New Mexico Postsecondary Census Enrollment Trends
Fall 2016-2026

Census enrollment is a snapshot of all enrolled students taken approximately 21 days after the first day of classes. This differs from the official end-of-semester enrollment that the New Mexico Higher Education Department typically reports, which is not available until several weeks after a semester ends. The delay allows time for institutions to finalize grades and submit, edit, and process their data files.
Census enrollment offers an early look at what final enrollment is likely to be. While final numbers are typically slightly higher than the Census snapshot, overall trends are usually consistent.

The tables in this report reflect data submitted by New Mexico's public institutions following the Census date for each of the past nine fall semesters.

Each table includes four summary percent-change columns:
2016 to 2021 – Represents the change in enrollment from fall 2016 through the low point in fall 2021.
2021 to 2026 – Represents the change in enrollment since the implementation of the Opportunity Scholarship.

Census Total Headcount Enrollment

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Institution	2016 Head Count	2017 Head Count	2018 Head Count	2019 Head Count	2020 Head Count	2021 Head Count	2022 Head Count	2023 Head Count	2024 Head Count	2025 Head Count	2026 Head Count	2016 to 2021	2021 to 2026	2025 to 2026
Research Universities	**44,050**	**42,719**	**40,577**	**38,903**	**38,157**	**37,380**	**38,051**	**39,280**	**40,439**	**41,773**	**42,854**	**-15.1%**	**14.6%**	**2.6%**
New Mexico Tech	2,135	2,009	1,895	1,832	1,686	1,734	1,690	1,713	1,652	1,612	1,446	-18.8%	-16.6%	-10.3%
New Mexico State University	14,852	14,432	14,289	14,279	14,227	13,904	14,268	14,779	15,408	16,076	16,678	-6.4%	20.0%	3.7%
University of New Mexico	27,063	26,278	24,393	22,792	22,244	21,742	22,093	22,788	23,379	24,085	24,730	-19.7%	13.7%	2.7%
Comprehensive Universities	**14,037**	**13,547**	**13,541**	**12,909**	**12,182**	**11,772**	**12,321**	**13,013**	**13,358**	**13,466**	**13,472**	**-16.1%**	**14.4%**	0.0%
Eastern New Mexico University	6,014	6,027	6,015	5,694	5,268	4,990	5,106	5,398	5,737	6,002	6,132	-17.0%	22.9%	2.2%
New Mexico Highlands University	3,471	3,284	3,181	2,902	2,780	2,658	2,740	2,815	2,704	2,741	2,604	-23.4%	-2.0%	-5.0%
Northern New Mexico College	1,125	1,148	1,096	1,120	1,238	1,111	1,093	1,229	1,386	1,559	1,639	-1.2%	47.5%	5.1%
Western New Mexico University	3,427	3,088	3,249	3,193	2,896	3,013	3,382	3,571	3,531	3,164	3,097	-12.1%	2.8%	-2.1%
Branch Community Colleges	**21,819**	**20,576**	**20,017**	**20,319**	**16,719**	**16,371**	**17,562**	**18,438**	**18,838**	**20,039**	**20,351**	**-25.0%**	**24.3%**	1.6%
ENMU - Roswell	2,875	2,661	2,410	2,343	1,703	1,601	1,923	2,049	2,088	2,013	1,954	-44.3%	22.0%	-2.9%
ENMU - Ruidoso	655	615	608	679	679	605	694	745	775	773	893	-7.6%	47.6%	15.5%
NMSU - Alamogordo	1,771	1,710	1,636	1,537	941	946	1,032	1,088	1,152	1,215	1,155	-46.6%	22.1%	-4.9%
