



Lea County Profile

Population and Demographics:

2018 population:^a 70,126

Age:^a

Persons under 18 years: 30.2%
Persons 18-64 years: 58.9%
Persons 65 years and over: 11.0%

Gender^a

Female: 48.5%
Male: 51.5%

Marital Status:^c

Married: 50.3%
Separated: 2.2%
Divorced: 10.8%
Widowed: 5.5%

Unemployed^b

Unemployed: 3.9%
Not in labor force: 40.0%

Race^a

White: 90.4%
Black: 4.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native: 1.6%
Asian: 0.4%
Other: 2.7%

Hispanic/Latino:^a 57.9%

Other Information^a

Language other than English spoken at home: 38.7%
High school graduate or higher: 72.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher: 13.0%
Number of households: 22,114
Persons per household: 3.05
Per capita money income in the past 12 months: \$24,879
Median household income: \$59,797
Persons below poverty level: 16.6%
Renter-occupied housing: 32.3%
Uninsured adults: 14.1%

Crime Statistics^b

Homicide Rate (per 100,000):

County: 11 State: 7

Violent Crime Rate (per 100,000):

County: 537 State: 590

Domestic Violence Incidents, Arrests, & Convictions^d

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Incidents	354	545	558	523	584
Arrests	191	245	246	209	315
Convictions	118	123	111	76	45

Sources:

^a U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts>
^b 2018 County Health Rankings New Mexico Data: <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/rankings/data/nm>
^c US Census 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates: <http://factfinder.census.gov/>
^d Incidence and Nature of Domestic Violence In New Mexico XVIII: 2018 data, Betty Caponera, July 2019
^e New Mexico AA Area 46 <https://nm-aa.org/meetings/?tsml-day=any>
^f Rio Grande Region of NA <http://riograndena.org/>
^h U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs <https://www.va.gov/directory/GUIDE/state.asp?STATE=NM&dnum=ALL>

Law Enforcement Agencies:

Lea County Sheriff;
New Mexico State Police; Hobbs District 3 Office
Police Departments (Eunice, Hobbs, Jal, & Lovington)

Courts:

7th Judicial District Court(Lovington)
Lea County Magistrate Courts
(Eunice, Hobbs, Jal, Lovington)
Municipal Courts
(Eunice, Hobbs, Jal, Lovington, Tatum)

Medical and Victims' Service Providers

Hospitals:

Lea Regional Medical Center (Hobbs): 201 beds, 24 hour ER; Nor-Lea General Hospital (Lovington): 25 beds, 24 hour ER

Ratio population to mental health provider:^b 872:1

Nearest Domestic Violence Service Provider:^d Option, Inc.

Nearest Batterer Intervention Program:^d Option, Inc.

Rape Crisis Services Provider:^e Arise Sexual Assault Services (Portales, Roosevelt County)

Nearest SANE Unit:^e Portales

Nearest Legal Aide Office:^f Roswell

Youth Services:

Guidance Center of Lea County, Inc.; Child and Family Service, Inc. of Lea County; Juvenile Intervention Services; Lea County Court Appointed Special Advocates; Raindancer Youth Services, Inc.; TARS - Hobbs Municipal Schools

Substance Abuse Support Groups:^{e, f}

Number of AA meetings per week: 24
Number of NA meetings per week: 5

Outpatient Substance Abuse Services:

Guidance Center of Lea County, Inc. (Hobbs); Nor-Lea Behavioral Health (Lovington); Palmer Drug Abuse Program (Hobbs)

Inpatient Substance Abuse Services:

Lea Regional Medical Center 15 bed behavioral health

School Based Health Centers:

Lovington High School Health Center

Veteran Services:^g VA Outpatient Clinic (Hobbs)

Homeless Services/Shelters:

Isaiah's Soup Kitchen; Manna Outreach

Senior Services:

Hobbs Senior Citizens Center, Woolworth Senior Center