

Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area

Rob Jaggers Camping Area

Business Plan



Approval

This Business Plan was prepared pursuant to the "Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 2004" (P.L. 108-447) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Recreation Fee Program. It establishes future management goals and priorities. Prior to implementation of the plan, the public will be notified through the local newspaper and on the Roswell Field Office website that the business plan has been documented. It will be available for public comment for a six month period.

After the six month comment period, public input in the form of letters, emails, and comments on fee envelopes with advice from volunteer campground hosts and BLM staff will be collected. Surveys will be conducted on every 4 years and the data from all of these sources will be used to improve the management of the Rob Jagers Camping Area.

The proposed fee schedule is to be implemented on or about January 1, 2014, after the comment period.

Expanded Amenity Fee Schedule Rob Jagers Camping Area	\$5.00 per day for electric hookup
	\$5.00 water hookup
	\$25. ⁰⁰ per day for the group shelter for exclusive use
	\$15.00 - dump station use

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Executive Summary

The Roswell Field Office has proposed expanded amenity fees for services at the Rob Jagers Camping Area (Camping Area) located at the Fort Stanton National Conservation Area. Rob Jagers was a well-known outdoor enthusiast who served as the New Mexico State Lead for Recreation at the New Mexico State Office. Rob was a tireless public servant and a true friend to those who knew him. This Camping Area is dedicated in his honor.

The proposed fees are for electric hookup, water hookup, reservation of the group shelter, and for use of the dump station. The collected fees will be used for onsite maintenance, improvements, and volunteer host reimbursement. The expanded amenity fees are scheduled to be implemented on or about January 1, 2014. The following information was used to determine the need and appropriate amount for these fees:

1. Area Description

The public lands known as the Fort Stanton/Snowy River National Conservation Area (NCA) are administered by the Roswell Field Office in the Pecos District. The NCA was established in 2009 to protect, conserve, and enhance the unique and nationally important historic, cultural, scientific, archaeological, natural, and educational subterranean cave resources of the Fort Stanton/Snowy River cave system. At present, the NCA includes about 25,080 acres.

Within the NCA, there are 2,000 acres of State-owned land consisting of an 1855 era fort known as Fort Stanton and a minimum security prison facility known as Camp Sierra Blanca. The terrain in this area is formed by rolling hills, sandstone, and limestone mountainous areas. Elevation in the area ranges from 6,000 feet to 8,000 feet. High and low temperatures commonly range from 90s in the summer to single digits in the winter. The site is accessible and staffed year-round.

Partnership organizations of the NCA include State Monuments of New Mexico, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Back Country Horsemen, American Endurance Ride Conference, 4-H, Fort Stanton Inc., Ecoservants and the Fort Stanton Cave Study Project. Other fee areas nearby include campsites in the Lincoln National Forest, Bonito Lake (City of Alamogordo), and the BLM Valley of Fires Recreation Area.

Guests visit the NCA for outdoor recreational opportunities, such as hiking, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, picnicking, camping, horseback riding, and hunting. The over 90 miles of multi-use trails provide excellent recreation opportunities for multiple day uses, such long distance equestrian challenges and mountain bike competitions. Primitive camping is allowed throughout the NCA except in riparian zones, where camping is restricted to protect these sensitive areas.

The Camping Area includes a vault toilet, information kiosk, potable water, RV electric hookup, group shelter, picnic tables, gravel parking, and a camping area. A BLM volunteer host is available to answer questions and advise users of rules and regulations. The Camping Area is located at an access point for the expansive trail system for both day and overnight guests.

The Roswell Field Office has proposed a targeted fee at the Camping Area for services only. Fees for services are referred to as expanded amenity fees and interagency park passes are not intended to reduce or remove these types of fees. The expanded amenity fees proposed are for electric hookup, water

hookup, reservations of the group shelter for exclusive use, and for use of the dump station. The date for the fee plan implementation is scheduled for on or about January 1, 2014. There are no proposed fees for entry, day use, or parking. The contact person for this area is the NCA Manager.

2. Description of Visitor Use

The majority of guests who visit the NCA travel 2 hours or less each way (see Appendix). The local counties include Chaves, Eddy, Lincoln, Torrance, and Socorro. Through analysis of the community data (Appendix I), it is clear that these communities and counties have important differences from each other in education, income, and population density levels.

After compiling this data and comparing it with nationwide averages, the local population has a few distinct trends. On average, income levels and higher education levels are below the national averages. Family size, households that speak a language other than English, and the percentage of community members who are veterans are higher than national averages.

Impact to Low Income Users

This is a targeted expanded amenity fee and, therefore, it will have little or no effect on low income visitors. This fee is for electric hookup, water hookup, reservations of the group shelter for exclusive use, and use of the dump station. Local businesses and other Federal agencies charge fees for these types of services. This fee will not affect day visitors or those choosing to use primitive campsites. To use these services, you must have a recreational vehicle or trailer. These fees are nominal in comparison to the cost of vehicle ownership and travel to this site.

Native American Access Rights

This is a targeted expanded amenity fee and, therefore, it will not affect Native American access rights for religious and other purposes.

3. Objectives for Use of Fee Receipts

All of the fees collected at the Camping Area will be used to maintain and improve the Camping Area site, facilities, and recreational opportunities for visitors. The first objective will be to maintain the facilities already in place including a vault toilet, a kiosk with electricity, potable water, eight RV electrical hook ups, dump station, a bulletin board, picnic tables, a gravel parking lot, and camping area. Fees from the Camping Area may be used to purchase services and supplies needed to maintain use of these facilities. In addition, a BLM volunteer host is onsite year-round to assist visitors and help maintain the facilities. The fees collected may be used to cover Camping Area reimbursable volunteer expenses.

Fees may be used for identified improvements for the Camping Area which include new signage and flood control mitigation. As demand warrants, additional electrical and water hookups, kiosks, and toilets may be installed. To enhance the overnight camping experience, additional picnic tables, electrical hook ups, landscaping, trees, grills, water hook ups, and fire rings may be added. To improve recreational opportunities, horse gates may be installed along fence lines and boundaries where equestrian access may be impeded. As trails erode over time, fees may be used to maintain and improve the existing trail system.

In addition to improving the quality of recreation experiences for visitors in the Camping Area, interpretive signs may be added to explain and feature the diverse history and culture of the area. Fees may be used to update and print brochures to advertise new amenities services and costs to the public. Also if demand warrants, fees may be used for research, analysis, and development of additional camping areas.

4. Describe the Fee Area Components

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Recreation Enhancement Act) is the resource used by agencies to determine if a site meets the criteria for creating a new fee area. The Recreation Enhancement Act identifies two different types of fees *standard amenity fees* and *expanded amenity fees*. The differences between the two are significant.

Standard amenity fees are used for general access. Examples of these include fees for an agency museum or day use area fees. Standard amenity fees can be reduced or eliminated by using certain interagency passes. However, expanded amenity fees are allowed when certain services and facilities are in place. The Recreation Enhancement Act states the requirements as follows:

Section 3(g) of the Recreation Enhancement Act provides for levy of an “expanded amenity recreation fee” at developed campgrounds characterized by certain standards of available facilities, including a majority of the following:

- (i) Tent or trailer spaces.
- (ii) Picnic tables.
- (iii) Drinking water.
- (iv) Access roads.
- (v) The collection of the fee by an employee or agent of the Federal land management agency.
- (vi) Reasonable visitor protection.
- (vii) Refuse containers.
- (viii) Toilet facilities.
- (ix) Simple devices for containing a campfire.

The Camping Area includes at least 12 campsites, picnic tables, drinking water, access roads, site fee collection by staff and volunteers, toilet facilities, host volunteer or BLM staff for visitor and facility safety, trash receptacles, and steel fire rings. Having all nine required amenities, the Rob Jagers Camping Area meets the Congressional criteria for an Expanded Amenity Fee Site. Consequently, use of the amenities at the campground is offered for an Expanded Amenity Fee.

Fees for services are set for \$5 per day for electricity, \$5 per day for water use, \$25 per day to reserve the group shelter, and \$15 to use the dump station.