NMSU - Doña Ana	8,157	7,917	7,876	8,054	7,028	6,454	6,662	6,849	7,200	7,649	7,661	-20.9%	18.7%	0.2%
NMSU - Grants	950	963	996	813	622	692	825	834	754	816	741	-27.2%	7.1%	-9.2%
UNM - Gallup	2,505	2,214	2,215	2,503	2,198	2,018	2,127	2,295	2,408	2,802	3,225	-19.4%	59.8%	15.1%
UNM - Los Alamos	1,050	937	906	929	954	846	1,014	985	983	1,087	1,010	-19.4%	19.4%	-7.1%
UNM - Taos	1,714	1,435	1,286	1,225	1,487	1,280	1,282	1,283	1,292	1,241	1,302	-25.3%	1.7%	4.9%
UNM - Valencia	2,142	2,124	2,084	2,236	1,107	1,929	2,003	2,310	2,186	2,443	2,410	-9.9%	24.9%	-1.4%
Independent Community Colleges	**48,203**	**47,051**	**45,338**	**44,373**	**37,361**	**34,741**	**36,637**	**36,226**	**37,340**	**38,594**	**38,554**	**-27.9%**	**11.0%**	-0.1%
Central New Mexico Community College	24,841	24,612	23,717	23,358	21,592	18,642	19,215	19,159	19,415	19,582	19,765	-25.0%	6.0%	0.9%
Clovis Community College	3,629	3,430	3,354	3,050	2,426	2,309	2,420	2,448	2,455	2,507	2,573	-36.4%	11.4%	2.6%
Luna Community College	1,396	1,367	1,065	1,151	683	818	746	737	711	730	723	-41.4%	-11.6%	-1.0%
Mesalands Community College	844	971	900	446	397	541	674	456	544	569	821	-35.9%	51.8%	44.3%
New Mexico Junior College	2,720	2,411	2,720	2,388	1,951	1,891	2,162	2,078	2,221	2,386	2,429	-30.5%	28.5%	1.8%
San Juan College	7,062	6,723	6,369	6,621	5,280	5,350	5,615	5,796	6,082	6,661	6,420	-24.2%	20.0%	-3.6%
Santa Fe Community College	5,921	5,585	5,422	5,438	3,829	3,829	4,132	4,359	4,432	4,604	4,263	-35.3%	11.3%	-7.4%
Southeast New Mexico College*	1,790	1,952	1,791	1,921	1,203	1,361	1,673	1,193	1,480	1,555	1,560	-24.0%	14.6%	0.3%
Formula Funded Total	**128,109**	**123,893**	**119,473**	**116,504**	**104,419**	**100,264**	**104,571**	**106,957**	**109,975**	**113,872**	**115,231**	**-21.7%**	**14.9%**	**1.2%**
*Prior to 2021, Southeast New Mexico College (SENMC) operated as NMSU-Carlsbad. Historical data from NMSU-Carlsbad have been assigned to SENMC.														
Military Institute														
New Mexico Military Institute	422	419	412	460	391	374	345	342	331	380	370	-11.4%	-1.1%	-2.6%
Tribal Colleges#	**3,003**	**3,106**	**2,892**	**3,087**	**2,688**	**2,775**	**2,711**	**2,356**	**3,156**	**2,873**	**2,383**	**-7.6%**	**-14.1%**	**-17.1%**
Diné College	368	445	312	178	196	213	236	193	526	175	111	-42.1%	-47.9%	-36.6%
Institute of American Indian Arts	593	657	613	617	692	808	837	609	920	923	381	36.3%	-52.8%	-58.7%
Navajo Technical University	1,675	1,638	1,600	1,849	1,350	1,399	1,354	1,554	1,710	1,775	1,686	-16.5%	20.5%	-5.0%
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	367	366	367	443	450	355	284	0	0	0	205	-3.3%	-42.3%	
Overall Total	**131,534**	**127,418**	**122,777**	**120,051**	**107,498**	**103,413**	**107,627**	**109,655**	**113,462**	**117,125**	**117,984**	**-21.4%**	**14.1%**	**0.7%**

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Total Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment

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Institution	2016 Total FTE	2017 Total FTE	2018 Total FTE	2019 Total FTE	2020 Total FTE	2021 Total FTE	2022 Total FTE	2023 Total FTE	2024 Total FTE	2025 Total FTE	2026 Total FTE	2016 to 2021	2021 to 2026	2025 to 2026
Research Universities	**36,765**	**36,094**	**33,531**	**31,874**	**31,449**	**30,616**	**31,600**	**33,204**	**33,739**	**34,986**	**36,044**	**-16.7%**	**17.7%**	**3.0%**
New Mexico Tech	1,809	1,666	1,612	1,510	1,465	1,496	1,467	1,463	1,376	1,297	1,242	-17.3%	-17.0%	-4.3%
New Mexico State University	12,162	12,445	11,762	11,723	11,813	11,410	11,651	12,194	12,701	13,313	13,800	-6.2%	20.9%	3.7%
University of New Mexico	22,794	21,983	20,157	18,641	18,171	17,710	18,482	19,547	19,662	20,376	21,003	-22.3%	18.6%	3.1%
Comprehensive Universities	**9,581**	**9,238**	**9,069**	**8,623**	**8,364**	**7,891**	**8,198**	**8,688**	**9,001**	**9,154**	**9,383**	**-17.6%**	**18.9%**	**2.5%**
Eastern New Mexico University	3,978	3,969	3,850	3,710	3,547	3,247	3,330	3,604	3,931	4,100	4,223	-18.4%	30.1%	3.0%
New Mexico Highlands University	2,608	2,438	2,348	2,159	2,129	1,973	2,002	2,036	1,939	2,045	1,989	-24.3%	0.8%	-2.7%
Northern New Mexico College	780	786	799	768	796	714	688	772	837	958	1,061	-8.4%	48.5%	10.7%
Western New Mexico University	2,215	2,045	2,072	1,986	1,893	1,957	2,178	2,276	2,294	2,051	2,110	-11.7%	7.8%	2.9%
Branch Community Colleges	**11,955**	**11,379**	**10,832**	**10,807**	**8,934**	**8,520**	**8,937**	**8,770**	**9,674**	**10,366**	**10,514**	**-28.7%**	**23.4%**	**1.4%**
ENMU - Roswell	1,570	1,623	1,436	1,466	1,035	1,070	1,234	1,228	1,297	1,325	1,276	-31.8%	19.3%	-3.7%
ENMU - Ruidoso	306	299	287	339	302	310	339	375	387	554	533	1.3%	71.9%	-3.8%
NMSU - Alamogordo	794	758	721	673	429	424	465	515	537	565	571	-46.6%	34.7%	1.0%
NMSU - Doña Ana	4,995	4,821	4,740	4,774	4,306	3,890	3,932	4,090	4,344	4,559	4,614	-22.1%	18.6%	1.2%
NMSU - Grants	377	378	374	302	249	278	347	351	355	364	337	-26.2%	20.9%	-7.5%
UNM - Gallup	1,625	1,431	1,380	1,438	1,158	1,071	1,112	1,069	1,235	1,361	1,554	-34.1%	45.1%	14.1%
UNM - Los Alamos	422	389	372	362	359	311	338	190	301	324	283	-26.3%	-9.0%	-12.8%
