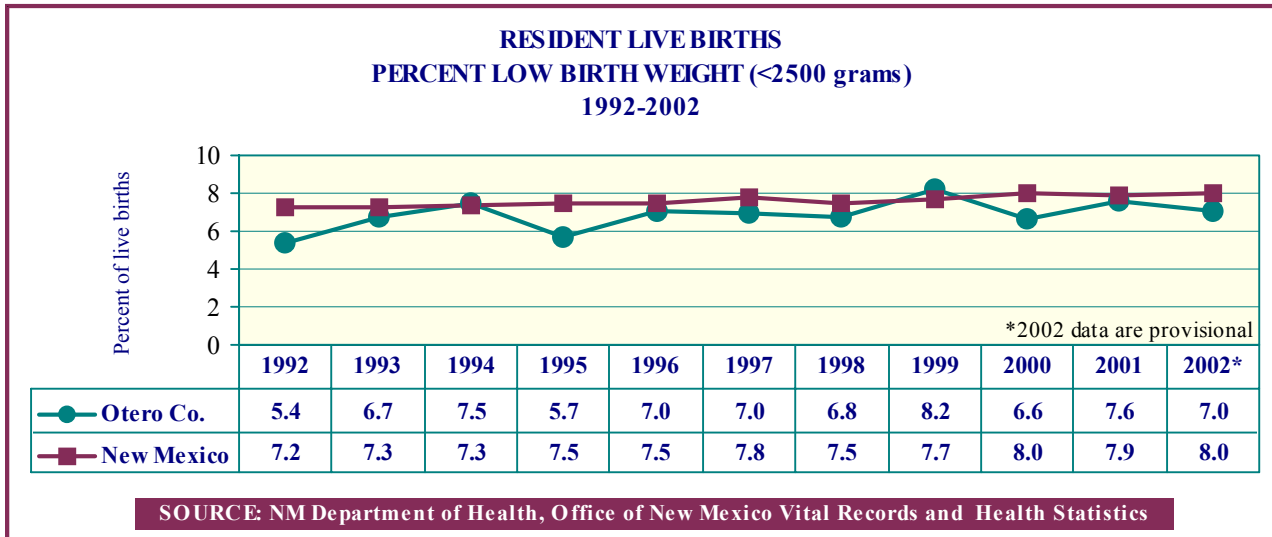
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RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS (<2500 grams) 1992-2002											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	49	65	71	52	61	63	59	67	57	64	62
New Mexico	2,014	2,032	2,023	2,017	2,041	2,086	2,042	2,078	2,180	2,147	2,224

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics



**Low Birth Weight**

Low birth weight (LBW) is defined as an infant weight of less than 2,500 grams (5 1/2 lbs) at the time of delivery. Birth weight is one of the most important factors in determining the survival and health of an infant. Low birth weight is a public health problem since infants born LBW have increased infant mortality, morbidity, incidence of learning disabilities, and medical costs. Nationally, the risk factors for LBW include maternal age of less than seventeen and greater than 34 years, Black race/ethnicity, low socioeconomic status, single marital status, lower levels of maternal education, smoking, inadequate weight gain, low pre-pregnancy weight, and a variety of medical risk factors (Source: Data to Action).

Smoking, which retards fetal growth, is the single largest modifiable risk factor for LBW and infant mortality. It is estimated to account for 20 to 30% of all LBW births.

RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS VERY LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS (<1500 grams) 1994-2002						
	1994-1996		1997-1999		2000-2002*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Otero Co.	17	0.6	23	0.9	20	0.8
New Mexico	894	1.1	880	1.1	1,005	1.2

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, ONMVRHS

**High Birth Weight**

A woman with a history of gestational diabetes or delivery of a baby weighing >9 pounds is at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. In addition, if the baby has macrosomia (generally defined as a weight of 4000 g or more), he or she is at risk for obesity and also for developing type 2 diabetes later on in life. It should be noted that there is no widely agreed-upon weight definition. Any evaluation of fetal weight must be considered in the context of gestational age.

Sources: "Diabetes in the Life Cycle and Research," Vol. 4. 2003. Editor M. Franz. Published by the American Association of Diabetes Educators, Chicago Illinois. *Diabetes Care Journal*, Supplement 1, January 2003 Vol. (26).

RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS HIGH BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS (4090+ grams, 9 pounds) 1994-2002						
	1994-1996		1997-1999		2000-2002*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Otero Co.	156	5.7	115	4.4	108	4.2
New Mexico	4,010	5.2	3,810	4.9	3,674	4.7

\*2002 Data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, ONMVRHS

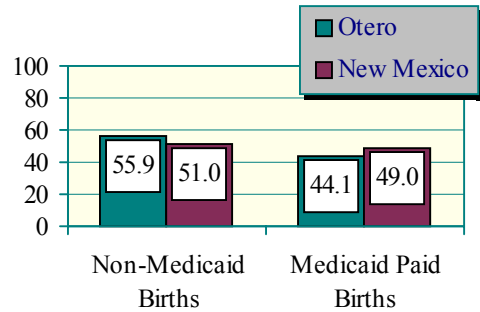
**MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH - MEDICAID BIRTHS / SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS / FEMALE POPULATION**

**Medicaid** is a Federal-State matching entitlement program that pays for medical assistance. Originating in 1965 as Title XIX of the Social Security Act, it was created as a medical extension of the federally funded cash income assistance program emphasizing care for dependent children and their mothers, the disabled, and the elderly.

Federal and state initiatives intending to expand access to maternity and child health care have resulted in dramatic changes in policy and manner of health care delivery. Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Acts (OBRA) of 1986, 1987, and 1989 required states to grant Medicaid eligibility/coverage for pregnant woman and infants, ultimately, at or below the 133% of federal poverty levels, and allow for eligibility up to 185%. The State of New Mexico followed this progression and complimented the initiatives by extending eligibility up to 225% of federal poverty levels.

Statewide, Medicaid paid for 49% of births.

**PERCENT OF COUNTY AND OF NEW MEXICO RESIDENT BIRTHS BY MEDICAID STATUS 1999-2000**



SOURCE: NM Department of Health, ONMVRHS and Human Services Department *Paid By Medicaid Final Report 2003*

**NEW MEXICO RESIDENT BIRTHS BY MEDICAID STATUS 1999-2000**

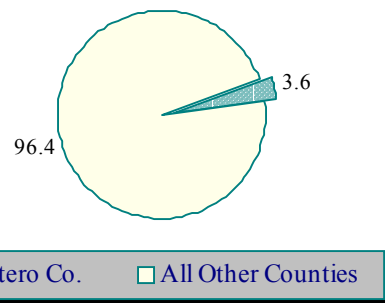
Residence	Non-Medicaid Births	Medicaid Paid Births	Total Births
Otero	942	744	1,686
New Mexico	27,710	26,600	54,310

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, ONMVRHS and Human Services Department *Paid By Medicaid Final Report 2003*

Compared to mothers of children whose births were not paid by Medicaid, Medicaid mothers in New Mexico tended to:

- Be younger;
- Be White Hispanic;
- Have fewer years of education;
- Have lower levels of prenatal care;
- Be outside of the major metropolitan areas;
- Be more at risk for preterm and low weight births.

**PERCENT OF ALL NEW MEXICO WIC AND CSFP ESTIMATED ELIGIBLES FISCAL YEAR 2001**



SOURCE: NM Department of Health Family Food & Nutrition Services, WIC Program

**WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM & COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP) POTENTIAL ELIGIBLES FISCAL YEAR 2001**

	Estimated Potential Eligible	WIC Recipients	CSFP Recipients	Percent Served
Otero Co.	3,457	2,116	29	62.0
New Mexico	96,571	55,934	4,889	63.0

SOURCE: NM Department of Health Family Food & Nutrition Services, WIC Program

**OTERO FEMALE POPULATION AGES 15-44 2000, 2001 and 2002**

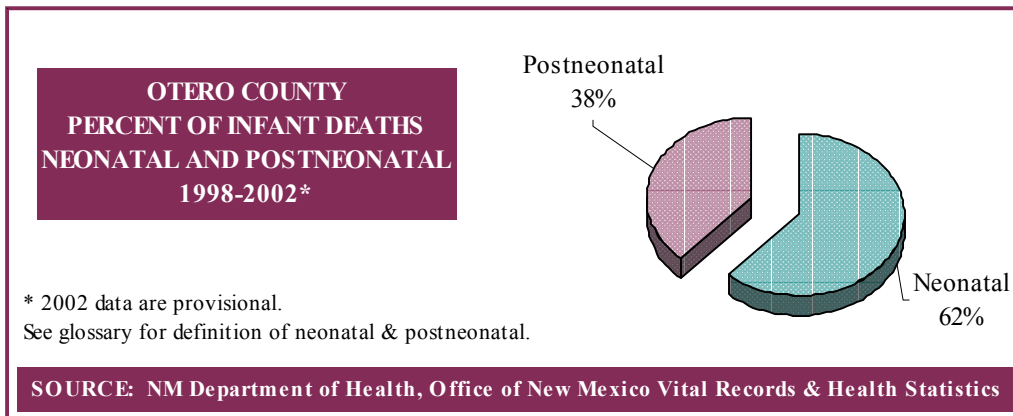
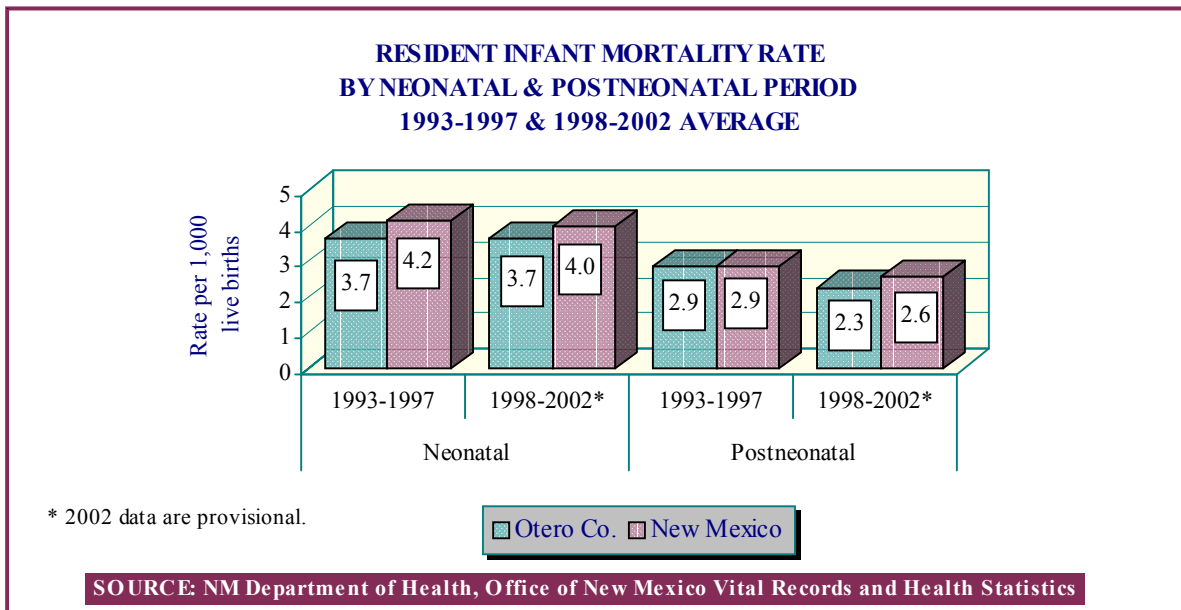
Age Groups	2000	2001	2002	Age Groups	2000	2001	2002
15 to 19 years	2,432	2,462	2,542	35 to 39 years	2,505	2,340	2,246
20 to 24 years	2,009	2,004	2,065	40 to 44 years	2,364	2,368	2,443
25 to 29 years	1,897	1,794	1,725	15 to 44 years	13,293	12,927	12,933
30 to 34 years	2,086	1,959	1,912				

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

RESIDENT INFANT DEATHS NEONATAL AND POSTNEONATAL MORTALITY RATES 1993-1997 & 1998-2002 AVERAGE						
	All Infant Deaths		Neonatal		Postneonatal	
	1993-1997	1998-2002*	1993-1997	1998-2002*	1993-1997	1998-2002*
Otero Co.	6.6	6.0	3.7	3.7	2.9	2.3
New Mexico	7.1	6.6	4.2	4.0	2.9	2.6

\* 2002 data are provisional.  
Rate per 1,000 live births in mid year.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, ONMVRHS



INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR SELECTED CAUSES 1993-1997 & 1998-2002 AVERAGE								
	All Infant Deaths		Birth Defects		Short Gestation		SIDS	
	1993-1997	1998-2002*	1993-1997	1998-2002*	1993-1997	1998-2002*	1993-1997	1998-2002*
Otero Co.	6.6	6.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.9
New Mexico	7.1	6.6	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.6

\*2002 data are provisional

NOTE: Rate per 1,000 live births. Subcategory rates may not add up to all infant death rate due to rounding.  
Due to the implementation of ICD-10 in 1999, comparability ratios have been applied to statistics for years prior to 1999.  
Rates and numbers may not equal those previously reported due to the application of comparability ratios.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**CHILD HEALTH - CHRONIC CONDITIONS & CHILD ABUSE**

NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS AGES 20 AND YOUNGER SELECTED DIAGNOSES REPORTED TO CHILDRENS CHRONIC CONDITIONS REGISTRY 2000				
	Otero Co.		New Mexico	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children in Registry	2,585	1237.7	90,763	1534.5
Congenital Anomalies - All	589	282.0	22,241	376.0
---Neural Tube Defects	50	23.9	870	14.7
---Cleft Lip/Cleft Palate	110	52.7	2,946	49.8
---Down Syndrome	27	12.9	997	16.9
---All Other Anomalies	402	192.5	17,428	294.6
Asthma	462	221.2	20,904	353.4

\* = 1-3    \*\* = 0  
Rates per 10,000 population ages 20 years and younger  
NOTE: Children in registry totals include all other conditions not listed above.