5. Recreation Use

Information on the number of visitors each year is obtained through field observations, professional judgments, Recreation Use Permits, and Special Recreation Permits. The NCA basic annual use statistics indicate the NCA receives about 25,000 visitors a year. The Fort Stanton State Monument receives an additional 6,000 annual visitors. The estimated total annual visitation to NCA is 31,000 guests.

The Camping Area is located in close proximity to 15 trails on the NCA trail system. The trails are accessible by foot, non-motorized bikes, and by horseback. With an expansive area, multiple amenities, and a BLM volunteer host on site, the Camping Area is an ideal location for vehicle loading/unloading and overnight parking.

Future projections are for visitation to remain steady with the possibility for increased visitation. General trends within the Department of Interior have identified increased recreational visitor use as the nation’s population expands. Outside conditions may affect visitor use. High gas prices and or a weak economy may have significant negative impacts on the NCA annual visitation.

6. Identification Costs

The data available for costs associated at the Camping Area are as follows:

Estimated Costs	
Pump Vault Toilets	\$ 3,400
Supplies And Equipment	\$ 1,000
Maintenance	\$ 1,387
Visitor Services	\$ 1,000
Vehicles	\$ 1,200
Law Enforcement	\$ 2,000
Campground Host Reimbursement	\$ 6,000
Annual Electric Cost	\$ 2,400
Host worker housing	\$ 600
UTV Maintenance & Repair	\$ 943
Total	\$19,530

The chart details the total expenses for FY 2011 related to the operation of Camping Area. We estimate each year’s cost to be similar to this year’s data.

7. Fee Collection Process

The process for collecting amenity fees at the Camping Area will be through the use of an iron ranger. Visitors will place fees in the provided fee envelope and drop the envelope into a secured iron ranger. Approved collection officers will collect the fee envelopes using an interlock box system. The collection officers will then proceed to the Roswell Field office during normal business hours. Appropriate staff at the Roswell Field Office will receive, count, and sort fees in accordance with policies described in Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2006-211 (I), Recreation Fee Collection Procedures.

Staff and volunteers ensure compliance at the site through regular contact with the public. Signage will be in place to guide the visitors through the fee collection process and explain the costs for services. Fees will be collected on a weekly basis and during large events more frequently.

8. Fee Calculation Process

Two methods are available for determining the appropriate amount for fees. One is referred to as *cost recovery method* where the total costs to manage the sites is divided by the annual visitation to determine the cost. The *fair market value method* determines the appropriate cost of fees through a comparison of recreation sites with similar facilities within the service area.

Visitation and costs can fluctuate and there are a variety of recreation facilities in the area so the fair market value method was used to determine the amount of the proposed fees. Most local campgrounds and RV parks charge an overnight fee and additional fees for services, such as water, electricity and use of the dump station. A list of local campgrounds and fee sites is in the Appendix.

9. Revenue

The intent of the proposed expanded amenity fees is to assist with expenses associated with the camping area costs. Initial revenues will be used to add signage to explain the costs and amenities available to the public. If demand is high and revenues are in line with demand, the future revenues may be used to expand the site or add recreation enhancements.

10. Visitor Satisfaction

The NCA is scheduled to hold an approved agency visitor satisfaction survey during FY 2013. The information gathered through this survey as well as comments passed on to staff and volunteers will be used to gauge visitor satisfaction. The leaders of the Special Recreation Permit groups who use the Camping Area have been informed of planned fee schedule and have continued to plan their events with little or no change to the group size or intended use.

Fees collected will be tracked and over time will show trends of use from the Camping Area visitors. This data will be used to determine the need for increased amenities, recreational opportunities, and future camping areas.

Appendix

A.

Recreation Management Information System – FY 2011 Statistics

Total number of visitors for FY 11 = 31,000 (includes dispersed areas)

05% International visitors

10% More than 10 hours away

35% 2-10 hours away

50% Less than 2 hours away

B.

Roswell Field Office RMA - Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave NCA RUPs - Equestrian Trailhead									
Visitation	Fees Collected	RUPs Camping	Horseback Riding	ATV Riding	Photography	Hiking	Mountain-biking	Hunting	Geocaching
426	\$907	129	24%	4%	1%	9%	12%	16%	34%

C.

Roswell Field Office RMA - Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave NCA - Visitors					
NCA Room in Ft. Stanton Museum	Hunting (Scouting and Hunt Camps based on tags drawn on RFO-managed public land – elk, deer, antelope, turkey)	Deer Hunting	Antelope Hunting	Turkey Hunting	TOTALS
5,827	3,246	934	250	106	10,363

D.

Roswell Field Office Recreation Program Volunteers			
Partner	Hours	BLM \$ Benefit	BLM \$ Cost
New Mexico State Monuments – Fort Stanton State Monuments	520	13,000	0

E.

Geocache Visits - NCA								
Govt Spring	Happy Grove	Lonely Outpost	Muggles Welcome	Snowy Below	Thanks Frog Dog & Corker	Alto Mugnito	It's Your Muglic Land	Eve Ball
21	108	27	63	72	57	45	54	75
The New Mexico Challenge - Lincoln County	Ft Muggle Wagon Road	Billy's Secret Cache	Salado Pasture Pace Count Exercise	Spongebob Squarepants: Back in the Saddle Again	Cave Canyon	Busy Bee	NM Centennial - Buffalo Soldiers & Outlaws Meet	Ft Stanton NCA
23		27	20	15	54	30	18	36

F.

Roswell Field Office Recreation Program Volunteers			
Volunteer	Hours	BLM \$ Benefit	BLM \$ Cost
1 st Fort Stanton NCA Host	180	4,500	3,000
2 nd Fort Stanton NCA Host	640	16,000	2,000
Fort Stanton Cave Study Project (Cave Program Volunteer Group)	7,925	198,131	8,320
Eco-Servants Trail Crew (Take It Outside)	17,424	435,600	8,000
AmeriCorps Trail Crew (Take It Outside)	8,640	216,000	2,000
Girl Scouts Roswell Troop 44 (NPLD & LNT Trainers Crs)	784	19,600	1,480
Boy Scouts (NPLD)	240	6,000	880
Cave Program Bat Census Group	288	7,200	90
TOTALS	36,121	\$689,191	25,770

G.

FORT STANTON-SNOWY RIVER CAVE NCA SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS

12 Hours Into the West 100-Mile Mountainbike Race

1. **Number of Participants:** 99
2. **Number of Spectators (estimate):** 55
3. **Number of Employees:** 9
4. **Fees Charged per Participant:** \$70 per person
5. **Fees Charged per Spectator if Applicable:** \$0
6. **Gross Receipts for Event:** \$7,534.14
7. **Describe any problems:** Rain the night prior
8. **Name and Signature of Person Submitting Report:** Lindsay Mapes
9. **Fees paid to BLM:** \$100.

American Endurance Ride Conference – National Horse Endurance Event

1. List of Participants

35 Miles 50/55 Miles

July 15 Day 1	26	17
July 16 Day 2	19	6
July 17 Day 3	25	11
July 19 Day 4	18	6
July 20 Day 5	11	5
July 21 Day 6	21	3

2. **Number of Spectators:** What we have are volunteers that do the HAM radio communication, people who help the vets, timers, horse pulse takers, and paperwork people (10-15). Some extra people come with the riders to crew (20-25).
3. **Number of Employees:** 1 Employee remains onsite for monitoring.
4. **Fees Charged per Participant:** N/A
5. **Fees Paid to BLM:** \$100
6. **Fees Charged to Spectators if Applicable:** None
7. **Gross Receipts for Event:** There are none. As explained above only expense funds are covered by riders.
8. **Describe any problems:** N/A
9. **Submitted by:** Roger Taylor

March on Rome – WWII Living History Tactical, July 26-29, 2012

<http://www.marchonrome.org/>

<http://www.marchonrome.org/docs/MoRIIIRegistrationPacket.pdf>

1. **Number of Participants:** 60
2. **Number of Spectators (estimate):** 30
3. **Number of Employees:** 0
4. **Fees Charged per Participant:** \$50 per person
5. **Fees Charged per Spectator if Applicable:** \$0
6. **Gross Receipts for Event:** \$3,000
7. **Describe any problems:** None
8. **Name and Signature of Person Submitting Report:** Aaron Seamster & David Khumyr
9. **Fees Paid to BLM:** \$100

New Mexico Mountain Man Rendezvous

1. **Number of Participants:** 30
2. **Number of Spectators (estimate):** 0
3. **Number of Employees:** 0
4. **Fees Charged per Participant:** \$10 per person
5. **Fees Charged per Spectator if Applicable:** \$0
6. **Gross Receipts for Event:** \$300
7. **Fees Paid to BLM:** \$100
8. **Name and Signature of Person Submitting Report:** Mr. Delore D. Martell

H.