UNM - Taos	803	657	579	534	651	447	449	388	476	500	531	-44.4%	18.8%	6.1%
UNM - Valencia	1,063	1,023	942	919	446	719	723	565	742	812	816	-32.4%	13.5%	0.4%
Independent Community Colleges	**24,638**	**23,673**	**22,947**	**21,708**	**18,993**	**17,345**	**17,859**	**18,030**	**18,451**	**19,522**	**19,113**	**-29.6%**	**10.2%**	**-2.1%**
Central New Mexico Community College	13,101	12,716	12,156	11,872	10,862	9,374	9,586	9,704	9,775	9,899	9,986	-28.4%	6.5%	0.9%
Clovis Community College	1,521	1,495	1,477	1,341	1,263	1,106	1,160	1,167	1,148	1,203	1,187	-27.3%	7.3%	-1.3%
Luna Community College	662	614	505	511	409	441	411	422	415	431	416	-33.4%	-5.7%	-3.5%
Mesalands Community College	406	404	388	220	193	258	128	307	265	294	407	-36.5%	57.9%	38.5%
New Mexico Junior College	1,696	1,593	1,696	1,598	1,338	1,286	1,381	1,390	1,520	1,656	1,679	-24.2%	30.6%	1.4%
San Juan College	3,861	3,538	3,672	3,169	2,670	2,585	2,714	2,779	2,904	3,528	3,027	-33.0%	17.1%	-14.2%
Santa Fe Community College	2,505	2,391	2,252	2,195	1,696	1,696	1,652	1,707	1,751	1,820	1,692	-32.3%	-0.2%	-7.0%
Southeast New Mexico College*	886	922	801	802	563	599	828	553	673	691	719	-32.4%	20.0%	4.1%
Formula Funded Total	**82,939**	**80,384**	**76,378**	**73,013**	**67,741**	**64,372**	**66,595**	**68,692**	**70,865**	**74,029**	**75,054**	**-22.4%**	**16.6%**	**1.4%**
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Military Institute														
New Mexico Military Institute	502	492	487	383	471	445	412	410	413	380	466	-11.4%	4.8%	22.6%
Tribal Colleges#	**2,076**	**2,014**	**1,914**	**1,995**	**1,595**	**1,456**	**1,533**	**1,305**	**1,456**	**1,364**	**1,337**	**-29.9%**	**-8.1%**	**-2.0%**
Diné College	255	187	146	104	123	133	139	97	161	44	58	-48.0%	-56.4%	31.5%
Institute of American Indian Arts	358	395	379	391	365	384	423	371	449	434	320	7.3%	-16.7%	-26.3%
Navajo Technical University	1,153	1,103	1,052	1,089	760	665	688	837	846	886	810	-42.3%	21.7%	-8.6%
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	310	329	337	410	347	274	284				149	-11.6%	-45.4%	
Overall Total	**85,517**	**82,890**	**78,779**	**75,391**	**69,807**	**66,272**	**68,540**	**70,407**	**72,735**	**75,772**	**76,858**	**-22.5%**	**16.0%**	**1.4%**