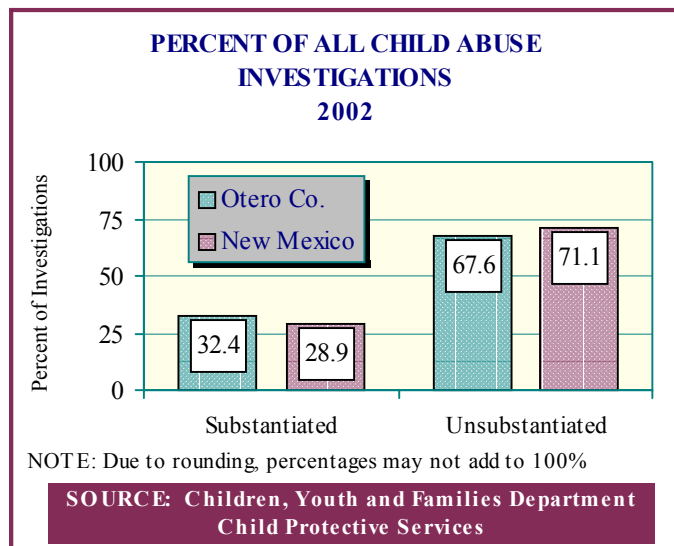
**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Children's Medical Services**

CHILD ABUSE CASES NUMBER AND TYPE OF INVESTIGATIONS 2002			
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Total
Otero Co.	126	263	389
New Mexico	4,089	10,067	14,156

**Substantiated** means that through the course of the investigation, the social worker determined that the child(ren) who is the subject of the report has been determined to have been the victim of abuse and/or neglect. In other words the allegations are true.

An **unsubstantiated** investigation indicates that the investigator was unable to determine that the allegation(s) were, true.

**SOURCE: NM Children, Youth and Families  
Department, Child Protective Services**





Sometimes children have special developmental needs or health concerns that may put them at risk for or cause a developmental delay.

Through the Department of Health's Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program early intervention services are available to help families who have concerns about the development of their young child (birth to three).

INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN (IFSP) ELIGIBILITY STATUS FOR FY03		
ELIGIBILITY	Otero	New Mexico
	NUMBER	NUMBER
At Risk, Environmental	^	665
At Risk, Medical/Biological	45	1,150
Developmental Delay	156	2,937
Established Condition	11	470

The eligibility category of children with an active IFSP during FY 2003 is reported. Children are eligible for FIT Program service through one of four eligibility categories: a developmental delay of 25% or more in one of five developmental areas, an established condition (such as Down's Syndrome) that usually leads to a development delay, or a medical / biological risk or an environmental risk for a developmental delay.  
^Statistics not displayed due to less than 5 cases.

**SOURCE: DOH Long Term Services Division  
Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program**

INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN (IFSP) BY RACE/ ETHNICITY FOR FY03		
RACE/ ETHNICITY	Otero	New Mexico
	NUMBER	NUMBER
American Indian or Alaskan Native	85	779
Asian or Pacific Islander	^	43
Black or African American (not Hispanic)	8	130
Hispanic or Latino	41	2,696
White (not Hispanic)	76	1,574

The race / ethnicity of children with active IFSP during FY 2003 is reported  
^Statistics not displayed due to less than 5 cases.

**SOURCE: DOH Long Term Services Division  
Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program**

INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN (IFSP) BY AGE OF CHILD on 12/1/2002				
AGE OF CHILD	Otero		New Mexico	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Less Than 1 year	9	8.7	458	17.9
1 to 2 years	39	37.9	707	27.6
2 to 3 years	50	48.5	1048	41.0
3 years and older	5	4.9	345	13.5
Total	103	100.0	2558	100.0

The age of child with an IFSP on December 1st as reported

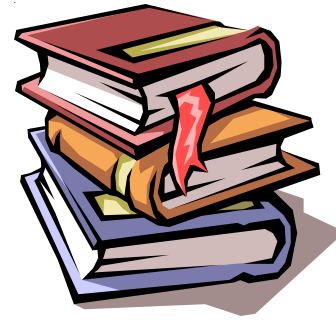
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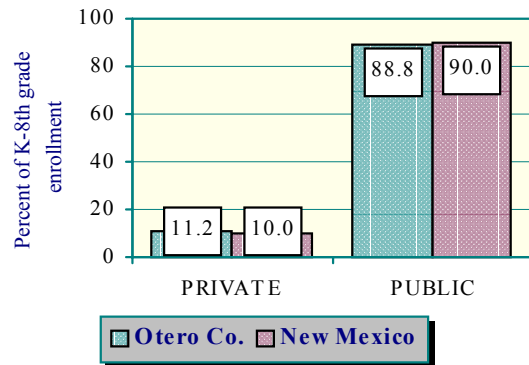
**PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE  
2002-2003**

GRADE	Otero Co.		New Mexico	
	PRIVATE	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
Kindergarten	173	579	3,525	22,638
1st Grade	65	585	2,667	23,706
2nd Grade	88	598	2,738	23,550
3rd Grade	72	625	2,601	24,012
4th Grade	66	621	2,553	24,995
5th Grade	62	636	2,554	25,310
6th Grade	74	657	2,666	25,702
7th Grade	59	723	2,628	25,425
8th Grade	58	684	2,555	25,630
Total	717	5,708	24,487	220,968

SOURCE: NM Department of Education



**PERCENT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
K - 8th GRADES  
2002-2003**



SOURCE: NM Department of Education

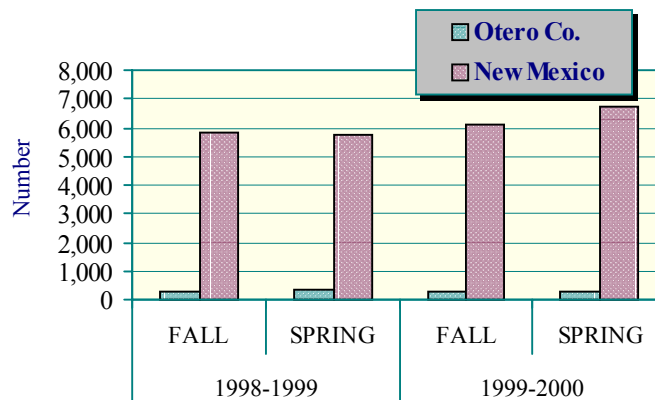
**HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS  
ALL GRADES  
1998-1999 & 1999-2000**

	1998-1999		1999-2000	
	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
Otero Co.	296	344	280	297
New Mexico	5,796	5,728	6,080	6,732

NOTE: These are the number of home school students reporting to the New Mexico Department of Education.

SOURCE: NM Department of Education

**HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS  
ALL GRADES  
1998-1999 & 1999-2000**



SOURCE: NM Department of Education

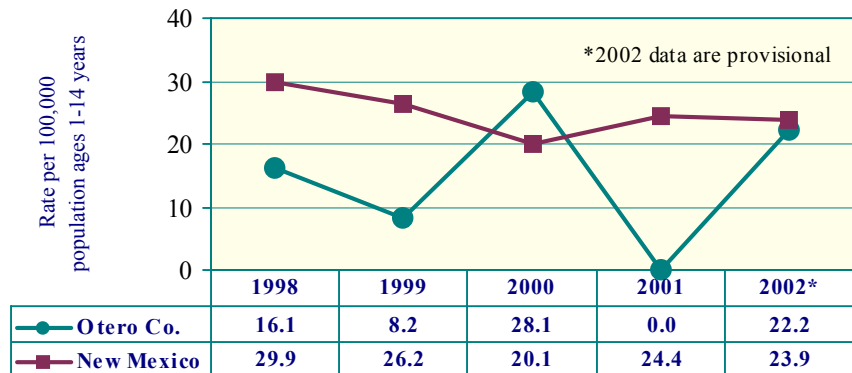
**NEW MEXICO  
RESIDENT DEATHS  
FOR AGES 1-14 YEARS  
1992-2002**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1992	5	120
1993	4	133
1994	4	125
1995	4	123
1996	6	128
1997	2	106
1998	2	115
1999	1	100
2000	4	79
2001	0	94
2002*	3	92

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
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**NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATH RATES  
FOR AGES 1-14 YEARS  
1998-2002**



SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATHS  
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH - AGES 1-14 YEARS  
1998-2002\* AVERAGE**

OTERO COUNTY			NEW MEXICO		
Causes	Number	Rate	Causes	Number	Rate
All Causes	10	14.1	All Causes	480	24.4
Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	1	1.4	Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	190	9.7
---(Motor Vehicle Accidents)	(1)	(1.4)	---(Motor Vehicle Accidents)	(128)	(6.5)
Malignant Neoplasms	1	1.4	Congenital Malformations	45	2.3
Assault (Homicide)	1	1.4	Malignant Neoplasms	39	2.0
Influenza/Pneumonia	1	1.4	Assault (Homicide)	37	1.9

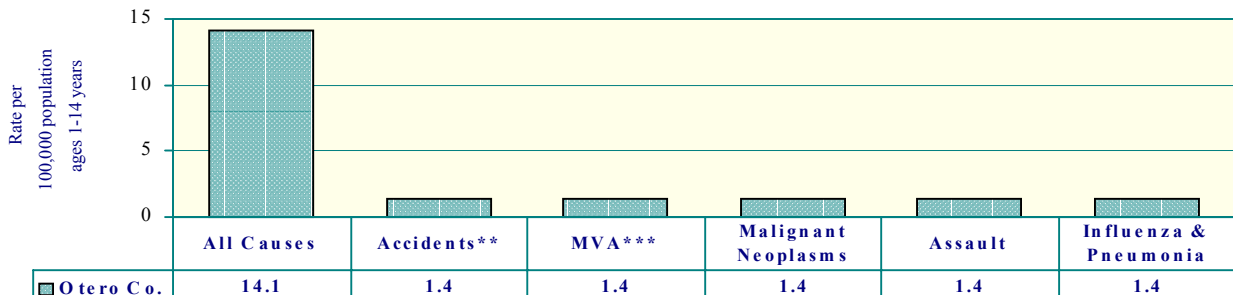
\* 2002 data are provisional

Rate per 100,000 population ages 1-14 years. Rate numerator was deaths for years 1998-2002, divided by 5; denominator was the 2000 population.

Due to the implementation of ICD-10 in 1999, comparability ratios have been applied to statistics for years prior to 1999. Rates and numbers may not equal those previously reported due to the application of comparability ratios.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATH RATES  
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH - AGES 1-14 YEARS  
1998-2002\* AVERAGE**



\*2002 data are provisional. \*\*Accidents are considered Unintentional Injuries. \*\*\* Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA) are included in Accidents. Rate numerator was deaths for years 1998-2002, divided by 5; denominator was the 2000 population.

Due to the implementation of ICD-10 in 1999, comparability ratios have been applied to statistics for years prior to 1999. Rates and numbers may not be equal to those previously reported due to application of comparability ratios.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

# ADOLESCENT/YOUTH (15-19) YEARS - SCHOOL ENROLLMENT & DROPOUT RATE

**PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
GRADES 9-12  
SCHOOL YEARS 2000-2003**

SCHOOL YEAR	Otero Co.	New Mexico
2000-2001	2,812	95,427
2001-2002	2,703	95,224
2002-2003	2,574	95,767

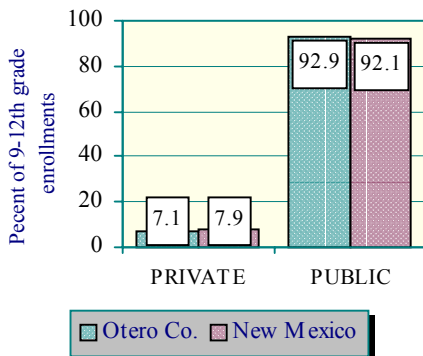
SOURCE: NM Department of Education

**PRIVATE AND PUBLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
GRADES 9 - 12  
SCHOOL YEAR 2000-2001**

GRADE	Otero Co.		New Mexico	
	PRIVATE	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
9th	62	742	2,454	28,944
10th	59	733	2,092	25,476
11th	53	656	1,901	21,905
12th	41	681	1,690	19,102
Total	215	2,812	8,137	95,427

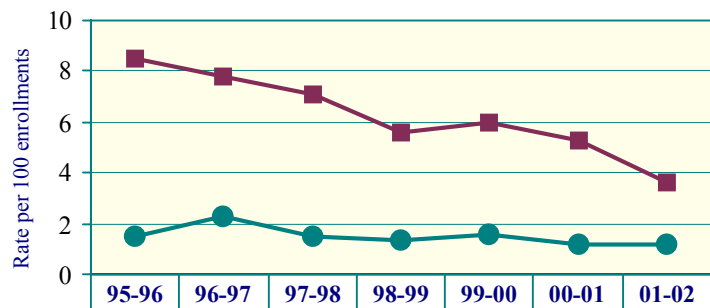
SOURCE: NM Department of Education

**PERCENT ENROLLMENT  
PUBLIC & PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS GRADES 9-12  
2000-2001**



SOURCE: NM Department of Education

**HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE  
GRADES 9 - 12  
SCHOOL YEARS 1995-2002**



	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
● Otero Co.	1.5	2.3	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.2
■ New Mexico	8.5	7.8	7.1	5.6	6.0	5.3	3.6

Rate calculated by dividing the number of dropouts by the number of students enrolled in grades 9-12 on the 40th day of enrollment. A dropout is a student who was enrolled in school the previous year, but did not enroll the following year and did not graduate or meet certain approved exclusions (e.g., transfer, illness).