List of Local Campgrounds and Fees

Three Rivers Campground (open year-round and available for use) – The campground has 12 sites, portion of site designed for Group Camping, hours 24/7, RV accessible, tent camping, RV camping trailer, picnic tables, toilets, drinking water, parking, stay limit 14 days, RVs limited to 25' length, potable water, and vault toilets.

Per night	\$6. ⁰⁰
Per night for each additional vehicle	\$6. ⁰⁰

Southfork Campground (closed until further notice due to the Little Bear Fire) – Normal hours 24/7, accessible, tent camping, camping trailer, picnic tables, toilets, drinking water, parking, stay limit 14 days, RVs limited to 35' length, potable water, and six vault toilets.

Per night	\$10. ⁰⁰
Per night for each additional vehicle	\$10. ⁰⁰

Schoolhouse Picnic Area (closed until further notice due to the Little Bear Fire) – Normal hours, day-use only, accessible, picnic tables, toilets, drinking water, parking, day-use only, no water, two vault toilets, and no fees.

Monjeau Lookout Campground (closed until further notice due to the Little Bear Fire) – Campground has only four sites available to tent camping as RV's simply cannot traverse the road to the campground. Tables, grills, and vault toilets are available with no trash collection. Aspen/oak/pine forest setting provides access to old CCC camp lookout for mountain views and trails to White Mountain Wilderness; panoramic views, and hiking on the Crest and Mills trails, parking, stay limit 14 days, four sites, tents only, no water, vault toilet, and no fees.

Oak Grove Campground (open and available for use) – Campground has 30 campsites with vault toilets, parking area, fireplaces, tables, trash cans, oak forest surroundings, hours 24/7, accessible, tent camping, camping trailer, picnic tables, toilets, parking, stay limit 14 days, RVs limited to 18' length, 2 vehicles per site, and no water.

Per night	\$6. ⁰⁰
Per night for each additional vehicle	\$6. ⁰⁰

Cedar Creek Picnic Area Pavilion (Group Shelter - open and available for use) – Located just east of the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, the picnic area offers accessible bathrooms and picnic tables for the general public. It also offers a reservation only group area. Day use only, pavilion at this site is available for use via reservations, accessible, picnic tables, toilets, drinking water, parking, and flush toilet.

Per day for up to 30 people	\$25. ⁰⁰
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Sam Tobias Group Campground – The Group Campground has capacity for up to 100 people for camping or picnicking. All units are wheelchair accessible and have pavilions, picnic tables, campfire pits, grills, water, and vault toilets. There are 3 sites for 60/80/100 people in a meadow setting which provides popular group activity destination and trails/forest roads for hiking access into adjoining forest large group facilities only. Open and available for use, handicapped accessible, tent camping, camping trailer, picnic tables, drinking water, parking, stay limit 14 days, RV's limited to 40', potable water, and 3 vault toilets.

Per night 1-60 people	\$60. ⁰⁰
Per night 61-80 people	\$80. ⁰⁰
Per night for 81-100 people	\$100. ⁰⁰

Skyline Campground (open) – South of Monjeau Lookout tower 9,000 feet elevation, access via well-kept but steep gravel road, with inclement weather, road can become rough and difficult to use, 17 sites here for tents only, no trash service, open until the first snowfall, hours 24/7, tent camping, picnic tables, toilets, parking, stay limit 14 days, 16' trailer limit, no water, 2 vault toilets, and no fees.

Upper Bonito Dispersed Recreation Area (closed until further notice due to the Little Bear Fire) – Popular dispersed camping site, normal hours 24/7, tent camping, camping trailer, no drinking water 2 vault toilets, and no fees.

Smokey Bear District Camping Fee Analysis – Of 9 campgrounds, 5 charge camping fees of \$6, \$10 and \$6, which equals an average of \$7.33 per night, \$25 per day, is charged for group shelter reservations and group camp areas have special fees shown above.

City of Alamogordo Bonito Lake (10 miles northwest of Ruidoso) – The City of Alamogordo is the owner of the Bonito Lake which serves as a potable water supply and a premier recreational area in southern New Mexico. The area is generally open to the public from April 1 through November 30, depending on weather. Activities allowed at Lake include fishing, camping and hiking. No electrical or water hookups for RV's at any campgrounds. Drinking water is available at a central location Westlake campground and restrooms. Port-a-potties are available throughout the campgrounds.

Camp site holds two vehicles. Vehicle pulling a trailer is considered one vehicle. Gate shack is manned Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. or 12 p.m. and about 9 or 10 p.m. on remaining days. Late arrivals find places to camp and fees are collected the next day. No credit cards accepted. Gate is locked only if Westlake is full - visitors may look for other spots to camp in the primitive camping areas nearby. A 2-week notice required for reservations of 10 or more vehicles. First come-first served. Fires in fire pits are only allowed (unless restricted by the Forest Service) and must be attended at all times. Off-road vehicles of any kind are not allowed in campgrounds (only on Forest Service Roads). Firearms or chain saws are prohibited. All noise and music must be off at 10 p.m.

Location	Alamogordo Resident	Non-Alamogordo Resident
Westlake	\$12. ⁰⁰	\$14. ⁰⁰
Senior Camping (60 & Up)	\$8. ⁰⁰	\$11. ⁰⁰
Other Camping Areas	\$8. ⁰⁰	\$11. ⁰⁰
Senior Camping (60 & Up)	\$6. ⁰⁰	\$9. ⁰⁰
Dump Station	\$12. ⁰⁰	\$12. ⁰⁰
Average camping fees for a city resident are \$8, while average camping fees for non-city residents are \$11.25. The average for these combined is \$9.63		

Existing fee sites in the Roswell Field Office area of jurisdiction:

Valley of Fires Recreation Area (4 miles west of Carrizozo) – Recreation area has 19 campsites with picnic shelters, tables, grills, and potable water at each site. RV 30 and 50 amp electric hookups are available at 14 sites and 2 sites are wheelchair accessible. The full facility comfort station is fully accessible and has showers and 5 vault toilets are available throughout site. No RV size limit. Separate tent camp area and 2 group shelters. Fully accessible Malpais Nature Trail with interpretive displays starts at a group shelter and leads visitors into the lava flow. Trail is paved and has guide brochure. Visitor Center has books, postcards, t-shirts, and information about public lands in New Mexico, drinking water, and flush bathrooms.

Fees – number of days and or activity written on fee envelope determines day use or camping	
Day Use - one person in vehicle	\$3. ⁰⁰
Day Use - two or more in vehicle	\$5. ⁰⁰
Tent Camping	\$7. ⁰⁰
Camping - with Electric	\$18. ⁰⁰
Camping - without Electric	\$12. ⁰⁰
Group Shelter - group use	\$25. ⁰⁰
Dump Fee	\$15. ⁰⁰
Tour Bus - 15 or more persons on board	\$15. ⁰⁰
Average for camping is	\$12. ³³

Mescalero Sands OHV Area (30 miles east of Roswell on U.S. 380) – There are about 610 acres for OHV use, (ATVs, dirt bikes, dune buggies), picnicking, RV camping allowed in the north, middle, and south parking lots. There is no RV size limit. Dispersed camping is allowed in the dunes away from parking lots, however, these areas can only be accessed by machines designed to go in soft sand. There are four picnic tables and shelters with grills, vault toilet, no electricity, or water.

Fees – number of days and or activity written on fee envelope determines day use or camping	
Individual	\$3. ⁰⁰
Vehicle (2 or more people)	\$5. ⁰⁰
Bus (over 15 people)	\$15. ⁰⁰
Average for one night camping is	\$8. ⁰⁰

Haystack Mountain OHV Area (30 miles northwest of Roswell on U.S. 70) – There are about 1,920 acres for OHV use (ATVs, dirt bikes, and mountain bikes), nature viewing, and watchable wildlife. There is no RV size limit. Camping is allowed in pull outs next to sun shelters and in large gravel parking lot used for parking and events. Dispersed camping is allowed within the entire area but there are only OHV trails to access the interior of the area for camping. Four picnic sites with shelters, tables and grills; vault toilet; no electricity or potable water.

