



New Mexico

Children 5
and under

115,927

U.S. Census Bureau. ACS 5-Year Estimates



CHILD CARE

The Child Care Assistance Program subsidizes the cost of child care for families at or below 400% of the federal poverty level that are working, in school, or searching for employment.



30,186

**Children Receiving
Child Care Assistance**

For the month of December 2024

Number of Child
Care Centers

776

Number of
Licensed
Child Care Homes

116

Number of Licensed
Child Care Group
Homes

142

Number of
Registered Homes

879

NEW MEXICO PREK

New Mexico PreK is a free, voluntary program that equips 3- and 4-year-old children with the early literacy, math, and social-emotional skills they will need to enter Kindergarten ready to thrive. NM PreK is available in both school and community-based settings.

293

**PreK
Entities**

1,089

**PreK
Classrooms**

600

**PreK
Sites**



13,458

Number of
4 year old
slots

4,918

Number of
3 year old
slots

3,184

Number of PreK
Special Education
students

NEW MEXICO EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START

Early Head Start/Head Start is a federally funded program supporting children's success through early learning, health, and family well-being services. The program provides early screenings, nutritious meals, and referrals to community resources while engaging parents as active partners.

2,233

**Funded Early
Head Start Slots**

5,457

**Funded Head
Start Slots**

FAMILY INFANT TODDLER (FIT)

FIT provides early intervention services to children from birth to age 3 who have a developmental delay or disability or who are at-risk of developing a delay.

10,078

Number of Children Served
FY25 to date

Number of
Providers

35

HOME VISITING

Home Visiting is a free program for all New Mexico families with children prenatal through age 5, offering in-home support from experts on safe sleep, postpartum care, nutrition, child care, breastfeeding, and more.

5,985

Funded Slots
Available

Number of
Provider
Agencies

37



FAMILIES FIRST



Families FIRST is a state program, which provides free case management services and offers a go-to support system during pregnancy, infancy, and throughout the first three years of a child's life for Medicaid-eligible families. Registered nurses across the state, are just a phone call away to provide education, resources, and support on pregnancy, health, nutrition, and nurturing.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement to child care providers, child care centers, Head Start programs, after-school programs, and emergency shelters for nutritious meals and snacks. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), partners with community organizations to feed children during the summer.

As of December 2024

**Child and Adult Care
Food Program (CACFP)**
**1.4 Million Meals
Served**

**Summer Food
Program (SFSP)**
732,798 Meals Served

**Find A Local
FIELD OFFICE:**
nmececd.org/regional-office-map



GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT

ECECD seeks partnerships with Tribal governments and Tribal education programs that are respectful, collaborative, and supportive of each community's unique early childhood goals. ECECD currently has intergovernmental agreements with the following Tribes and Pueblos:

- The Navajo Nation
- To'Hajiilee Community School Board of Education
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Pueblo of Nambé
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Jemez
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Ramah Navajo School Board, inc.
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Zia
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Saad K'idilyé

Pictured: Albuquerque Bosque



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