SOURCE: NM Department of Education

**RESIDENT FALL ENROLLMENT TO NEW MEXICO  
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS 2001-2002**

INSTITUTE	Otero		New Mexico	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
UNM	126	132	19,751	20,497
UNM Gallup	0	0	2,125	2,485
UNM Los Alamos	0	1	824	918
UNM Medical School	9	7	263	268
UNM Taos	1	1	1,190	1,349
UNM Valencia	0	0	1,563	1,717
NMSU	669	685	10,897	11,330
NMSU Alamogordo	1,213	1,296	1,300	1,380
NMSU Carlsbad	1	3	1,028	1,108
NMSU Dona Ana	128	150	4,342	4,744
NMSU Grants	2	1	619	640
ENMU	44	80	3,144	3,120
ENMU Roswell	35	15	3,046	3,536
ENMU Ruidoso	95	83	752	751
NMHU	4	7	2,987	2,841
WNMU	10	11	2,109	2,277
Other NM Institutions*	63	71	38,739	41,773

SOURCE: NM Commission on Higher Education

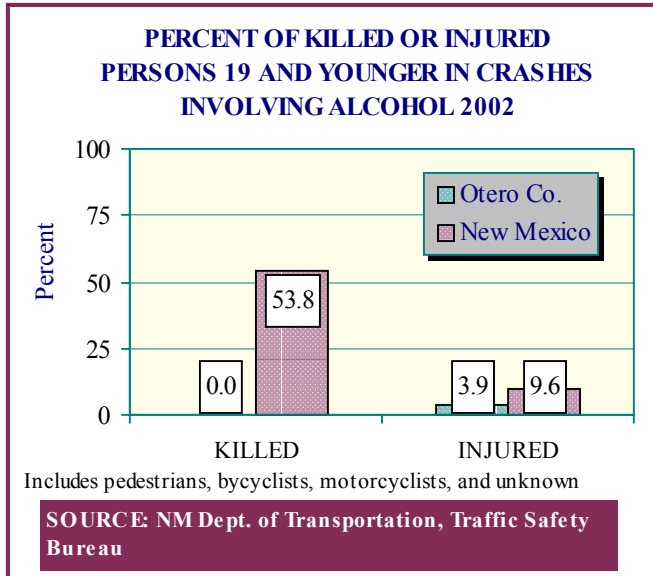
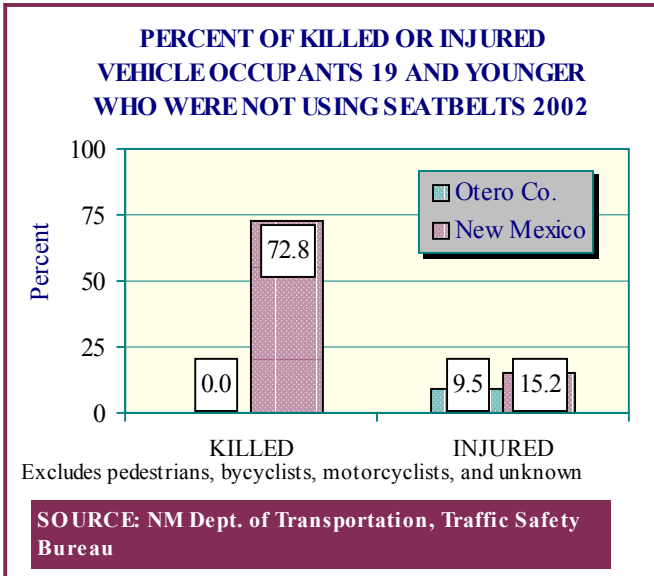
NOTE: Not all resident students report their original county of origin. In addition, out of state students are not included. Resident students attending school out of state are also not included. Counts reflect all students at a specific site, including extended services enrollments.

\*Includes all other institutions of higher education not listed above, including community and technical colleges.



PERSONS 19 AND UNDER KILLED OR INJURED AS VEHICLE OCCUPANTS IN CRASHES BY SEATBELT STATUS 2002						
	KILLED			INJURED		
	TOTAL	NO BELT	BELT	TOTAL	NO BELT	BELT
Otero Co.	0	0	0	169	16	153
New Mexico	81	59	22	6,407	974	5,433

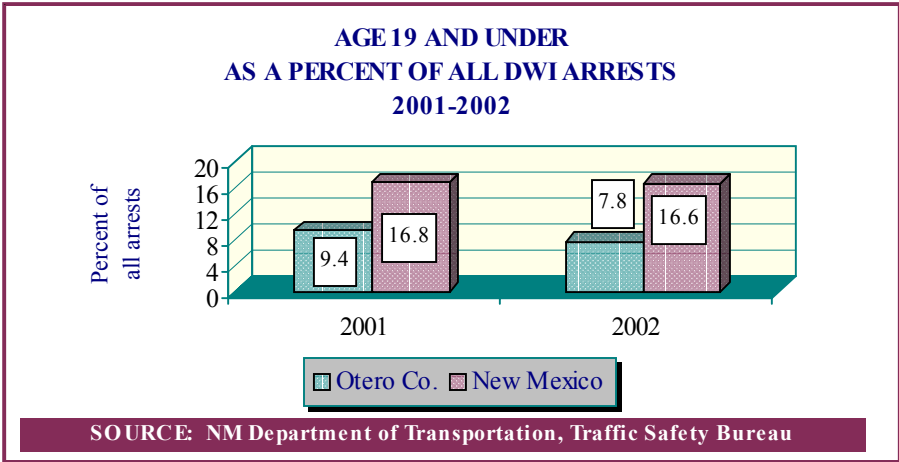
NOTE: Number excludes pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcycleists, and unknown.  
SOURCE: New Mexico Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau



**NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED (DWI) 2001 & 2002**

	19 Years and Younger		All Persons	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Otero Co.	53	50	566	644
New Mexico	3,617	3,593	21,576	21,603

SOURCE: NM Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau



# ADOLESCENT/YOUTH (15-19) YEARS - NATALITY/MORTALITY

## NEW MEXICO RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS TO MOTHERS AGE 15-17 YEARS 1998-2002\* AVERAGE

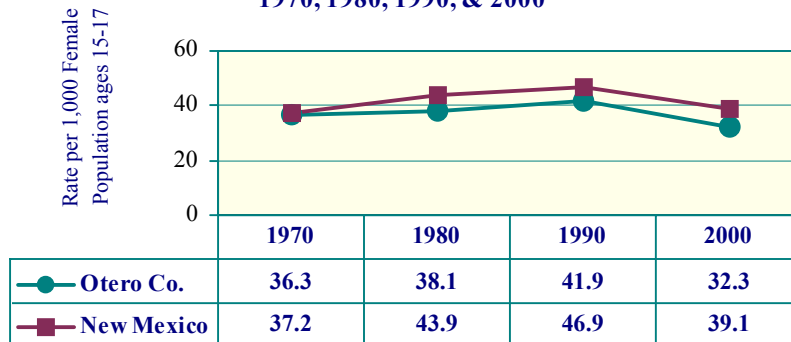
	Number	Rate
Otero Co.	232	28.8
New Mexico	8,687	40.0

\*2002 data are provisional

Rate is per 1,000 female population ages 15-17 years. Rate numerator was births to mothers age 15-17 years for 1998-2002, divided by 5; denominator was 2000 female population age 15-17.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
ONMVRHS

## NEW MEXICO RESIDENT BIRTH RATES FOR MOTHERS AGES 15-17 YEARS 1970, 1980, 1990, & 2000



SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

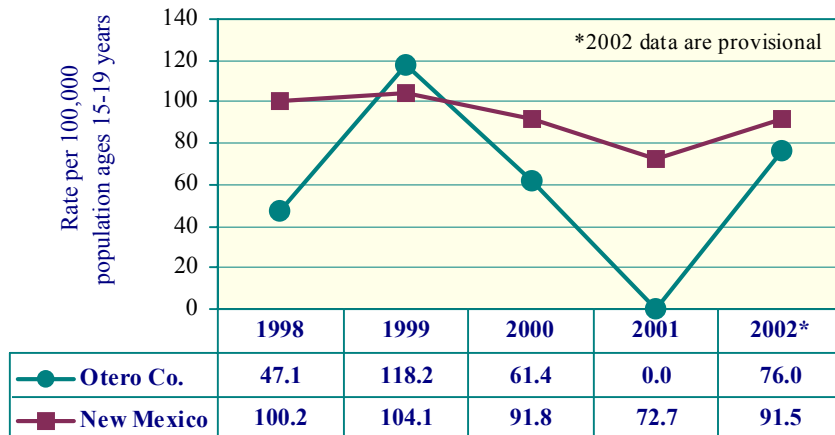
## NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATHS FOR AGES 15-19 YEARS 1992-2002

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1992	1	117
1993	3	132
1994	2	128
1995	6	150
1996	3	158
1997	2	118
1998	2	144
1999	5	150
2000	3	143
2001	0	107
2002*	4	136

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
ONMVRHS

## NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATH RATES FOR AGES 15-19 YEARS 1998-2002



SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

## NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATHS LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH - AGES 15-19 YEARS 1998-2002\* AVERAGE

OTERO COUNTY			NEW MEXICO		
Causes	Number	Rate	Causes	Number	Rate
All Causes	14	57.3	All Causes	680	93.3
Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	5	20.7	Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	312	42.8
---(Motor Vehicle Accidents)	(4)	(15.2)	---(Motor Vehicle Accidents)	(235)	(32.2)
Assault (Homicide)	4	16.4	Assault (Homicide)	117	16.0
Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	3	12.3	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	117	16.0
Diseases of Heart	1	4.1	Malignant Neoplasms	35	4.8

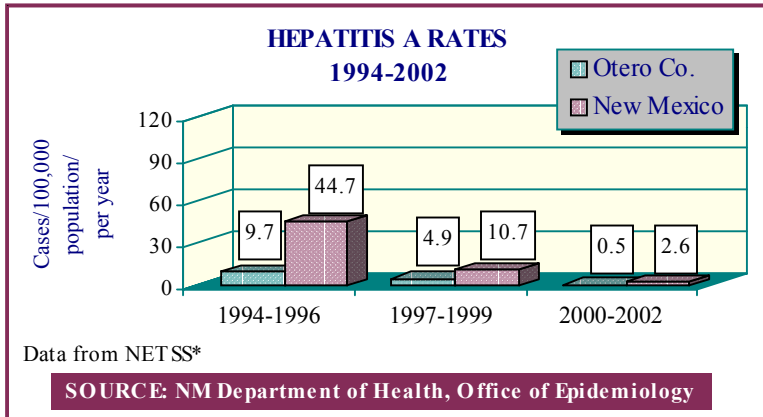
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SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

**GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES**

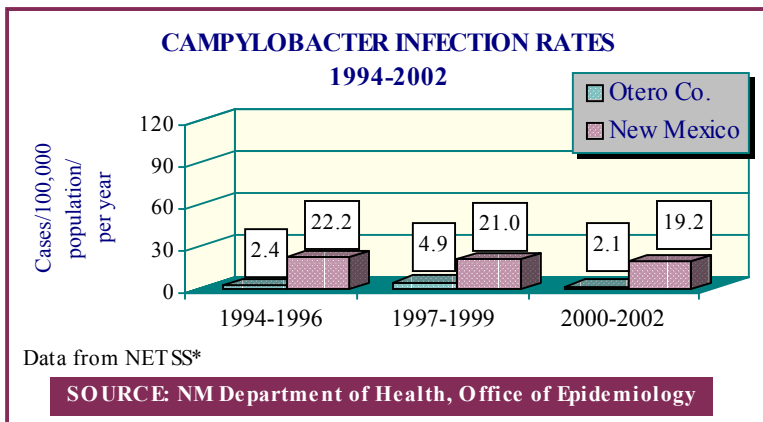


**HEPATITIS A  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1994-1996	16	2,254
1997-1999	8	557
2000-2002	1	141

Data from NETSS\*

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of Epidemiology**

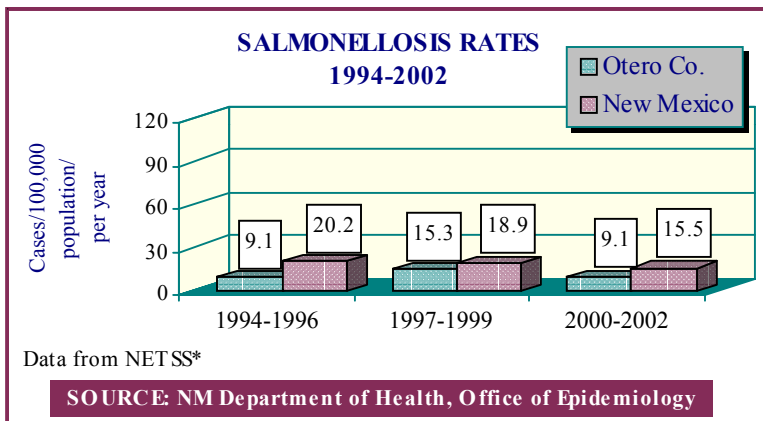


**CAMPYLOBACTER INFECTION  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1994-1996	4	1,117
1997-1999	8	1,093
2000-2002	4	1,059