Fees – number of days written on fee envelope determines day use or camping	
Individual	\$3. ⁰⁰
Vehicle (2 or more people)	\$5. ⁰⁰
Bus (over 15 people)	\$15. ⁰⁰
Average for one night camping is	\$8. ⁰⁰

Public Camping Sites Analysis

Average for one night camping is \$8.⁰⁰
 Average for RV camping at all three sites based on above averages is \$9.⁴⁴
 Average camping fee for all locations discussed above is \$9.⁰⁰
 Average non electric and or water camp for all above sites is \$8.²¹
 Dump station fees for all sites averages \$13.⁵⁰
 Per day average for group shelters is \$25.⁰⁰

This data indicates that the proposed Fort Stanton Campground fees of \$9 for electrical and or potable water sites are reasonable for the region. The U.S. Forest Service makes a point in not charging fees for every campground that it could. Likewise, the NCA fee focus is only for camping, dump station, and group shelter use at the Fort Stanton Campground

7.3.0 Comparison of Regional Private Campground Fees – Vicinity of Ruidoso, Alto and Capitan, New Mexico

Riverview RV Park, Ruidoso, NM – On the Ruidoso River, 30 and 50 amp hookups; limited space, (reservations requested), water, sewer, electricity, and cable.

Rates are for 4 people, under 6 Free	
Winter Nightly Rate including tax, November 1 to March 31	\$29. ⁰⁰
Per Night Off River (plus tax)	\$34. ⁰⁰
Per Night On River (plus tax)	\$40. ⁰⁰
Extra Persons per person/per night	\$ 3. ⁰⁰
Average	\$26. ⁵⁰

Recreation Village RV and Mobile Home Park, Ruidoso, NM – There are 101 spaces, 11 acres, a choice of 30 or 50 amp hookups, cable, water and sewer, and free Wi-Fi is available throughout the park.

Per night + tax	\$35. ⁰⁰
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Arrowhead Motel and RV Park, Ruidoso, NM – There are 18 RV spaces with complete hook-ups including water and sewer, electricity, and 67 channel cable TV. RV Park price range \$49-\$109

Rates are for 4 people, under 6 Free	
RV Park Price Range \$49 - \$109	\$49. ⁰⁰
RV Park Price Range \$49 - \$109	\$109. ⁰⁰
Average	\$79. ⁰⁰

Eagle Creek RV Resort, Alto, NM – There are 33 acres, variety of sites from open to wooded and scenic overlooking Eagle Creek, community fire pit, hiking, and walking trails, pet friendly, abundance of wildlife including deer, elk, and a herd of horses frequent visitors, no RV size limit, pavilion with picnic tables and barbeque grills, 34 spacious sites (full hookups, 30/50 amp service, pull through sites); no tent camping, groups welcome, fire pits, pond, backs up to national forest, private, and gated.

RV SITES: Open April 1st - November 1st	
Nightly RV rate including tax, max 4 persons - per site	\$35. ⁰⁰
Nightly RV rate including tax, max 4 persons - per site	\$40. ⁰⁰
Average	\$37. ⁵⁰

Bonito Hollow RV Park & Campground, Alto, NM – Open 9-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9-3 p.m. Sunday, full and partial hook-ups, tent sites, cabins, restrooms, showers, general store, camping and fishing supplies, campfire rings, laundry, phones, barbeque grills, pavilion for groups, and a dump station.

Full Hookup (water, electric and sewer) includes 2 people and 1 car	\$36. ⁰⁰
Premium back-in partial hookup, water and electric on river and backed up to forest, 2 people and 1 car	\$32. ⁰⁰
Partial hookup, water & electric, 2 people and 1 car	\$29. ⁰⁰
Each additional person per night (maximum 8 people including visitors)	\$3. ⁰⁰
Tent – Pets ok 2 people and 1 car (Maximum 6 people including visitors)	\$19. ⁰⁰
Each additional person per night	\$7. ⁰⁰
Average	\$21. ⁰⁰

Along the River RV Camp, Ruidoso, NM – Open year-round, paved highway frontage and level sites on Bonito River for RV's and tents, public showers available. Non-river and pull-through RV sites: 50, 30, 20 amp electrical, sewer, and water hookups, grills or fire rings, and picnic tables, bath house with hot showers and toilets. River Bank RV sites: 50, 30, 20 amp electrical, sewer, and water hookups, grills or fire rings, and picnic tables. There is a bath house with hot showers and toilets. Tent Camping Sites: wooded campsites provide picnic table, fire ring, no water, electricity, or sewer within walking distance of comfort station with hot showers and toilets.

Non-River and Pull-thru RV sites per night for 2	\$32. ⁰⁰
Non-River and Pull-thru RV sites per night for each extra guest	\$5. ⁰⁰
River Bank RV sites per night for 2	\$36. ⁰⁰
River Bank RV sites: \$5 per night for each extra guest	\$5. ⁰⁰
Per tent per night for 2 people	\$19. ⁰⁰
Per night for each extra guest	\$7. ⁰⁰
Average	\$17. ³³

Seeping Springs Trout Lakes and RV Park, Ruidoso Downs, NM – There are 50 spaces with full hookups, water, sewer, electricity, free cable TV, phone service, 15 pull-through spaces, and 17 back-in spaces against the duck pond.

Summer prices are for two people with full hookup	
Per Night + tax	\$27. ⁰⁰
Each additional person per night	\$4. ⁰⁰
under 13 years of age is	\$2. ⁰⁰
Average	\$11. ⁰⁰

Stone Mountain RV Resort, Nogal, NM – Open all year, no summer/winter rate change, pull through spaces, 30 and 50 amp, tent camping area, pull through and full hookup spaces available, water and septic dump, and free Wi-Fi available at each space

Good Sam members and fellow veterans 15% discount, RV	
RV1 per night	\$55. ⁰⁰
RV2 \$50.00	\$50. ⁰⁰
RV's under 31 ft. per night	\$28. ⁹⁹
RV's 31 ft. and over per night	\$33. ⁹⁹
Average	\$42. ⁰⁰

Circle-B RV Park, Ruidoso Downs, NM – Largest RV Park in Lincoln County with RV parts and supplies.

Winter Nightly Rate including tax, 2012-2013	\$29. ⁰⁰
30amp RV Sites	\$33. ⁰⁰
30amp RV Sites Good Sam	\$29. ⁷⁰
50amp RV Sites	\$37. ⁰⁰
50amp RV Sites Good Sam	\$33. ³⁰
Average	\$32. ⁴⁰

Rainbow Lake Cabin and RV Resort, Ruidoso, NM – Open year-round, 49 RV sites, full hookup, free Wi-Fi, cable TV, recreation room, laundry, meeting room. The areas adjoin Forest, ATV friendly, fishing, horseback, and close to the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Rates are for 4 people, under 6 Free	
Winter Nightly Rate + tax, October 26-May 14	\$26. ⁹⁹
Summer Rate + tax May 15-October 25 nightly	\$32. ⁹⁹
Holiday	\$40. ⁰⁰
Extra Persons per night	\$2. ⁷⁵
Average	\$25. ⁶⁸

Riverside RV Park, Ruidoso, NM – There are 31 level, river and off-river sites, with full hookups including cable, all river sites have private decks, concrete patio and picnic tables, group pavilion area, can accommodate up to 45' rigs, self-contained only (no tent camping or shower facilities), water, sewer, electricity, and cable.

Rates are for 4 people, under 6 Free	
Winter Nightly Rate including tax, November 1 to March 31	\$29. ⁰⁰
Per Night Off River (plus tax)	\$34. ⁰⁰
Per Night On River (plus tax)	\$40. ⁰⁰
Extra Persons per person/per night	\$3. ⁰⁰
Average	\$26. ⁵⁰

Elk Run RV Park, Alto, NM – Spacious RV park with 8 forested acres, rates for 1-4 people, additional charges for each person daily is \$3, call for holiday rates. Circumstances may not allow them to provide individuals with a requested space. However, they will make every effort to accommodate individual's needs, 30/50 amp, cable TV, picnic tables, barbeque grills, laundry, and shower facilities. RV rates include electricity in the price. Closed beginning November 1 and reopens May 1.