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Total First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Enrollment

Institution	2016 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2017 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2018 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2019 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2020 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2021 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2022 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2023 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2024 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2025 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2026 1stTime HC Full Time Degree Seeking	2016 to 2021	2021 to 2026	2025 to 2026
Research Universities	**5,492**	**5,443**	**5,048**	**4,855**	**5,107**	**5,096**	**5,737**	**5,871**	**5,710**	**5,905**	**6,057**	**-7.2%**	**18.9%**	**2.6%**
New Mexico Tech	301	240	302	250	279	296	299	222	185	150	213	-1.7%	-28.0%	42.0%
New Mexico State University	1,826	2,033	2,257	2,158	2,146	1,994	2,295	2,366	2,339	2,396	2,512	9.2%	26.0%	4.8%
University of New Mexico	3,365	3,170	2,489	2,447	2,682	2,806	3,143	3,283	3,186	3,359	3,332	-16.6%	18.7%	-0.8%
Comprehensive Universities	**1,230**	**1,233**	**1,234**	**1,205**	**879**	**786**	**1,015**	**1,105**	**1,314**	**1,095**	**1,070**	**-36.1%**	**36.1%**	**-2.3%**
Eastern New Mexico University	623	623	550	550	428	336	412	478	568	470	463	-46.1%	37.8%	-1.5%
New Mexico Highlands University	312	254	280	275	187	146	225	222	214	269	216	-53.2%	47.9%	-19.7%
Northern New Mexico College	138	137	158	129	89	98	121	114	135	133	123	-29.0%	25.5%	-7.5%
Western New Mexico University	157	219	246	251	175	206	257	291	397	223	268	31.2%	30.1%	20.2%
Branch Community Colleges	**2,468**	**2,413**	**1,660**	**1,733**	**1,690**	**1,371**	**1,538**	**1,505**	**1,854**	**1,720**	**1,835**	**-44.4%**	**33.8%**	**6.7%**
ENMU - Roswell	392	515	231	311	255	324	311	226	290	325	322	-17.3%	-0.6%	-0.9%
ENMU - Ruidoso	41	51	48	54	39	35	40	46	42	62	157	-14.6%	348.6%	153.2%
NMSU - Alamogordo	123	127	130	124	60	73	95	109	100	97	160	-40.7%	119.2%	64.9%
NMSU - Doña Ana	1,162	1,085	50	1,088	986	834	936	976	1,067	1,102	1,107	-28.2%	32.7%	0.5%
NMSU - Grants	51	40	1,109	53	33	44	82	79	72	75	41	-13.7%	-6.8%	-45.3%
UNM - Gallup	300	227	31	50	94	26	51	40	118	32	23	-91.3%	-11.5%	-28.1%
UNM - Los Alamos	83	70	20	23	53	15	4	9	33	11	1	-81.9%	-93.3%	-90.9%
UNM - Taos	96	69	21	19	125	6	7	7	63	6	10	-93.8%	66.7%	66.7%
UNM - Valencia	220	229	20	11	45	14	12	13	69	10	14	-93.6%	0.0%	40.0%
Independent Community Colleges	**4,525**	**3,902**	**4,270**	**3,719**	**2,691**	**2,557**	**2,486**	**2,574**	**2,845**	**2,872**	**2,539**	**-43.5%**	**-0.7%**	**-11.6%**
Central New Mexico Community College	2,218	2,117	2,148	2,165	1,594	1,411	1,347	1,301	1,484	1,341	1,216	-36.4%	-13.8%	-9.3%
Clovis Community College	200	229	229	151	158	132	153	109	121	127	108	-34.0%	-18.2%	-15.0%
Luna Community College	109	83	109	113	105	127	83	122	100	98	85	16.5%	-33.1%	-13.3%
Mesalands Community College	76	28	52	44	17	34	2	50	42	129	36	-55.3%	5.9%	-72.1%
New Mexico Junior College	957	494	957	507	319	365	414	442	486	495	479	-61.9%	31.2%	-3.2%
San Juan College	479	414	466	342	228	233	237	199	390	559	370	-51.4%	58.8%	-33.8%
Santa Fe Community College	344	382	206	295	170	170	147	165	146	39	156	-50.6%	-8.2%	300.0%
Southeast New Mexico College*	142	155	103	102	100	85	103	186	76	84	89	-40.1%	4.7%	6.0%
Formula Funded Total	**13,715**	**12,991**	**12,212**	**11,512**	**10,367**	**9,810**	**10,776**	**11,055**	**11,723**	**11,592**	**11,501**	**-28.5%**	**17.2%**	**-0.8%**
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Military Institute														
New Mexico Military Institute	255	217	241	199	229	189	193	179	194	221	213	-25.9%	12.7%	-3.6%
Tribal Colleges	**331**	**368**	**421**	**578**	**387**	**414**	**410**	**212**	**162**	**206**	**263**	**25.1%**	**-36.5%**	**27.7%**
Diné College	22	16	15	14	6	7	7	3	0	46	9	-68.2%	28.6%	-80.4%
Institute of American Indian Arts	48	57	51	62	30	35	53	46	17	24	38	-27.1%	8.6%	58.3%
Navajo Technical University	167	186	205	129	53	117	165	163	145	136	133	-29.9%	13.7%	-2.2%
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	94	109	150	373	298	255	185				83	171.3%	-67.5%	
Overall Total	**14,301**	**13,576**	**12,874**	**12,289**	**10,983**	**10,413**	**11,379**	**11,446**	**12,079**	**12,019**	**11,977**	**-27.2%**	**15.0%**	**-0.3%**