Data from NETSS\*

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of Epidemiology**

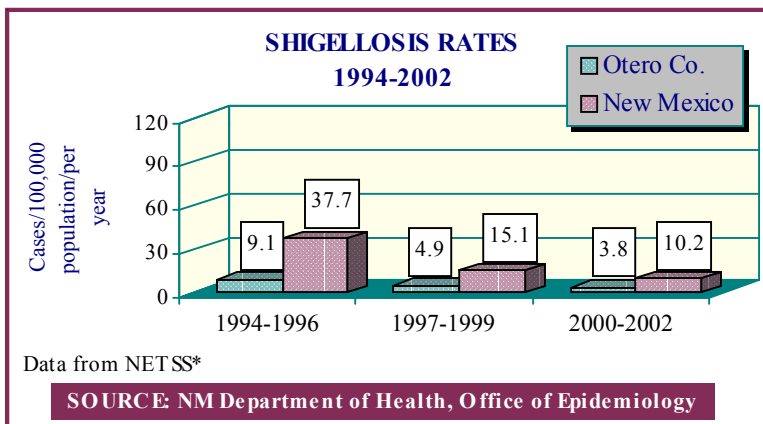


**SALMONELLOSIS  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1994-1996	15	1,016
1997-1999	25	984
2000-2002	17	856

Data from NETSS\*

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of Epidemiology**



**SHIGELLOSIS  
NUMBER OF CASES**

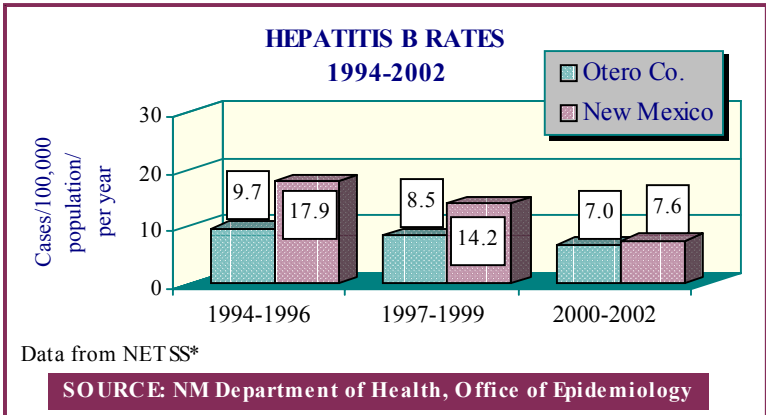
Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1994-1996	15	1,900
1997-1999	8	786
2000-2002	7	560

Data from NETSS\*

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of Epidemiology**

\*National Electronic Telecommunication System for Surveillance (NETSS)

**BLOODBORNE DISEASES**



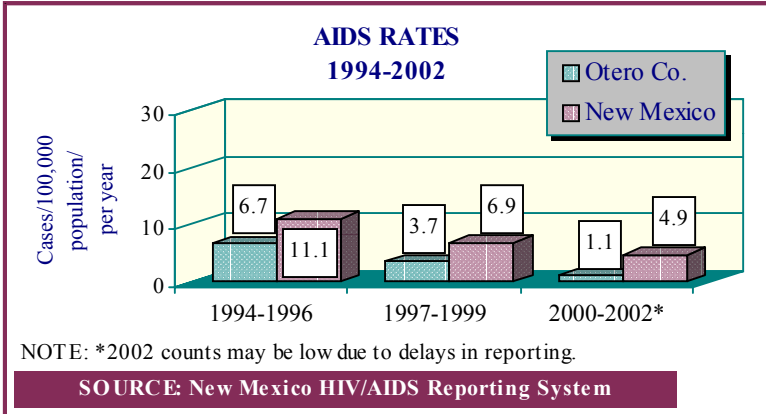
**HEPATITIS B  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1994-1996	16	905
1997-1999	14	736
2000-2002	13	419

Data from NETSS\*

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of Epidemiology**

\*National Electronic Telecommunication System for Surveillance (NETSS)



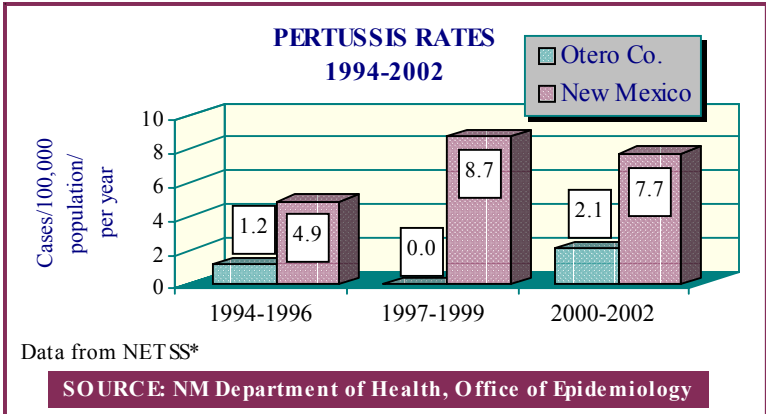
**AIDS  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1994-1996	11	559
1997-1999	6	357
2000-2002*	2	270

NOTE: \*2002 counts may be low due to delays in reporting.

**SOURCE: New Mexico HIV/AIDS  
Reporting System**

**RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

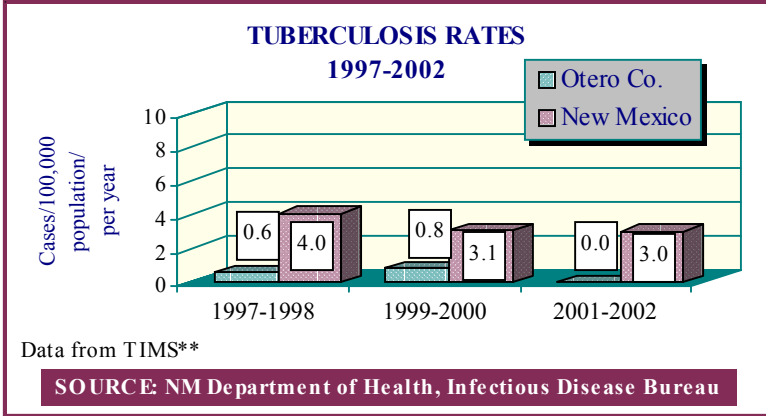


**PERTUSSIS  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1994-1996	2	247
1997-1999	0	453
2000-2002	4	426

Data from NETSS\*

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of Epidemiology**



**TUBERCULOSIS  
NUMBER OF CASES**

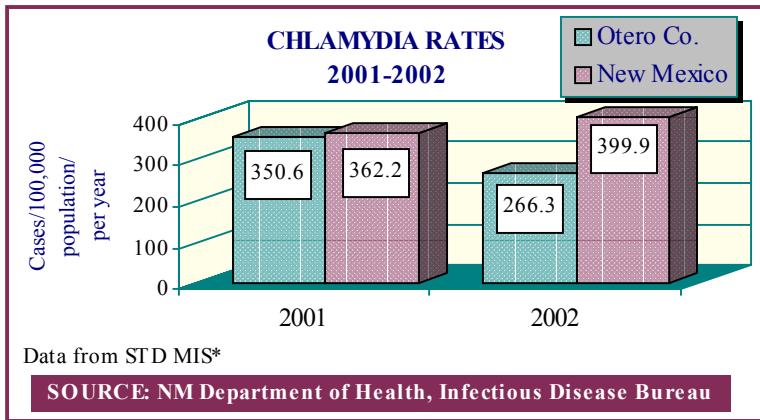
Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1997-1998	1	139
1999-2000	1	110
2001-2002	0	111

Data from TIMS\*\*

**SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Infectious Disease Bureau**

\*\*Tuberculosis Information Management System (TIMS)

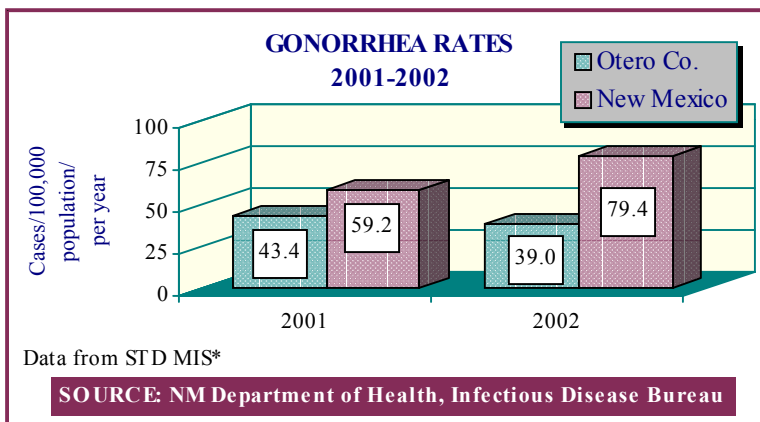
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES



**CHLAMYDIA  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
2001	218	6,669
2002	164	7,419

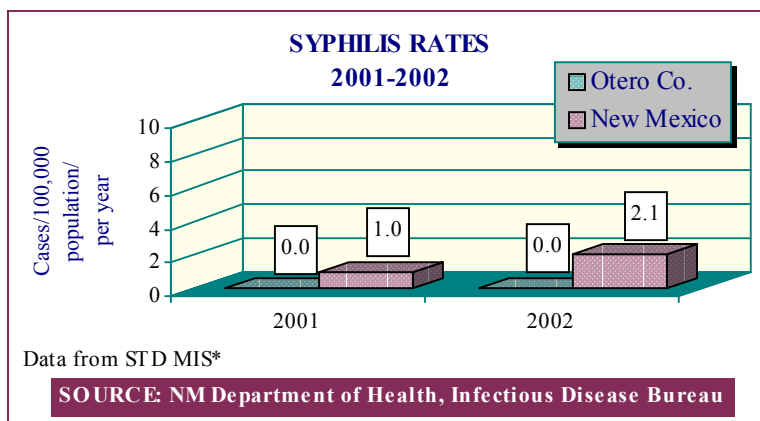
Data from STD MIS\*  
SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Infectious Disease Bureau



**GONORRHEA  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
2001	27	1,090
2002	24	1,472

Data from STD MIS\*  
SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Infectious Disease Bureau



**SYPHILIS  
NUMBER OF CASES**

Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
2001	0	19
2002	0	39

Data from STD MIS\*  
SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Infectious Disease Bureau

NOTE: The scales on the above graphs are not comparable.

\*Sexually Transmitted Diseases Management Information Systems (STD MIS)

# INJURY - MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

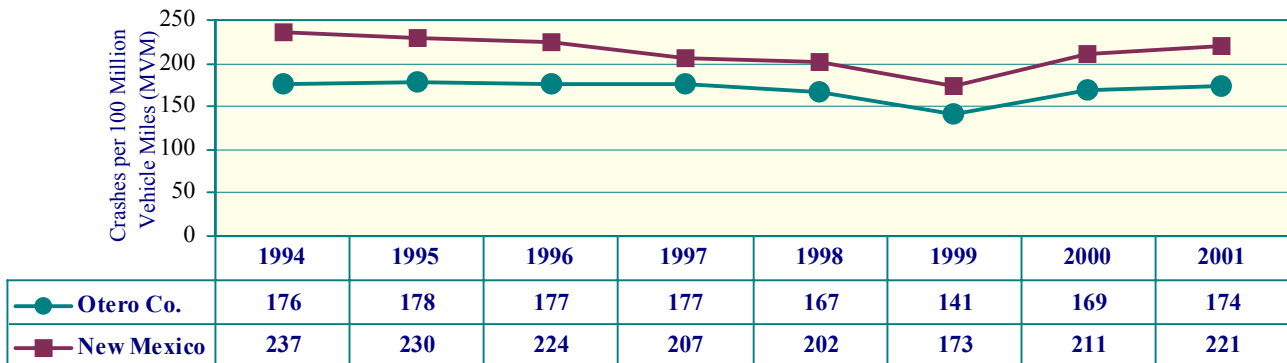


NUMBER OF FATAL AND INJURY CRASHES VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED, LICENSED DRIVERS AND ECONOMIC LOSS 2001						
	NUMBER OF CRASHES			Licensed Drivers	Economic Loss *1000	100 MVM Traveled
	Total	Fatal	Injury			
Otero Co.	1,209	14	432	37,666	\$108,075	6.9
New Mexico	50,236	415	17,879	1,225,793	\$3,537,921	227.1

NOTE: MVM = Million Vehicle Miles

SOURCE: NM Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau  
"New Mexico Traffic Crash Information", 2001 Report.