Per night + tax	\$34. ⁰⁰
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Twin Spruce RV Park, Ruidoso, NM – There are 111 spacious sites with a variety of level pull through spaces, Black Bear cabin will accommodate up to four people with full hook-ups, running water, restroom, and cable TV hookup at \$45 per night.

Per night	\$45. ⁰⁰
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Private Camping Sites nightly average \$33.³¹

Public and private combined average 31.⁸⁶, however, the private amenities far exceed what is provided at the public campgrounds, such as Wi-Fi, cable, TV, sewer, decks, special sites, laundry facility, recreation rooms, phones, and hot shower bath houses.

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Data Sources & Methods

Data Sources

EPS-HDT uses published statistics from government sources that are available to the public and cover the entire country. All data used in EPS-HDT can be readily verified by going to the original source. The contact information for databases used in this profile is:

- **2000 Decennial U.S. Census**
Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.
<http://www.census.gov>
Tel. 303-969-7750
- **American Community Survey**
Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.
<http://www.census.gov>
Tel. 303-969-7750
The on-line ACS data retrieval tool is available at:
□ <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

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What is the Hispanic makeup of the population?

This page describes the number of people who self-identify as Hispanic. The information also is presented according to race. The term "Hispanic" refers to a cultural identification, and Hispanics can be of any race.

Hispanic or Latino Origin: People who identify with the terms "Hispanic" or "Latino" are those who classify themselves in one of the specific Hispanic or Latino categories listed on the Census questionnaire "Mexican," "Puerto Rican," or "Cuban" as well as those who indicate that they are "other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino." Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

Hispanic Population, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Total Population	64,949	53,228	20,476	16,391	17,926	172,970	306,603,772
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	33,256	23,129	6,030	6,324	8,590	77,329	49,215,563
Not Hispanic or Latino	31,693	30,099	14,446	10,067	9,336	95,641	257,388,209
White alone	28,990	28,027	13,523	9,237	6,845	86,622	196,730,055
Black or African American alone	477	577	24	99	187	1,364	37,449,666
American Indian alone	524	202	206	299	1,785	3,016	2,049,094
Asian alone	413	312	44	193	157	1,119	14,333,034
Native Hawaiian & Oth.Pacific Is. alone	20	0	0	0	35	55	469,242
Some other race	104	83	53	0	11	251	654,541
Two or more races	1,165	898	596	239	316	3,214	5,702,577

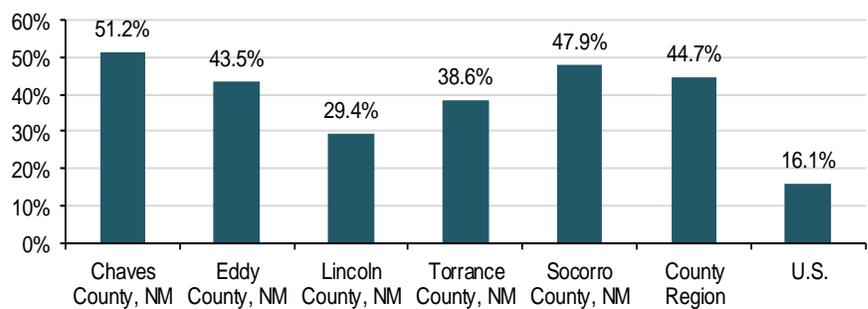
Percent of Total

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	51.2%	43.5%	29.4%	38.6%	47.9%	44.7%	16.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	48.8%	56.5%	70.6%	61.4%	52.1%	55.3%	83.9%
White alone	44.6%	52.7%	66.0%	56.4%	38.2%	50.1%	64.2%
Black or African American alone	0.7%	1.1%	0.1%	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%	12.2%
American Indian alone	0.8%	0.4%	1.0%	1.8%	10.0%	1.7%	0.7%
Asian alone	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%	1.2%	0.9%	0.6%	4.7%
Native Hawaiian & Oth.Pacific Is. alone	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Some other race	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Two or more races	1.8%	1.7%	2.9%	1.5%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%

* The data in this table are calculated by ACS using annual surveys conducted during 2007-2011 and are representative of average characteristics during this period.

- In the 2007-2011 period, Chaves County, NM had the highest estimated percent of the population that self-identify as Hispanic or Latino of any race (51.2%), and the U.S. had the lowest (16.1%).

Hispanic Population, Percent of Total, County Region, 2011*



Data Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce. 2012. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, D.C.

What is the tribal makeup of the population?

This page describes, in general terms, the number of people who self-identify as American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination with one or more other races.

American Indian: This category shows self-identification among people of American Indian descent. Many American Indians are members of a principal tribe or group empowered to negotiate and make decisions on behalf of the individual members. Census data are available for 34 tribes or Selected American Indian categories: Apache, Blackfeet, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Chickasaw, Chippewa, Choctaw, Colville, Comanche, Cree, Creek, Crow, Delaware, Houma, Iroquois, Kiowa, Lumbee, Menominee, Navajo, Osage, Ottawa, Paiute, Pima, Potawatomi, Pueblo, Puget Sound Salish, Seminole, Shoshone, Sioux, Tohono O'odham, Ute, Yakama, Yaqui, Yuman, and All other.

Alaska Native: This category shows self-identification among people of Alaska Native descent. Census data are available for five detailed Alaska Native race and ethnic categories: Alaska Athabaskan, Aleut, Eskimo, Tlingit-Haida, and All other tribes.

Non-Specified Tribes: This category shows self-identification among people of American Indian or Alaska Native descent that does not fall within a major tribal affiliation.

American Indian & Alaska Native Population, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Total Population	64,949	53,228	20,476	16,391	17,926	172,970	306,603,772
Total Native American	1,084	451	240	314	1,915	4,004	2,502,653
American Indian Tribes	843	353	231	248	1,880	3,555	1,976,358
Alaska Native Tribes	44	0	2	0	0	46	104,908
Non-Specified Tribes	108	98	7	66	35	314	355,701

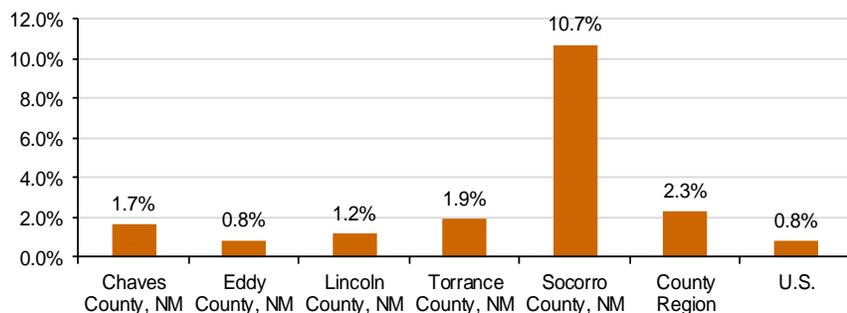
Percent of Total

Total Native American	1.7%	0.8%	1.2%	1.9%	10.7%	2.3%	0.8%
American Indian Tribes	1.3%	0.7%	1.1%	1.5%	10.5%	2.1%	0.6%
Alaska Native Tribes	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Specified Tribes	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%

* The data in this table are calculated by ACS using annual surveys conducted during 2007-2011 and are representative of average characteristics during this period.

Native American Population, Percent of Total, County Region, 2011*

- In the 2007-2011 period, Socorro County, NM had the highest estimated percent of the population that self-identified as American Indian and Alaska Native (10.7%) and the U.S. had the low est (0.8%).



What occupations and industries are present?

This page describes what people do for work in terms of the type of work (occupation) and where they work (by industry).

