

Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County

Las Cruces, New Mexico

State Structure

In New Mexico, delinquency services are primarily administered by the state. The New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, Juvenile Justice Services, administers commitment to juvenile facilities, probation, and parole services. Detention is administered by county executives.

Upper, Lower, and Extended Age of Jurisdiction

State	Delinquency			Status (FINS*)	
	Lower age	Upper age	Extended age	Lower age	Upper age
New Mexico	None specified	17	20	None specified	17

*families in need of services

Status Offenses

In New Mexico, being a runaway, a truant, and/or a juvenile who has committed a status offense that is not classified a delinquent act (exception: out-of-state runaway juveniles as mandated by state and/or federal law) are status offense behaviors. Status offense cases are classified as status offenders or families in need of services. The Children's Court Division of the District Court has jurisdiction over status offenders and delinquents.

Yearly Case Count

County	2010 Population Estimates			Delinquency		Status		Dependency
	Total	10 Through Upper Age	0 Through Upper Age	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned
Dona Ana	210,500	25,200	56,100	579	1,676	*	731	--

*Denotes case counts greater than zero and less than five

Source: Children, Youth, and Families Department

1. Delinquency figures are cases disposed.
2. Status figures are cases disposed.

School Districts

Hatch Public Schools

Las Cruces Public Schools

Gadsden Public Schools

Estimated arrests of persons under age 18 in Dona Ana County, New Mexico

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Coverage Indicator	87%	91%	98%	99%	98%
Total Arrests	see notes	2,636	2,063	2,471	2,224
Violent Crime Index		117	62	78	70
Murder/nonneg. mans.		1	0	0	0
Forcible rape		9	1	5	6
Robbery		14	9	7	3
Aggravated assault		93	52	66	61
Property Crime Index		448	488	506	433
Burglary		61	83	49	73
Larceny-theft		347	328	405	323
Motor vehicle theft		35	8	19	12
Arson		5	69	33	25
Nonindex					
Other assaults		525	344	557	472
Forgery and counterfeiting		4	1	0	0
Fraud		3	1	3	7
Embezzlement		3	3	0	3
Stolen property		13	18	17	20
Vandalism		173	122	114	114
Weapons		97	59	78	77
Prostitution/ commercialized vice		0	0	0	0
Sex offenses (other)		12	7	16	10
Drug abuse violations		330	246	277	323
Gambling		0	1	0	0
Offenses against family		0	0	5	0
Driving under influence		21	14	17	10
Liquor laws		150	148	151	176
Drunkenness		18	1	0	0
Disorderly conduct		421	307	335	238
Vagrancy		0	0	0	0
All other offenses		292	226	304	260
Suspicion		0	0	0	0
Curfew and loitering		0	0	0	0
Runaways		9	15	13	11
Population Ages 10 to 17	24,694	24,835	24,933	24,951	25,049

These statistics are estimates that account for missing data and may differ from other published sources. The county-level files which are the source of this information are not official FBI releases and are being provided for research purposes.

The Coverage Indicator refers to the relative size of the sample from which these estimates are based. A coverage indicator of 90% means that data covering 10% of the jurisdiction's population are estimated and that data from 90% of the jurisdiction's population are based on actual reports. Only jurisdictions with a coverage indicator at or above 90% are displayed in this application.

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