## CRASH RATES 1994-2001



SOURCE: NM Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau.

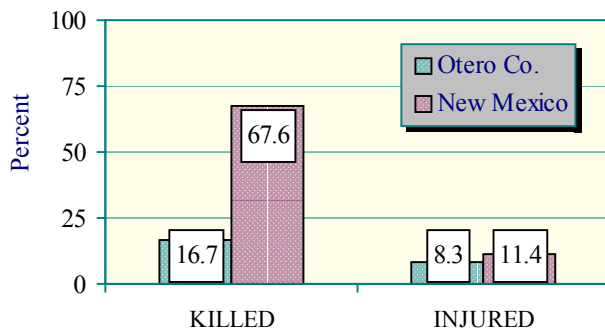
## ALL PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED AS VEHICLE OCCUPANTS IN CRASHES BY SEATBELT STATUS 2002

	KILLED			INJURED		
	TOTAL	NO BELT	BELT	TOTAL	NO BELT	BELT
Otero Co.	6	1	5	606	50	556
New Mexico	349	236	113	24,771	2,818	21,953

NOTE: Number excludes pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and unknown.

SOURCE: New Mexico Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau.

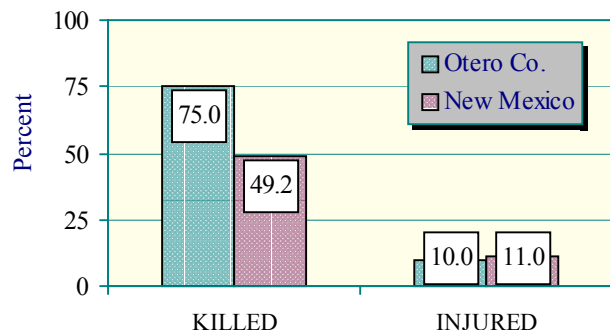
## PERCENT OF KILLED OR INJURED VEHICLE OCCUPANTS WHO WERE NOT USING SEATBELTS 2002



Excludes pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and unknown.

SOURCE: NM Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau.

## PERCENT OF KILLED OR INJURED PERSONS IN CRASHES INVOLVING ALCOHOL 2002



Includes pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and unknown.

SOURCE: NM Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau.



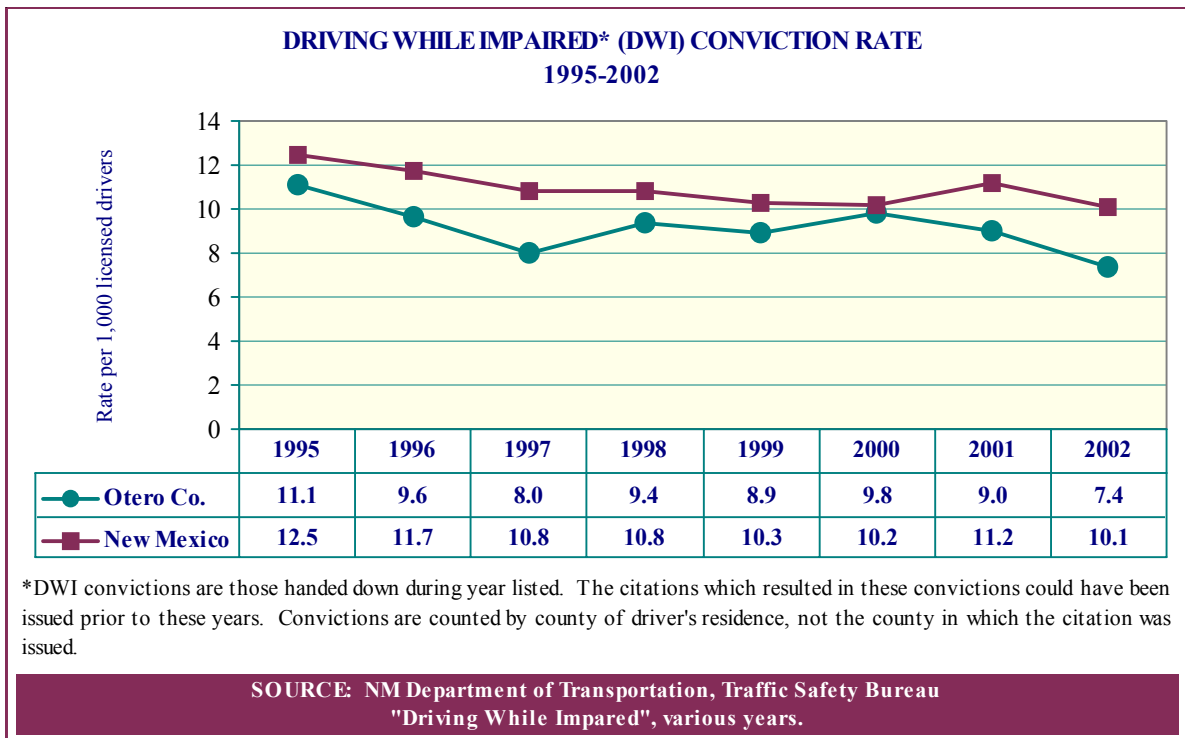
**ALCOHOL RELATED CRASHES  
NEW MEXICO - 2001**

- 43 percent of all fatal crashes involved alcohol.
- A person died in an alcohol-involved crash every 44 hours.
- A person was injured in an alcohol-involved crash every 174 minutes.
- An alcohol-involved crash occurred every 147 minutes.

ALCOHOL INVOLVED CRASHES PERSONS INVOLVED AND DWI CONVICTIONS 2002						
	CRASHES		PERSONS INVOLVED			
	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured	DWI Conviction*	DWI Rate
Otero Co.	5	41	6	66	280	7.4
New Mexico	198	1,774	221	2,921	12,544	10.1

\*DWI convictions are those handed down during year listed. The citations which resulted in these convictions could have been issued prior to these years. Convictions are counted by county of driver's residence, not the county in which the citation was issued.

SOURCE: NM Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau "Driving While Impaired", 2002 Report.



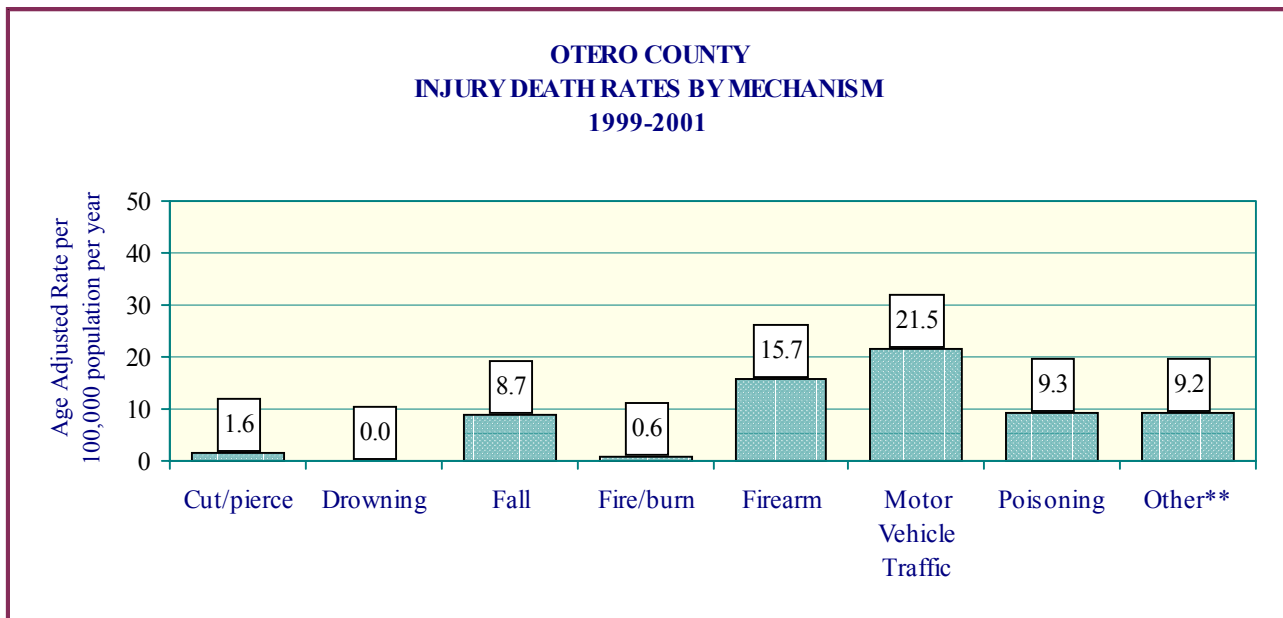
## INJURY - BY MECHANISM

OTERO COUNTY INJURY DEATHS BY MECHANISM 1999-2001			
Mechanism of Injury	Number of Deaths in 3 Years	Age Adjusted Rate/100,000* Per Year	New Mexico Age Adjusted Rate/100,000* Per Year
Cut/pierce	3	1.6	1.8
Drowning	0	0.0	1.4
Fall	14	8.7	10.2
Fire/burn	1	0.6	1.0
Firearm	28	15.7	15.7
Motor Vehicle Traffic	37	21.5	22.1
Poisoning	16	9.3	17.0
Other**	17	9.2	14.0
All Injury	116	66.6	83.2

NON-FATAL INJURY HOSPITALIZATIONS 1998-2000		
Number/Rate	Otero County	New Mexico
Total Number of Hospital Discharges in 3 Years	794	30,596
Age Adjusted Rate per 100,000* Population per Year	463.7	585.2

NOTE: Injury as the principal diagnosis of discharge.  
\* Rates are adjusted to the 2000 U. S. Standard Population.

**SOURCE: NM Health Policy Commission**



Note: Injury categories are from the "Preliminary External Cause of Injury Mortality Matrix for ICD-10," June 12, 2001 by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

\*Age-adjusted death rate adjusted to the 2000 U.S standard population. Age adjusted death rates weight the age-specific rates for a given population by the age distribution of a standard population, thereby enabling the direct comparison of rates between populations with differing age structures.

\*\* Other includes machinery, cyclist, pedestrian, natural /environmental, struck by/against, suffocation, other specified and unspecified categories.

New Mexico Department of Health, Office of Epidemiology, Injury Epidemiology Unit  
Source: Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics



CANCER INCIDENCE AMONG MALES NUMBER AND INCIDENCE RATE 1994-2000 AGGREGATE				
SITE	Otero		New Mexico	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
All Cancers	734	423.7	23,565	468.7
Stomach	10	5.4	515	10.6
Colon and Rectum	76	46.6	2,482	50.4
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct	8	4.7	412	8.2
Gallbladder	^	^	52	1.1
Pancreas	22	13.2	570	11.7
Lung and Bronchus	94	57.8	3,053	62.2
Melanomas of the Skin	38	20.2	974	18.7
Breast	^	^	51	1.0
Prostate	244	139.2	7,320	145.5
Urinary Bladder	47	25.6	1,324	27.4
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	18	9.8	741	14.3
Non-Hodgkins Lymphomas	24	13.5	912	17.8
Leukemias	26	15.2	727	14.2
All Other Cancers	125	71.4	4,432	85.3

Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. (19 age groups) standard.  
 ~ Statistic could not be calculated.  
 ^ Statistic not displayed due to less than 5 cases.

SOURCE: New Mexico Tumor Registry, University of New Mexico

**Colorectal Cancer Screening and Early Detection**

Screening tests can reduce deaths from colorectal cancer by identifying polyps, which are tiny growths inside the colon, before they become cancerous. Screening also detects early cancers when treatment is most effective and survival rates are high.

SOURCE: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

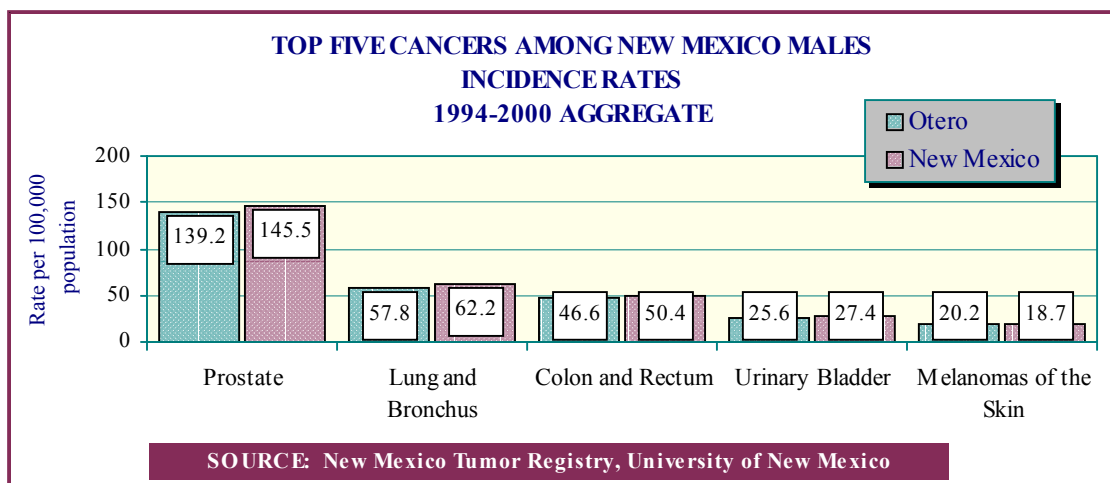
**Prostate Cancer Fact**

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2003, 220,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and that 28,900 men will die of the disease in the United States.