Employment by Occupation, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Civilian employed population > 16 years	27,233	24,156	9,512	5,469	6,140	72,510	141,832,499
Management, professional, & related	7,233	7,254	2,924	1,456	2,304	21,171	50,572,279
Service	5,868	4,251	2,344	1,322	1,346	15,131	24,790,091
Sales and office	6,478	5,198	2,088	1,123	1,051	15,938	35,612,518
Farming, fishing, and forestry	858	337	206	97	189	1,687	1,034,057
Construction, extraction, maint., & repair	3,435	4,135	1,373	604	767	10,314	12,502,151
Production, transportation, & material moving	3,361	2,981	577	867	483	8,269	17,321,403

Percent of Total

Management, professional, & related	26.6%	30.0%	30.7%	26.6%	37.5%	29.2%	35.7%
Service	21.5%	17.6%	24.6%	24.2%	21.9%	20.9%	17.5%
Sales and office	23.8%	21.5%	22.0%	20.5%	17.1%	22.0%	25.1%
Farming, fishing, and forestry	3.2%	1.4%	2.2%	1.8%	3.1%	2.3%	0.7%
Construction, extraction, maint., & repair	12.6%	17.1%	14.4%	11.0%	12.5%	14.2%	8.8%
Production, transportation, & material moving	12.3%	12.3%	6.1%	15.9%	7.9%	11.4%	12.2%

* The data in this table are calculated by ACS using annual surveys conducted during 2007-2011 and are representative of average characteristics during this period.

Employment by Industry, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Civilian employed population > 16 years	27,233	24,156	9,512	5,469	6,140	72,510	141,832,499
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, mining	2,416	4,333	563	228	319	7,859	2,669,572
Construction	2,201	1,762	974	532	362	5,831	9,642,450
Manufacturing	1,769	1,220	84	354	93	3,520	15,281,307
Wholesale trade	762	511	51	141	87	1,552	4,158,689
Retail trade	3,264	2,224	1,208	870	566	8,132	16,336,915
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,472	1,263	323	294	343	3,695	7,171,438
Information	366	252	162	76	109	965	3,256,311
Finance and insurance, and real estate	1,345	1,096	679	202	194	3,516	9,738,275
Prof., scientific, mgmt., admin., & waste mgr	1,219	1,905	613	513	594	4,844	14,942,494
Education, health care, & social assistance	7,067	4,982	1,608	1,155	2,257	17,069	31,927,759
Arts, entertain., rec., accommodation, & food	2,637	2,246	2,053	453	573	7,962	12,779,583
Other services, except public administration	1,450	828	578	285	201	3,342	6,960,820
Public administration	1,265	1,534	616	366	442	4,223	6,966,886

Percent of Total

Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, mining	8.9%	17.9%	5.9%	4.2%	5.2%	10.8%	1.9%
Construction	8.1%	7.3%	10.2%	9.7%	5.9%	8.0%	6.8%
Manufacturing	6.5%	5.1%	0.9%	6.5%	1.5%	4.9%	10.8%
Wholesale trade	2.8%	2.1%	0.5%	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%	2.9%
Retail trade	12.0%	9.2%	12.7%	15.9%	9.2%	11.2%	11.5%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	5.4%	5.2%	3.4%	5.4%	5.6%	5.1%	5.1%
Information	1.3%	1.0%	1.7%	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	2.3%
Finance and insurance, and real estate	4.9%	4.5%	7.1%	3.7%	3.2%	4.8%	6.9%
Prof., scientific, mgmt., admin., & waste mgr	4.5%	7.9%	6.4%	9.4%	9.7%	6.7%	10.5%
Education, health care, & social assistance	26.0%	20.6%	16.9%	21.1%	36.8%	23.5%	22.5%
Arts, entertain., rec., accommodation, & food	9.7%	9.3%	21.6%	8.3%	9.3%	11.0%	9.0%
Other services, except public administration	5.3%	3.4%	6.1%	5.2%	3.3%	4.6%	4.9%
Public administration	4.6%	6.4%	6.5%	6.7%	7.2%	5.8%	4.9%

Data Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce. 2012. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, D.C.

What are the characteristics of labor participation?

This page describes workers by weeks worked per year and usual hours works per week.

Labor Participation Characteristics, 2011*

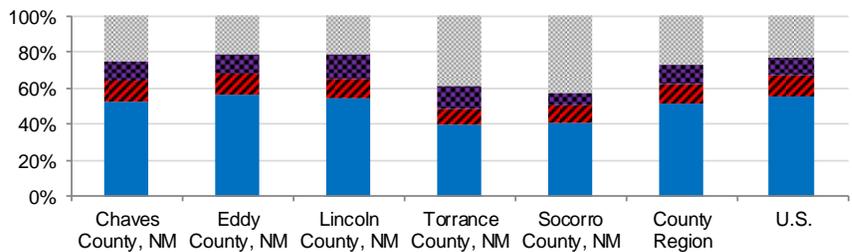
	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Population 16 to 64	39,421	33,250	12,674	10,669	11,526	107,540	201,693,929
WEEKS WORKED PER YEAR:							
Worked 50 to 52 weeks	20,597	18,680	6,798	4,164	4,680	54,919	110,939,128
Worked 27 to 49 weeks	4,452	3,835	1,408	938	1,074	11,707	23,638,659
Worked 1 to 26 weeks	4,207	3,535	1,717	1,421	870	11,750	19,929,184
Did not work	10,165	7,200	2,751	4,146	4,902	29,164	47,186,958
HOURS WORKED PER WEEK:							
Worked 35 or more hours per week	22,306	20,792	7,367	5,057	4,762	60,284	118,855,055
Worked 15 to 34 hours per week	5,682	4,016	2,015	1,252	1,515	14,480	28,646,532
Worked 1 to 14 hours per week	1,268	1,242	541	214	347	3,612	7,005,384
Did not work	10,165	7,200	2,751	4,146	4,902	29,164	47,186,958
Mean usual hours worked for workers	39.5	40.5	39.2	39.0	37.4	39.6	38.7

Percent of Total

WEEKS WORKED PER YEAR:							
Worked 50 to 52 weeks	52.2%	56.2%	53.6%	39.0%	40.6%	51.1%	55.0%
Worked 27 to 49 weeks	11.3%	11.5%	11.1%	8.8%	9.3%	10.9%	11.7%
Worked 1 to 26 weeks	10.7%	10.6%	13.5%	13.3%	7.5%	10.9%	9.9%
Did not work	25.8%	21.7%	21.7%	38.9%	42.5%	27.1%	23.4%
HOURS WORKED PER WEEK:							
Worked 35 or more hours per week	56.6%	62.5%	58.1%	47.4%	41.3%	56.1%	58.9%
Worked 15 to 34 hours per week	14.4%	12.1%	15.9%	11.7%	13.1%	13.5%	14.2%
Worked 1 to 14 hours per week	3.2%	3.7%	4.3%	2.0%	3.0%	3.4%	3.5%
Did not work	25.8%	21.7%	21.7%	38.9%	42.5%	27.1%	23.4%

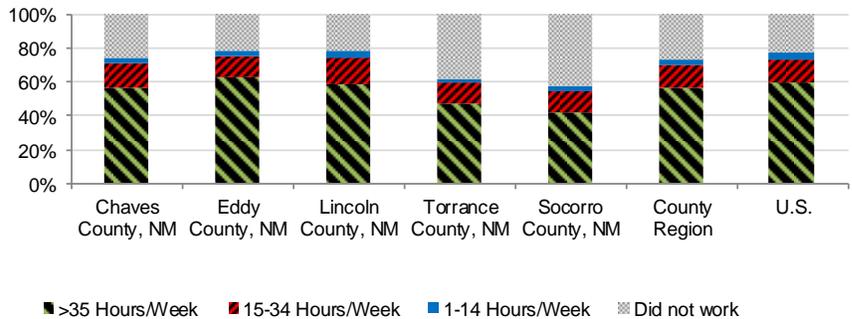
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Weeks Worked per Year, 2011*



- In the 2007-2011 period, Eddy County, NM had the highest estimated percent of people that worked 50 to 52 weeks per year (56.2%), and Torrance County, NM had the lowest (39.0%).

Hours Worked per Week, 2011*



- In the 2007-2011 period, Eddy County, NM had the highest estimated percent of people that worked 35 or more hours per week (62.5%), and Socorro County, NM had the lowest (41.3%).

Data Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce. 2012. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, D.C.

County Region

How is income distributed?

This page describes the distribution of household income.

