

# **NEW MEXICO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: HOMELESS SERVICES AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE**

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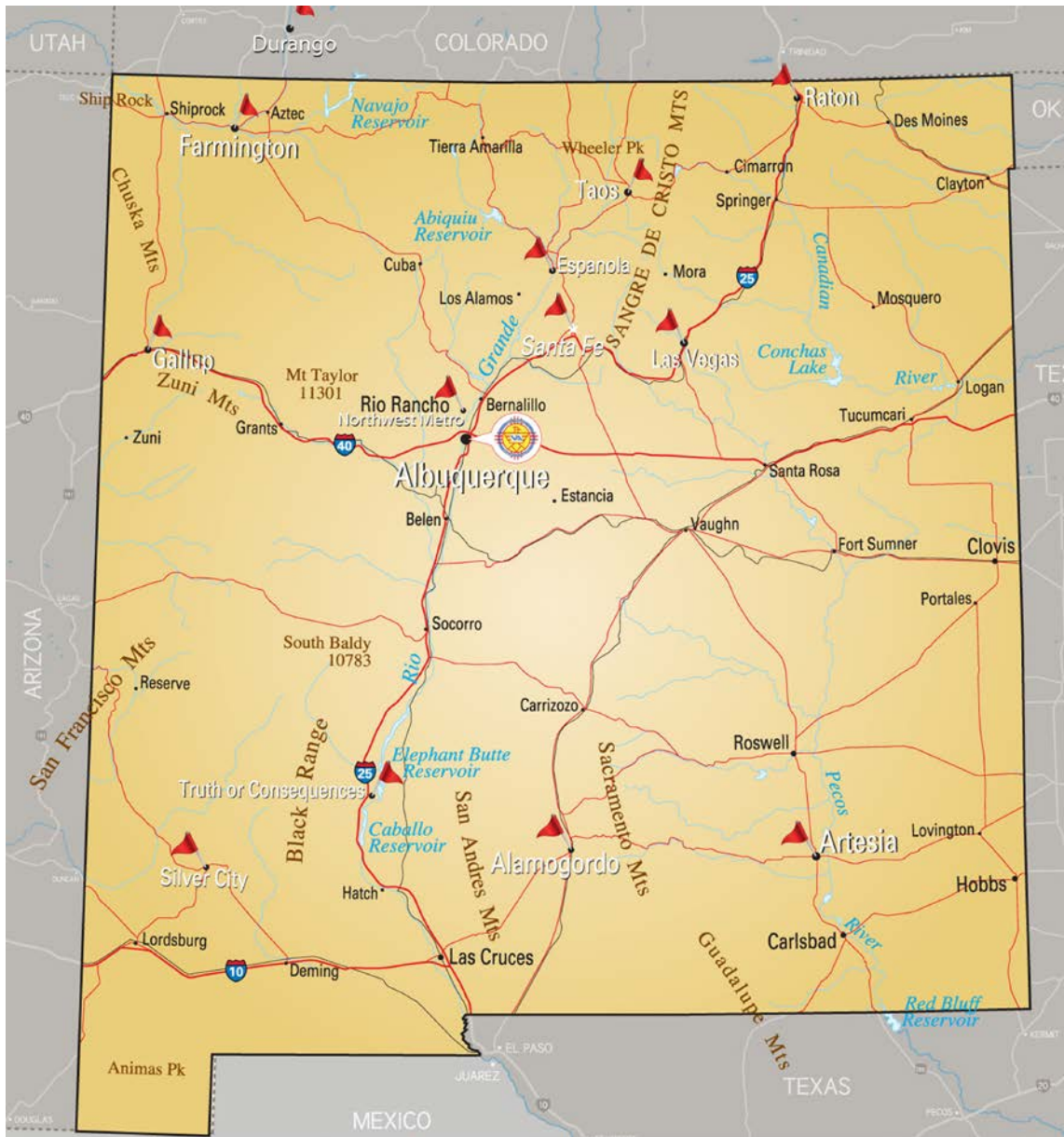
# NM Veteran Population

**199,000 Veterans estimated in NM (NM DVS)**

**179,000 Veterans self-identifying in NM (NM DVS)**

**59,247 Veterans registered with the NM  
VAHCS (vssc)**

**12,323 Veterans served by Mental Health at  
NM VAHCS (21% of registered  
Veterans) (vssc)**



**NM VAHCS**  
**Albuquerque**  
**Alamogordo**  
**Artesia**  
**(Clovis)**  
**Durango, CO**  
**Espanola**  
**Farmington**  
**Gallup**  
**(Hobbs)**  
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# VA Homeless Services

Outreach

Health Care for Homeless Veterans

HUD-VASH, Permanent Supportive Housing:

Case Management + Rent Support

Grant Per Diem, Transitional Housing

(Residential Treatment)



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# Homeless Veterans in NM

## Verified Veterans thru Coordinated Entry:

2018: 332, averaging 27 new veterans/month

2019: 323, averaging 34/month

## Current Rolls:

New Mexico: 147

Albuquerque: 109

(Dona Ana County served by El Paso.)



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# Outcome Data

Permanently Housed, FY2019: 352

FY2014-2018: 1,750

HUD/VASH: 360

186 Chronically Homeless, currently housed

120 newly housed

# Mental Health Services Provided

2 Inpatient Psychiatry Units (Geriatric and General): 707 admissions

3 Residential Programs (Domiciliary, PTSD/SUD, SMI): 264 admissions

Emergency Mental Health Services:

Primary Care Mental Health Integration: 3,462 Veterans (30 minute average response time.)

Suicide Prevention: 1237 followed.

# Mental Health Services, Continued

General Outpatient Mental Health

Psychiatry

Evidence Based Psychotherapy

Couples/Family Therapy

Case Management

Same Day Access

Telehealth, Video to Home, Video Connect



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# Mental Health Services, Continued

## Specialty Outpatient Services

Military Trauma Treatment

Women's Trauma Disorders

Substance Use Disorders

Severe Mental Illness: 1,291 Veterans

Psychosocial Rehabilitation: 1051 Veterans

Vocational Rehabilitation



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# TRAINING

Psychiatrists: Interns, Residents

Psychologists: Practicum, Interns, Post-Doctoral  
Fellows

Physician Assistants

Social Workers

Nurse Practitioners

Nurses

Pharmacists

First Responders, Clergy, Community Providers

# MISSION ACT

Congressional Act to assist Veterans in accessing care in their local communities.

Difficulties:

- Providers.
- Providers trained in Evidence Base Treatment
- Providers willing to accept suicidal patients
- Continuity of Care from community Emergency Departments and Inpatient Units