Two methods for detecting prostate cancer are commonly used by clinicians:

- 1) Digital rectal examination (DRE)
- 2) Prostate-specific antigen (PSA)

SOURCE: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



CANCER INCIDENCE AMONG FEMALES NUMBER AND INCIDENCE RATE 1994-2000 AGGREGATE				
SITE	Otero		New Mexico	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
All Cancers	682	346.1	21,575	353.8
Stomach	8	4.2	333	5.5
Colon and Rectum	84	42.8	2,173	35.6
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct	8	4.2	211	3.4
Gallbladder	^	^	113	1.8
Pancreas	20	10.0	543	8.9
Lung and Bronchus	70	35.6	2,208	36.0
Melanomas of the Skin	18	9.0	745	12.2
Breast	228	115.5	7,067	116.5
Cervix	15	7.7	566	9.3
Corpus and Uterus, NOS	27	13.4	1,116	18.3
Urinary Bladder	13	6.7	484	7.9
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	16	7.9	472	7.7
Non-Hodgkins Lymphomas	21	10.8	759	12.5
Leukemias	18	9.4	532	8.6
All Other Cancers	135	68.7	4,253	69.5

Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. (19 age groups) standard.  
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SOURCE: New Mexico Tumor Registry, University of New Mexico

**Breast Cancer Screening**

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 211,300 new invasive cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States during 2003. Mammography is the best way to detect breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stage, an average of 1.7 years before a woman can feel the lump. Mammography also locates cancers too small to be felt during a clinical breast examination.

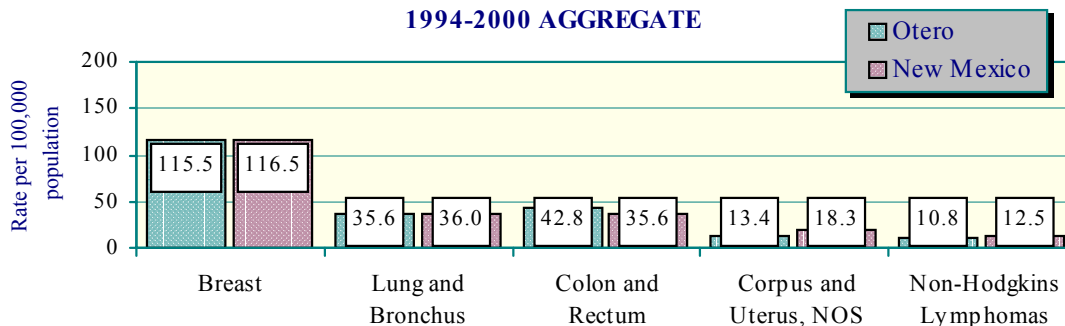
SOURCE: www.cdc.gov

**Cervical Cancer Screening**

Cervical cancer is nearly 100 percent preventable, yet according to the American Cancer Society, in 2003, an estimated 12,200 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed and about 4,100 women will die of the disease. The occurrence of deaths from cervical cancer has declined significantly over the past 40 years. This decline is largely attributed to the effectiveness of Pap test screening in detecting precancerous lesions and early stage cervical cancer.

SOURCE: www.cdc.gov

**TOP FIVE CANCERS AMONG NEW MEXICO FEMALES  
INCIDENCE RATES  
1994-2000 AGGREGATE**



SOURCE: New Mexico Tumor Registry, University of New Mexico

**MODIFIED MAJOR DIAGNOSTIC CATEGORIES (MMDC)**

►Hospitals use a classification scheme, called Major Diagnostic Categories (MDC), to group the diagnoses of patients upon their discharge from the hospital. Data shown in the following pages are based on a modification of the Major Diagnostic Categories. The Modified Major Diagnostic Categories (MMDCs) separates injuries and neoplasms into their own unique groupings while conventional MDCs distribute these diagnoses across other categories, which obscures their impact.

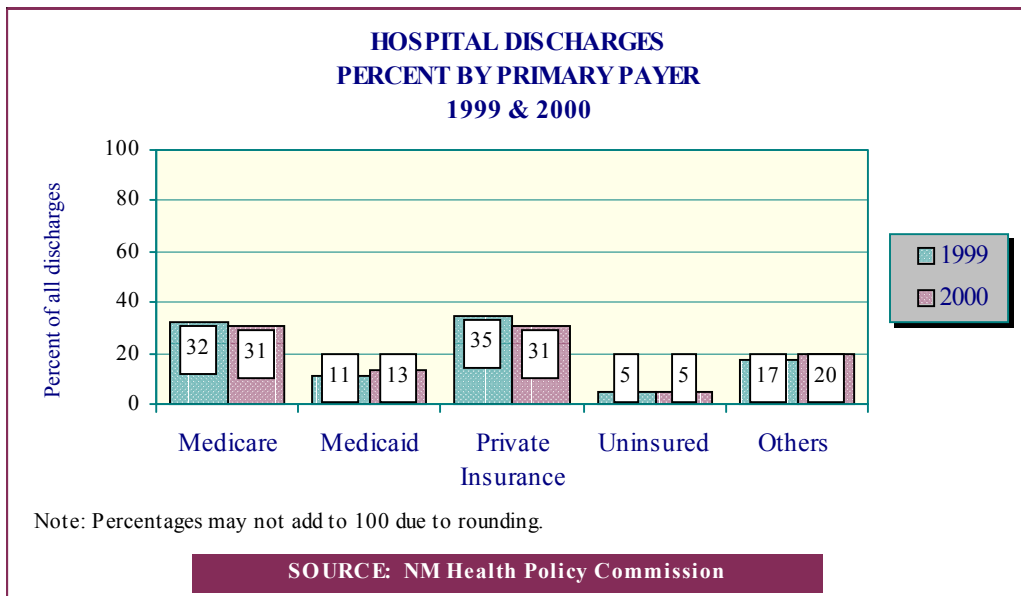
**METHODOLOGY NOTES:**

- The size of the county’s population and the population demographics, such as average age of residents, should be taken into account in interpreting reported data.
- Indian Health Service facilities do not report discharge data to the New Mexico Health Policy Commission, the state agency that maintains the hospital discharge database. As such, counties with large Native American populations may have artificially lower rates.
- Only hospitalization to New Mexico hospitals are included. Counties bordering other states may have a significant number of hospitalization in other states.

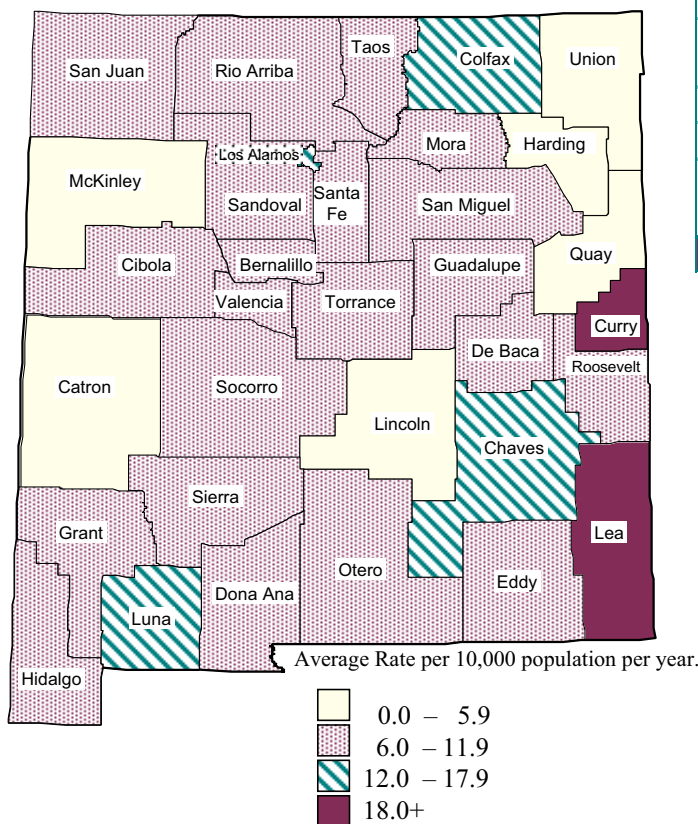
**HOSPITAL INPATIENT DISCHARGE DATA - ALL AGES  
MODIFIED MAJOR DIAGNOSTIC CATEGORIES (MMDCs)  
1999-2001**

MMDC	1999		2000		2001	
	Otero Co.	New Mexico	Otero Co.	New Mexico	Otero Co.	New Mexico
01: Nervous System	206	6,319	213	6,416	199	6,799
02: Eye Diseases	9	639	10	386	6	205
03: Ear, Nose, Mouth, Throat	46	1,879	31	1,612	36	1,702
04: Respiratory System	491	17,875	512	15,151	536	15,329
05: Circulatory System	747	20,349	794	20,923	953	20,629
06: Digestive System	418	12,425	464	13,099	456	12,921
07: Hepatobiliary System	223	5,084	234	5,306	240	5,343
08: Musculoskeletal System	237	7,400	240	7,206	276	7,293
09: Skin, Subcutaneous, Breast	53	2,272	83	2,392	77	2,583
10: Endocrine, Metabolic	165	4,658	134	4,726	199	5,103
11: Kidney & Urinary Tract	129	4,789	153	4,787	146	5,186
12: Male Reproductive System	12	772	13	662	21	767
13: Female Reproductive System	111	3,330	169	3,496	167	3,542
14: Pregnancy, Childbirth	803	26,121	908	26,521	894	26,606
15: Newborns, Neonates	751	23,859	863	24,401	866	24,567
16: Blood & Blood Forming-Organs	49	1,052	51	1,170	53	1,253
17: Myeloproliferative Diseases	297	8,616	260	8,345	220	8,118
18: Infectious Diseases	61	2,128	65	1,795	78	1,915
19: Mental Diseases	178	8,878	227	9,064	213	9,485
20: Alcohol/ Drug Abuse	57	3,295	73	2,957	90	2,909
21: Injuries & Poisonings	394	14,682	436	14,193	408	14,113
22: Burns	6	270	1	233	15	229
23: Factors Influencing Health	76	4,148	48	4,274	38	4,387
24: Multiple Trauma	0	0	0	0	0	0
25: HIV	1	148	0	96	0	86

SOURCE: NM Health Policy Commission



### NEW MEXICO ASTHMA DISCHARGE DATA BY COUNTY 1998-2000



**SOURCE: NM Health Policy Commission**

### HOSPITAL DISCHARGES BY PRIMARY PAYER 1999 & 2000

Payee	Otero		New Mexico	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Medicare	1,775	1,859	47,144	47,959
Medicaid	612	781	39,147	39,468
Private Insurance	1,920	1,849	71,401	74,271
Uninsured	272	319	12,354	13,859
Others	963	1,217	5,431	4,738
<b>Total Discharges</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>6,025</b>	<b>175,477</b>	<b>180,295</b>

**SOURCE: NM Health Policy Commission**

### NEW MEXICO ASTHMA HOSPITAL DISCHARGES\* BY COUNTY 1998-2000

	Number	Rate
Otero Co.	131	7.7
New Mexico	4,936	9.4

\*Primary discharges from non-Federal Hospitals  
Average rates per 10,000 population per year.

**SOURCE: NM Health Policy Commission**

**ESTIMATED DIABETES PREVALENCE  
AMONG NEW MEXICO ADULTS  
2002\***

County	2002 Adult Population	Number of Adults with Diabetes	Percentage of Adults with Diabetes
Bernalillo	430,698	38,586	9.0%
Catron	2,844	228	8.0%
Chaves	43,413	3,806	8.8%
Cibola	18,460	1,960	10.6%
Colfax	10,765	951	8.8%
Curry	31,536	2,672	8.5%
De Baca	1,666	142	8.5%
Dona Ana	127,663	12,049	9.4%
Eddy	37,146	3,195	8.6%
Grant	22,677	2,022	8.9%
Guadalupe	3,513	352	10.0%
Harding	616	55	8.9%
Hidalgo	3,801	344	9.1%
Lea	39,662	3,451	8.7%
Lincoln	15,533	1,269	8.2%
Los Alamos	13,763	1,075	7.8%
Luna	18,007	1,639	9.1%
McKinley	47,057	5,630	12.0%
Mora	3,960	398	10.0%
Otero	43,945	3,827	8.7%
Quay	7,524	646	8.6%
Rio Arriba	29,687	3,093	10.4%
Roosevelt	13,160	1,109	8.4%
Sandoval	68,949	6,313	9.2%
San Juan	82,679	8,169	9.9%
San Miguel	22,029	2,197	10.0%
Santa Fe	103,491	9,359	9.0%
Sierra	10,497	859	8.2%
Socorro	13,177	1,246	9.5%
Taos	23,651	2,246	9.5%
Torrance	11,901	1,030	8.7%
Union	2,962	251	8.5%
Valencia	48,121	4,450	9.2%
<b>New Mexico**</b>	<b>1,354,553</b>	<b>120,555</b>	<b>8.9%</b>

\*County estimates were derived in the following manner: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS, 2002), a telephone survey of adults' (age 18 and over) health in New Mexico, was utilized to generate the racial/ethnic-specific diagnosed diabetes prevalence rates for the entire state. County populations were then obtained from the US Census Bureau (2002) by racial/ethnic group. The BRFSS rates were applied to these groups, generating an estimate of the number of American Indians, non-Hispanic Whites, Hispanics and Others (Asian/Pacific Islanders, non-Hispanic Blacks, and other) with diagnosed diabetes. The numbers were then combined to yield a total estimate of adults in each county with diagnosed diabetes. For those with undiagnosed diabetes, estimates by racial/ethnic group from NHANES III (National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey) were obtained from Harris, MI et al. (1998). The estimated numbers of adults with diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes were combined for the final estimate.