Household Income Distribution, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Per Capita Income (2011 \$s)	\$18,764	\$26,088	\$25,647	\$17,083	\$18,206	na	\$27,915
Median Household Income [^] (2011 \$s)	\$37,293	\$47,725	\$44,557	\$32,435	\$34,148	na	\$52,762
Total Households	23,740	19,557	9,108	5,691	5,694	63,790	114,761,359
Less than \$10,000	2,309	1,432	721	583	621	5,666	8,176,081
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,596	1,063	455	599	526	4,239	6,248,397
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3,541	2,473	1,202	1,213	1,042	9,471	12,217,054
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3,627	2,208	1,057	562	719	8,173	11,944,165
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,720	2,952	1,770	919	750	10,111	15,874,513
\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,207	3,479	1,476	829	1,056	11,047	21,057,656
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,542	2,125	1,206	448	318	6,639	14,181,160
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,549	2,318	797	417	437	5,518	14,551,369
\$150,000 to \$199,999	384	951	203	65	104	1,707	5,354,595
\$200,000 or more	265	556	221	56	121	1,219	5,156,369
Gini Coefficient[^]	0.43	0.48	0.43	0.45	0.49	na	0.47

Percent of Total

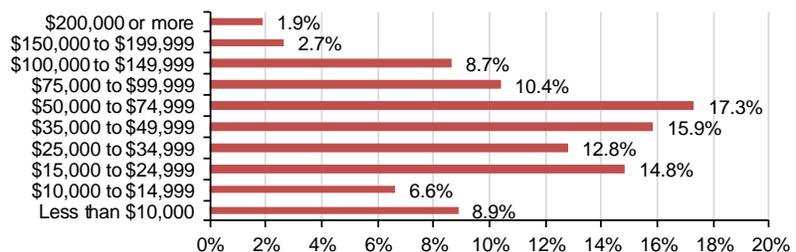
Less than \$10,000	9.7%	7.3%	7.9%	10.2%	10.9%	8.9%	7.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6.7%	5.4%	5.0%	10.5%	9.2%	6.6%	5.4%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	14.9%	12.6%	13.2%	21.3%	18.3%	14.8%	10.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	15.3%	11.3%	11.6%	9.9%	12.6%	12.8%	10.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15.7%	15.1%	19.4%	16.1%	13.2%	15.9%	13.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	17.7%	17.8%	16.2%	14.6%	18.5%	17.3%	18.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10.7%	10.9%	13.2%	7.9%	5.6%	10.4%	12.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	6.5%	11.9%	8.8%	7.3%	7.7%	8.7%	12.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1.6%	4.9%	2.2%	1.1%	1.8%	2.7%	4.7%
\$200,000 or more	1.1%	2.8%	2.4%	1.0%	2.1%	1.9%	4.5%

[^] Median Household Income and Gini Coefficient are not available for metro/non-metro or regional aggregations.

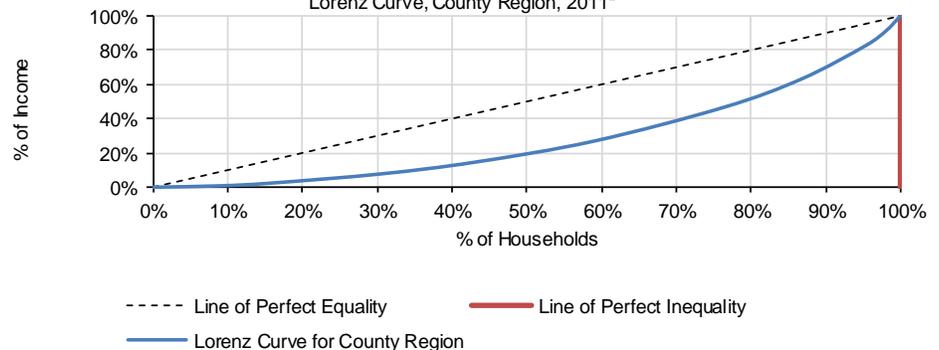
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- In the 2007-2011 period, the income category in the County Region with the most households was \$50,000 to \$74,999 (17.3% of households). The income category with the fewest households was \$200,000 or more (1.9% of households).
- In the 2007-2011 period, the bottom 40% of households in the County Region accumulated approximately 12.5% of total income, and the top 20% of households accumulated approximately 55.8% of total income.
- In the 2007-2011 period, Lincoln County, NM had the most equal income distribution between high and low income households (Gini coef. of 0.43) and Socorro County, NM had the least equal income distribution (Gini coef. of 0.49).

Household Income Distribution, County Region, 2011*



Lorenz Curve, County Region, 2011*



Data Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2012. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, D.C.

County Region

What are poverty levels?

This page describes the number of individuals and families living below the poverty line.

Poverty: Following the Office of Management and Budget's Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor. If the total income for a family or an unrelated individual falls below the relevant poverty threshold, then the family or an unrelated individual is classified as being "below the poverty level."

Poverty, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
People	62,731	52,356	20,175	15,515	17,327	168,104	298,787,998
Families	16,262	13,778	5,902	3,707	3,610	43,259	76,507,230
People Below Poverty	12,764	6,680	2,509	3,907	4,751	30,611	42,739,924
Families below poverty	2,558	1,196	529	641	736	5,660	8,000,077

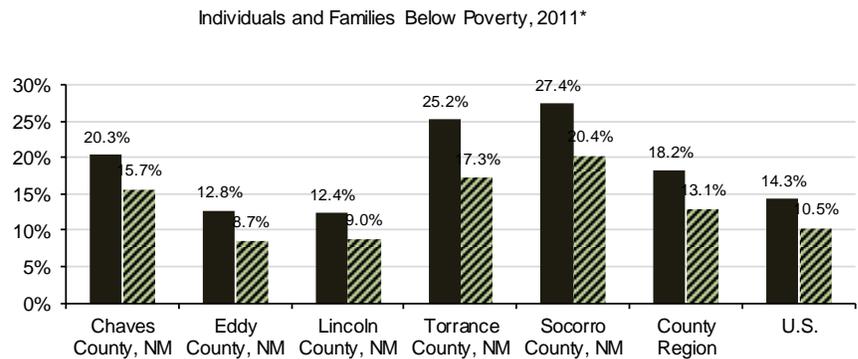
Percent of Total

People Below Poverty	20.3%	12.8%	12.4%	25.2%	27.4%	18.2%	14.3%
Families below poverty	15.7%	8.7%	9.0%	17.3%	20.4%	13.1%	10.5%

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- In the 2007-2011 period, Socorro County, NM had the highest estimated percent of individuals living below poverty (27.4%), and Lincoln County, NM had the lowest (12.4%).

- In the 2007-2011 period, Socorro County, NM had the highest estimated percent of families living below poverty (20.4%), and Eddy County, NM had the lowest (8.7%).



■ People Below Poverty ■ Families below poverty

Percent Below Poverty Level by Age & Family Type-, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
People	20.3%	12.8%	12.4%	25.2%	27.4%	18.2%	14.3%
Under 18 years	27.4%	15.9%	21.5%	40.5%	38.6%	25.6%	20.0%
65 years and older	13.3%	10.3%	6.7%	13.2%	17.3%	11.7%	9.4%
Families	15.7%	8.7%	9.0%	17.3%	20.4%	13.1%	10.5%
Families with related children < 18 years	23.9%	13.9%	19.9%	33.0%	30.2%	21.3%	16.4%
Married couple families	7.9%	4.7%	3.2%	9.7%	11.2%	6.6%	5.1%
with children < 18 years	12.3%	7.2%	5.5%	19.4%	14.9%	10.4%	7.4%
Female householder, no husband present	35.0%	22.5%	30.4%	44.6%	43.3%	32.6%	29.4%
with children < 18 years	42.7%	28.1%	44.7%	54.5%	49.3%	40.7%	38.2%

-Percent below poverty level by age and family type is calculated by dividing the number of people by demographic in poverty by the total population of that demographic.

Data Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce. 2012. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, D.C.

What are the components of household earnings?

This page describes household earnings by income source and mean household earnings by source.