\*\*State estimates were derived in the following manner: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS, 2002) was utilized to generate an overall estimate of diagnosed diabetes among New Mexican adults. That is, in 2002, an estimated 6.2% of New Mexican adults indicated they had been diagnosed with diabetes. An estimate for undiagnosed diabetes (from NHANES III data) was obtained from Harris, MI et al. (1998). The estimated numbers of adults with diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes were combined for the final estimate. Note: adding up the county estimates will not result in the state estimate. For the state estimate, there was no initial stratification by race/ethnicity, it was simply a calculation of those with diabetes (all races) divided by those responding to the question.

Source: Department of Health, Diabetes Prevention & Control Program

# AGING - INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION AGES 65+ YEARS

## HOSPITAL INPATIENT DISCHARGE DATA MODIFIED MAJOR DIAGNOSTIC CATEGORIES (MMDC) OTERO COUNTY 1999-2001

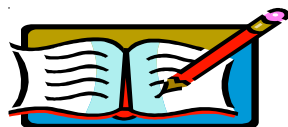
MMDC	1999			2000			2001		
	65+	All Ages	% All Ages	65+	All Ages	% All Ages	65+	All Ages	% All Ages
01: Nervous System	115	206	55.8	136	213	63.8	106	199	53.3
02: Eye Diseases	2	9	22.2	1	10	10.0	1	6	16.7
03: Ear, Nose, Mouth, Throat	13	46	28.3	7	31	22.6	3	36	8.3
04: Respiratory System	275	491	56.0	261	512	51.0	274	536	51.1
05: Circulatory System	494	747	66.1	488	794	61.5	562	953	59.0
06: Digestive System	183	418	43.8	180	464	38.8	169	456	37.1
07: Hepatobiliary System	58	223	26.0	60	234	25.6	60	240	25.0
08: Musculoskeletal System	108	237	45.6	102	240	42.5	156	276	56.5
09: Skin, Subcutaneous, Breast	18	53	34.0	29	83	34.9	24	77	31.2
10: Endocrine, Metabolic	80	165	48.5	67	134	50.0	102	199	51.3
11: Kidney & Urinary Tract	65	129	50.4	79	153	51.6	82	146	56.2
12: Male Reproductive System	9	12	75.0	6	13	46.2	14	21	66.7
13: Female Reproductive System	27	111	24.3	31	169	18.3	35	167	21.0
14: Pregnancy, Childbirth	0	803	0.0	0	908	0.0	0	894	0.0
15: Newborns, Neonates	0	751	0.0	0	863	0.0	0	866	0.0
16: Blood & Blood-Forming Organs	25	49	51.0	27	51	52.9	29	53	54.7
17: Myeloproliferative Diseases	110	297	37.0	102	260	39.2	91	220	41.4
18: Infectious Diseases	28	61	45.9	29	65	44.6	38	78	48.7
19: Mental Diseases	21	178	11.8	18	227	7.9	13	213	6.1
20: Alcohol / Drug Abuse	2	57	3.5	3	73	4.1	5	90	5.6
21: Injuries & Poisonings	149	394	37.8	164	436	37.6	177	408	43.4
22: Burns	0	6	0.0	0	1	0.0	2	15	13.3
23: Factors Influencing Health	11	76	14.5	22	48	45.8	20	38	52.6
24: Multiple Trauma	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
25: HIV	1	1	100.0	0	0	--	0	0	--

SOURCE: New Mexico Health Policy Commission

## OTERO COUNTY HOSPITAL INPATIENT DISCHARGE STATUS FOR AGE 65 YEARS AND OLDER 1999-2001

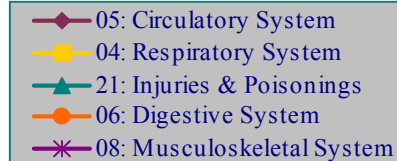
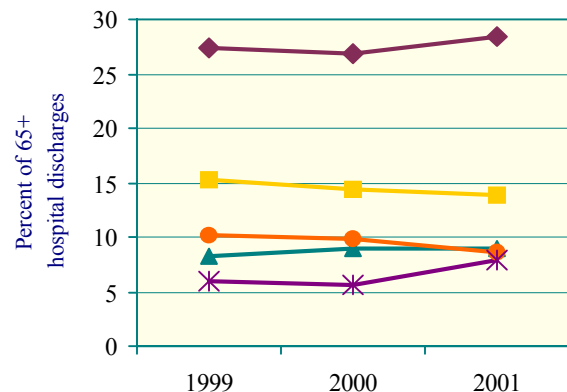
	1999	2000	2001
Routine Discharge	1,240	1,247	1,389
Transfer-Hospital	102	107	96
Transfer-Skilled Nursing Facility	134	188	199
Transfer-Intermediate Care Facility	97	23	61
Transfer-Other	31	30	21
Transfer-Home Care	87	115	110
Left Against Medical Advice	3	3	7
Died	104	97	92
Other	2	11	1
<b>TOTAL DISCHARGED</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>1,976</b>

SOURCE: New Mexico Health Policy Commission



**Discharged**

## TOP FIVE CATEGORIES OF HOSPITALIZATION FOR AGES 65+ 1999-2001



SOURCE: NM Health Policy Commission

ADULT ABUSE CASES NUMBER AND TYPE OF INVESTIGATION Annual 2002					
Residence	Substantiated Investigations		Unsubstantiated Investigations		Total Investigations
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Otero Co.	42	24.7	128	75.2	170
New Mexico	1475	29.2	3569	70.8	5,044

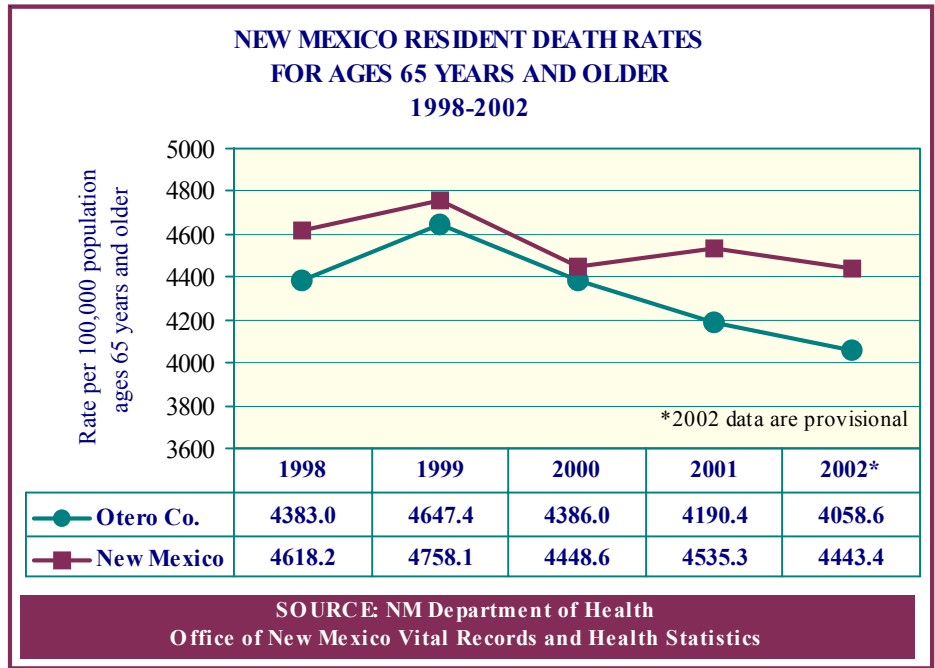
Source: NM Children, Youth and Families Department  
Protective Services Division Fact Book, Fourth Quarter & Annual 2002



NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATHS AGES 65 YEARS AND OLDER 1992-2002		
Year	Otero Co.	New Mexico
1992	235	7,600
1993	238	7,971
1994	287	8,368
1995	305	8,628
1996	275	8,663
1997	252	8,772
1998	287	9,100
1999	317	9,515
2000	320	9,441
2001	317	9,864
2002*	316	9,840

\*2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
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NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATHS LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH - AGES 65 YEARS AND OLDER 1998-2002* AVERAGE					
OTERO COUNTY			NEW MEXICO		
Causes	Number	Rate	Causes	Number	Rate
All Causes	1,557	4268.1	All Causes	47,760	4500.9
Diseases of Heart	501	1372.3	Diseases of Heart	13,459	1268.4
Malignant Neoplasms	344	944.3	Malignant Neoplasms	10,313	971.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	146	401.4	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	3,630	342.1
Cerebrovascular Diseases	105	286.9	Cerebrovascular Diseases	3,407	321.1
Diabetes Mellitus	67	184.0	Diabetes Mellitus	1,969	185.5

\* 2002 data are provisional

Rate per 100,000 population ages 65 years and older. Rate numerator was deaths for years 1998-2002, divided by 5; denominator was the 2000 population.

Due to the implementation of ICD-10 in 1999, comparability ratios have been applied to statistics for years prior to 1999. Rates and numbers may not equal those previously reported due to the application of comparability ratios.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

# GENERAL MORTALITY

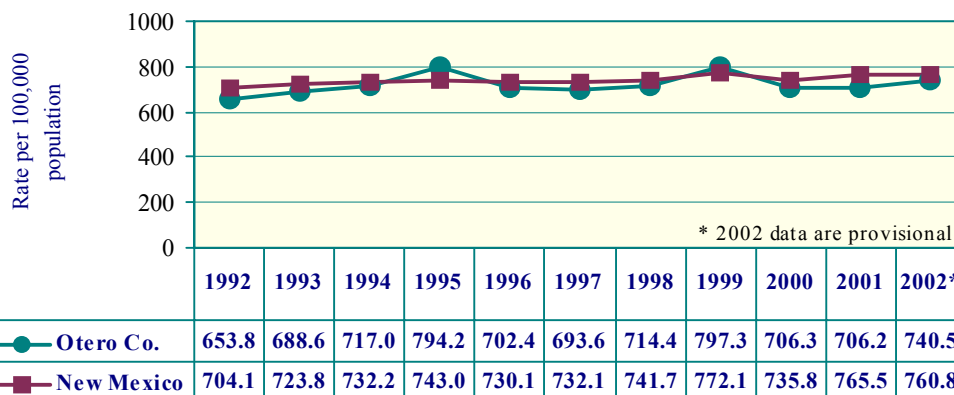
## NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATHS COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS 1992-2002

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*
Otero Co.	339	364	389	438	390	384	388	432	440	434	456
New Mexico	11,130	11,689	12,106	12,500	12,456	12,613	12,858	13,433	13,384	14,016	14,114

\* 2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

## NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS DEATH RATES 1992-2002



\* 2002 data are provisional

SOURCE: NM Department of Health  
Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics

## NEW MEXICO RESIDENT DEATHS LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH 1998-2002\* AVERAGE

OTERO COUNTY			NEW MEXICO		
All Races/All Ages	Number	Rate	All Races/All Ages	Number	Rate
All Causes	2,149	689.9	All Causes	67,805	745.5
Diseases of Heart	605	194.3	Diseases of Heart	16,186	178.0
Malignant Neoplasms	483	154.9	Malignant Neoplasms	14,440	158.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	162	51.9	Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	4,759	52.3
Cerebrovascular Diseases	113	36.2	---( Motor Vehicle Accidents)	(1,904)	(20.9)
Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	101	32.5	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	4,125	45.3
---( Motor Vehicle Accidents)	(47.3)	(15.2)	Cerebrovascular Diseases	3,890	42.8

\* 2002 data are provisional

Rate per 100,000 population. Rate numerator was deaths for years 1998-2002, divided by 5; denominator was the 2000 population.

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SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics



CHILDREN UNDER 6 WITH ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVELS OF THOSE CHILDREN SCREENED, 2001-2002		
	2001	2002
<b>Otero Co.</b>		
Number of Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	0	0
<b>New Mexico</b>		
Number of Children Screened	2,691	2,876
Number of Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	37	35
Percent of Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	1.4	1.2

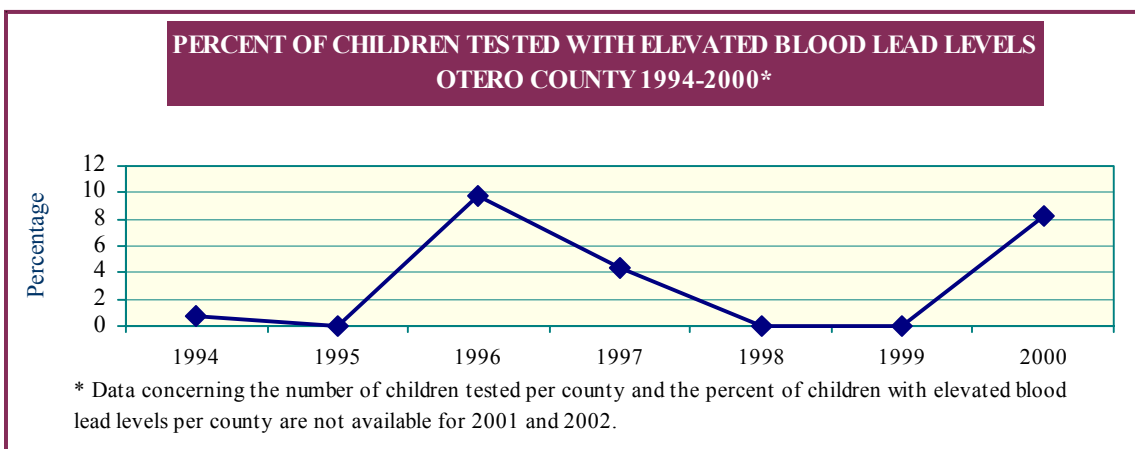
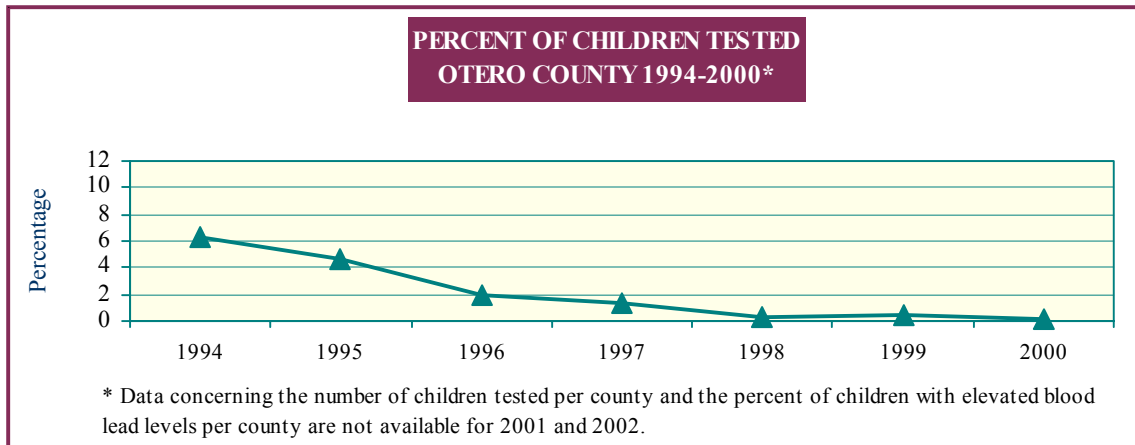
**NOTE: Elevated Blood Lead Levels is defined as  $\geq 10 \mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$  of blood.**

In Otero County, 11.6% of the houses were built prior to 1950. More than 27% pre-1950 housing in an area is considered a greater than average risk for lead poisoning in children.

- Lead poisoning is the number one preventable environmental health problem for children under 6 years.
- Risk factors for lead poisoning include older housing, poverty, and adult occupational exposure to lead.
- The only way to determine a child's lead level is with a blood lead test.
- The national estimate (1997) of children with an elevated blood lead level is 4.4%.<sup>2</sup>

It is estimated that 60% to 80% of children with elevated blood lead levels are in the Medicaid population.<sup>2</sup>

Note: Screening rates have declined significantly in New Mexico (NM) since the mid 1990's.



<sup>1</sup>  $\geq 10 \mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$  of blood (greater than or equal to 10 micrograms per deciliter of blood), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified level of concern.

<sup>2</sup> General Accounting Office (GAO) Report, 1999.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, Office of Epidemiology

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



### HOSPITALS AND PRIMARY CARE FACILITIES

HOSPITAL / PRIMARY CARE FACILITY	PHONE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center	(505)439-6100	2669 N. Scenic Drive	Alamogordo	NM	88310
Indian Health Services	(505)671-4441	318 Abalone Loop	Mescalero	NM	88340

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, District III Health Office

### HEALTH CARE CLINICS

FACILITY	PHONE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Ben Archer Health Center	(505)443-8133	1501 E. 10th St	Alamogordo	NM	88310
Mescalero Wellness Center	(505)464-6383	474 Mescal Loop	Mescalero	NM	88340
Sacramento Mountain Medical Center	(505)682-2542	102 Hwy 82	Cloudcroft	NM	88317
Tularosa Clinic	(505)585-1250	111 Center Ave	Tularosa	NM	88352
Veterans Affairs Clinic/Aspen Clinic	(505)434-5571	1410 Aspen	Alamogordo	NM	88310

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, District III Health Office

### OTERO COUNTY SELECTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMUNITY PARTNER	PHONE#
Alamogordo Interagency Continuity of Care	(505)572-3625
Alamogordo Tobacco Education Coalition	(505)434-3011
Chaparral Community Health Council	(505)824-3939
Local Emergency Planning Council - Otero County	(505)439-0747
Mescalero Apache Tribe	(505)464-4494
Otero County Community Health Council	(505)443-8100
Otero County Safe Kids Chapter	(505)437-2460
Otero County Youth Empowerment Association	(505)437-2460
Tularosa Health Clinic Advisory Council	(505)585-1250
Tularosa Student Health Advisory Council	(505)585-4739

SOURCE: NM Department of Health, District III Health Office

LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BY COUNTY OF LICENSE 2002		
	Otero Co.	New Mexico
Medical Doctor	59	5,809
Medical Doctor Resident	0	1,144
Physician Assistant	5	287
Nurse (RN & LPN)	415	19,575
Certified Nurse Midwives	1	148
Licensed Midwives	0	79

SOURCE: New Mexico Health Policy Commission

ACTIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL BY LEVEL AS OF AUGUST 20, 2003		
Level	Otero Co.	New Mexico
First Responder	44	760
Dispatcher	14	398
Dispatcher-Instructor	0	16
EMT-Basic	73	3,321
EMT-Intermediate	31	1,190
EMT-Paramedic	7	955
Total	169	6,641

NOTE: There are personnel with current active licenses at more than one level in this snapshot. The actual state personnel total is 6,546.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health



ACTIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL BY GENDER AS OF AUGUST 20, 2003		
Gender	Otero Co.	New Mexico
Male	94	4,574
Female	75	1,995
Unknown	0	72
Total	169	6,641

NOTE: There are personnel with current active licenses at more than on level in this snapshot. The actual state personnel total is 6,546.

SOURCE: NM Department of Health

## GLOSSARY

**AGE-ADJUSTED**—Weights the age-specific rates for a given population by the age distribution of a standard population, thereby enabling the direct comparison of rates between populations with differing age structures.

**CHILDREN'S CHRONIC CONDITIONS REGISTRY**—A registry of data on children with special needs; data are from programs and physicians who provide services to these children. Maintained by the New Mexico Department of Health.

**COMPARABILITY RATIOS**—With each revision of the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD)*, discontinuities are created in cause-of-death trend data. The classification and rule changes have a substantial impact as deaths that may have been coded to one category in the previous revision are coded to another category in the new revision. To compensate for these shifts, comparability (also called bridge-coding) studies are undertaken to determine the extent of comparability between the two revisions. As a result of these studies, comparability ratios are developed that reflect the degree of comparability between the two revisions.

**CRUDE BIRTH RATE**—Number of live births per 1,000 population.

**CRUDE DEATH RATE**—Number of deaths per 1,000 or 100,000 population.

**D.W.I.**—Driving While Impaired; the current legal limit for blood alcohol concentration is .08 for 21 and older, and .02 for younger than 21.

**FERTILITY RATE**—Number of live births per 1,000 women 15-44 years of age.

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (FSP)**—The FSP is an entitlement program based on Federal rules and mandates. The purpose of the FSP is to increase food purchasing power and to supplement the nutrition level of eligible households. In addition, the FSP provides a nutrition education program to eligible households. Eligibility for participation in the FSP is based on a gross income test at 130% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the size of the household. Eligibility is also based on a resource test; the household's liquid and nonliquid resources cannot exceed \$2000.00. Food stamp benefits are issued on a monthly basis through an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system. The FSP has a change reporting and work requirement for adults in the household. Failure to report changes or comply with work requirements results in a reduction or closure of Food Stamp benefits. Under contract with another agency, the Department provides a free nutrition education program for Food Stamp applicants and recipients.

**HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DATA**—Data, such as diagnosis, gender, age, residence, on hospital inpatient discharges; collected by the NM Health Policy Commission from licensed, non-federal general and specialty hospitals.

**INCIDENCE**—Measure of the frequency at which new events/cases of a disease or condition occur in a specified population over a given time period.

**INCIDENCE RATE**—Number of new cases of disease/condition over a given time period (often, a year) that occur in a population at risk for that disease/condition (ergo number of new lung cancer cases per 100,000 persons in a year). An estimate of the risk of developing a disease/condition during a specified time period.

**INFANT DEATH**—Death of an infant under one year of age (neonatal + postneonatal).

**INFANT MORTALITY RATE**—Number of infant deaths per 1,000 (or 100,000) live births.

**LIVE BIRTH**—A birth that shows any sign of life after delivery.

**LOW BIRTH WEIGHT**—A live birth weighing less than 2500 grams (5-1/2 pounds).

**MEDICAID**—A federally and state-funded program to pay for medical and other services to eligible New Mexico citizens.

**NEONATAL DEATH**—Death of newborn under 28 days of age.

**NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE**—Number of neonatal deaths per 1,000 (or 100,000) live births.

**NEURAL TUBE DEFECTS**—Malformations of the spine and brain that arise in the first 29 days of pregnancy.

**OCCURRENCE DATA**—Data allocated by place where event occurred, regardless of the person's place of residence.

## GLOSSARY CONTINUED

**POPULATION ESTIMATE**—Estimate of the number of persons for either a past or current time period.

**POSTNEONATAL DEATH**—Death of an infant of at least 28 days, but less than one year of age.

**POSTNEONATAL MORTALITY RATE**—Number of postneonatal deaths per 1,000 or (100,000) live births.

**POVERTY**—Poverty status is based on the 1964 Social Security Administration definition (modified in 1969 and 1980). At the core of this definition was the 1961 Department of Agriculture economy food plan, which arose from findings of a 1955 Department of Agriculture survey of food consumption. The 1955 findings showed that families of three or more spent about 1/3 of their income on food. Poverty status/level is tied to the cost of the economy food plan that is revised annually for cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index.

**PRENATAL CARE**—1) Level of Prenatal Care – categorization of prenatal care services into no/low, middle and high levels of care based on the number of visits and month care began (modified Kessner index). 2) Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization Index – an alternative measure of prenatal care utilization that adjusts for some of the weaknesses of the trimester care began and the Kessner index (Kotelchuck index).

**RESIDENCE DATA**—Data allocated by place of residence of the decedent (deaths) or by place of residence of the child's mother (births).

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**—The count of high school students on the current roll on the 40th official school day, by school district.

**SUBSTANTIATED**—Through the course of the investigation, the social worker determined that the child(ren) who is the subject of the report have been determined to have been the victim of abuse and/or neglect. In other words the allegations are true.

**TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)**—TANF is the State-administered, county-operated, monthly cash assistance program funded by a Federal block grant under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. In July 1997, TANF replaced the previous entitlement program known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). The TANF program is not an entitlement program and has a 60-month term limit in New Mexico, which means that adults receiving assistance from the TANF block grant program can receive assistance for a 60 month maximum limit. TANF is available to both single and two-parent families. To receive TANF, there must be at least one dependent child (under age 18) in the home. TANF eligibility is based on a gross income test at 85% of the Federal Poverty Guideline for the size of the family. Eligibility is also based on a resource test; the family's liquid resources must be less than \$1500.00 and non liquid resources must be less than \$2000.00. Cash assistance is issued through an electronic benefit transfer system, similar to an ATM debit card. The TANF program has a mandatory change reporting and work requirement for adults and a mandatory school attendance requirement for dependent children. The adults in the family must cooperate with child support enforcement efforts on behalf of the dependent children. There are cash payment reductions for failure to comply with change reporting, work requirements, child support enforcement and school attendance.

**TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME (TPI)**—Includes the earnings (wages and salaries, other labor income, proprietors' income), dividends, interest, and rent, and transfer payments received by the residents of county. Data shown in thousands.

**UNEMPLOYED**—Based on monthly surveys, persons who did not work during a specified week but made specific efforts to find a job in the previous 4 weeks and were available for work. Also, persons who did not work, were available for work but were not actively seeking work because they (a) had been laid off and were waiting to be called back; or (b) were waiting to report to a job within 30 days. Does not include those no longer seeking work other than in situations (a) and (b).

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**—Number of persons unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**UNSUBSTANTIATED**—Investigation indicates that the investigator was unable to determine that the allegation(s) were true.

**VERY LOW BIRTH WEIGHT**—A live birth weighing less than 1500 grams (about 2 lbs. 5 oz.) at birth.

**W.I.C.**—Women, Infants and Children; a federally-funded, special supplemental nutrition program administered by the New Mexico Department of Health and tribal agencies. Its purpose is to provide high-nutrient density food to promote optimal health outcome during the perinatal period. Services include food assistance, nutrition education and referral to health services.