Number of Households Receiving Earnings, by Source, 2011*

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Total households:	23,740	19,557	9,108	5,691	5,694	63,790	114,761,359
Labor earnings	18,294	15,469	6,414	3,756	3,709	47,642	90,888,685
Social Security (SS)	7,685	6,239	3,650	2,113	1,871	21,558	32,005,143
Retirement income	4,029	3,026	2,031	1,268	1,227	11,581	20,126,376
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1,409	1,144	315	345	548	3,761	4,948,413
Cash public assistance income	789	480	309	153	234	1,965	2,948,651
Food Stamp/SNAP	3,455	2,478	1,180	801	1,014	8,928	11,759,700

Percent of Total^

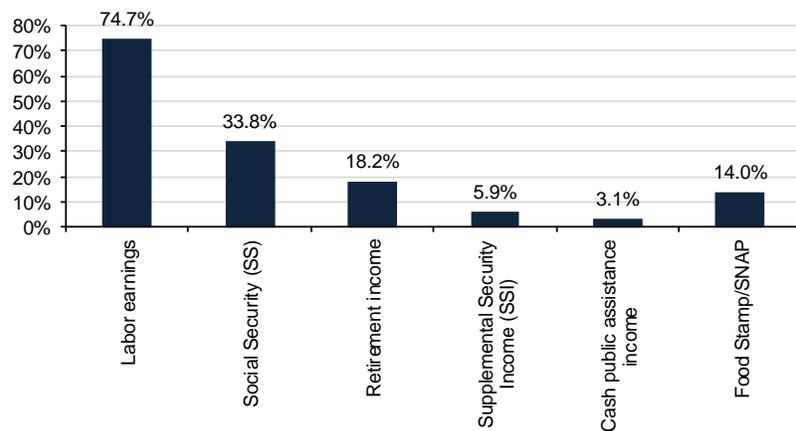
Labor earnings	77.1%	79.1%	70.4%	66.0%	65.1%	74.7%	79.2%
Social Security (SS)	32.4%	31.9%	40.1%	37.1%	32.9%	33.8%	27.9%
Retirement income	17.0%	15.5%	22.3%	22.3%	21.5%	18.2%	17.5%
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	5.9%	5.8%	3.5%	6.1%	9.6%	5.9%	4.3%
Cash public assistance income	3.3%	2.5%	3.4%	2.7%	4.1%	3.1%	2.6%
Food Stamp/SNAP	14.6%	12.7%	13.0%	14.1%	17.8%	14.0%	10.2%

^ Total may add to more than 100% due to households receiving more than 1 source of income.

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- In the 2007-2011 period, the highest estimated percent of public assistance in the County Region was in the form of Social Security (SS) (33.8%), and the lowest was in the form of Cash public assistance income (3.1%).

Percent of Households Receiving Earnings, by Source, 2011*



Mean Annual Household Earnings by Source, 2011 (2011 \$s)

	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Mean earnings	\$49,484	\$69,479	\$51,857	\$46,235	\$54,388	\$56,422	\$73,702
Mean Social Security income	\$13,879	\$15,277	\$17,726	\$15,271	\$14,343	\$15,112	\$16,213
Mean retirement income	\$18,884	\$18,683	\$24,608	\$19,854	\$23,246	\$20,404	\$22,490
Mean Supplemental Security Income	\$8,247	\$8,549	\$9,134	\$7,607	\$8,884	\$8,447	\$8,629
Mean cash public assistance income	\$3,044	\$1,712	\$2,374	\$2,107	\$3,565	\$2,602	\$3,729

Data Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce. 2012. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, D.C.

What languages are spoken?

This page measures the primary language people speak at home.

Language Spoken at Home: The language currently used by respondents five years and over at home, either "English only" or a non-English language which is used in addition to English or in place of English.

Language Spoken at Home, 2011*

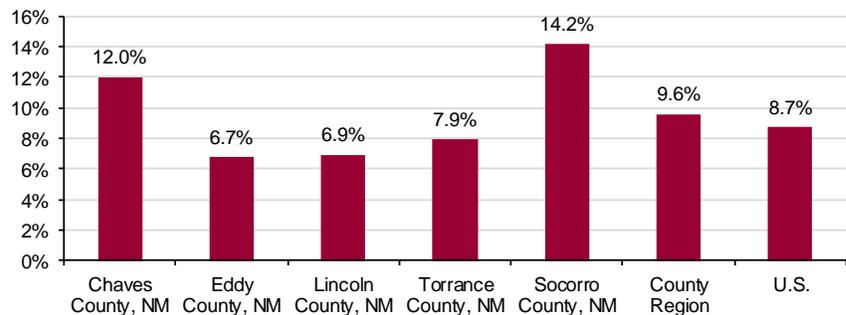
	Chaves County, NM	Eddy County, NM	Lincoln County, NM	Torrance County, NM	Socorro County, NM	County Region	U.S.
Population 5 yrs or older	59,699	49,412	19,498	15,509	16,586	160,704	286,433,395
Speak only English	37,001	34,186	14,999	11,424	9,318	106,928	228,216,716
Speak a language other than English	22,698	15,226	4,499	4,085	7,268	53,776	58,216,679
Spanish or Spanish Creole	21,750	14,816	4,139	3,840	5,383	49,928	36,170,544
Other Indo-European languages	362	127	193	78	192	952	10,529,052
Asian and Pacific Island languages	333	228	30	31	230	852	9,111,546
Other languages	253	55	137	136	1,463	2,044	2,405,537
Speak English less than "very well"	7,176	3,332	1,350	1,227	2,348	15,433	24,950,788

Percent of Total

Speak only English	62.0%	69.2%	76.9%	73.7%	56.2%	66.5%	79.7%
Speak a language other than English	38.0%	30.8%	23.1%	26.3%	43.8%	33.5%	20.3%
Spanish or Spanish Creole	36.4%	30.0%	21.2%	24.8%	32.5%	31.1%	12.6%
Other Indo-European languages	0.6%	0.3%	1.0%	0.5%	1.2%	0.6%	3.7%
Asian and Pacific Island languages	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	1.4%	0.5%	3.2%
Other languages	0.4%	0.1%	0.7%	0.9%	8.8%	1.3%	0.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	12.0%	6.7%	6.9%	7.9%	14.2%	9.6%	8.7%

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Percent of Population that Speaks English Less Than "Very Well", 2011*



- In the 2007-2011 period, Socorro County, NM had the highest estimated percent of people that spoke English less than 'very well' (14.2%), and Eddy County, NM had the lowest (6.7%).

Data Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce. 2012. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, D.C.

How do demographic, income, and social characteristics in the region compare to the U.S.?

This page compares key demographic, income, and social indicators from the region to the United States.

Indicators	County Region	U.S.	County Region vs. U.S.
Demographics	Population Growth (% change, 2000-2011*)	3.3%	8.9%
	Median Age (2011*)	na	37.0
	Percent Population White Alone (2011*)	83.7%	74.1%
	Percent Population Hispanic or Latino (2011*)	44.7%	16.1%
	Percent Population American Indian or Alaska Native (2011*)	2.3%	0.8%
	Percent of Population 'Baby Boomers' (2011*)	29.1%	27.8%
Income	Median Household Income (2011*)	na	\$52,762
	Per Capita Income (2011*)	na	\$27,915
	Percent Individuals Below Poverty (2011*)	18.2%	14.3%
	Percent Families Below Poverty (2011*)	13.1%	10.5%
	Percent of Households with Retirement and Social Security Income (2011*)	52.0%	45.4%
	Percent of Households with Public Assistance Income (2011*)	23.0%	17.1%
Structure	Percent Population 25 Years or Older without High School Degree (2011*)	20.3%	14.6%
	Percent Population 25 Years or Older with Bachelor's Degree or Higher (2011*)	17.4%	28.2%
	Percent Population That Speak English Less Than 'Very Well' (2011*)	9.6%	8.7%
	Percent of Houses that are Seasonal Homes (2011*)	10.6%	3.7%
	Owner-Occupied Homes where Greater than 30% of Household Income Spent on Mortgage (2011*)	28.7%	37.4%
	Renter-Occupied Homes where Greater than 30% of Household Income Spent on Gross Rent (2011*)	36.4%	47.7%

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- The County Region is most different from the U.S. in [Percent of Houses that are Seasonal Homes \(2011*\)](#), [Percent Population American Indian or Alaska Native \(2011*\)](#), and [Percent Population Hispanic or Latino \(2011*\)](#).