

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENTS: NOVEMBER 2017

Expansions

News Date	Company	County	Current Empl.	Comments
5/12/17	Affordable Solar	Bernalillo	50-99	Albuquerque-based Affordable Solar will begin construction in July on three solar farms for the Facebook data center in Los Lunas. The company has current openings for at least 54 permanent and about 120 temporary positions and expects additional job growth soon.
8/15/17	Flagship Food Group	Bernalillo	200	Colorado-based Flagship Food Group, a diversified food company that produces the 505 Southwest brand of salsas, sauces, and condiments, will expand its manufacturing and distribution operations in Albuquerque, creating about 100 construction jobs and 200 permanent positions.
8/11/17	Raytheon Company	Bernalillo	200	Raytheon is expanding its Albuquerque operations, located in the Sandia Science & Tech Park, and will add 60 high-tech manufacturing jobs over the next six years. The site supports the production of advanced energy technology and aircraft range monitoring systems.
6/3/17	Holloman Air Force Base	Ctero	na	The U.S. Air Force will begin late this summer to relocate two F-16 training squadrons from Hill Air Force Base in Utah to Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo. The interim move, which could become permanent, will create up to 700 civilian contractor jobs at Holloman.
8/14/17	Process Equipment & Service Company, Inc.	San Juan	300	PESCO, a supplier of production equipment and field services to the oil and natural gas industries, is seeking \$1 million in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funds for a 50,000-square-foot expansion that would add 170 jobs over five years at its Farmington manufacturing facility.
5/28/17	Meow Wolf	Santa Fe	75	Santa Fe arts collective Meow Wolf will receive more than \$1 million in government funding for an expansion that will create 250 full-time jobs, including those for artists, technicians, and craftsmen, over the next five years and enable it to export exhibits out of state.
5/3/17	Honeywell	Statewide	na	Honeywell will add 50 jobs in New Mexico through the end of 2018 to support its Kansas City National Security Campus center, which currently employs about 200 people at the Alamo Facility in Albuquerque and a small group of employees at Los Alamos National Laboratory.
9/14/17	Molina Healthcare	Statewide	na	Molina Healthcare's ongoing nationwide restructuring will create 250 new contact center positions in Albuquerque over the next year. Company officials expect a net increase in employment for New Mexico despite recently announced job cuts.

Contractions

News Date	Company	County	Current Empl.	Comments
4/11/17	Intel	Sandoval	1,200	Intel trimmed about 700 positions at its Rio Rancho facility between 2015 and 2016, reducing the full-time workforce from 1,900 to 1,200 people. Retirements accounted for about half of the departures; the remainder comprised relocations and both voluntary and involuntary separations.
8/2/17	PCM	Sandoval	150	PCM, an El Segundo, California-based provider of IT products and services, laid off 50 of the 200 employees at its call and sales center in Rio Rancho. Displaced workers are, however, eligible for rehire into other positions now open at the site.

Openings

News Date	Company	County	Forecast Empl.	Comments
8/31/17	Anonymous Content and Universal Cable Productions	Bernalillo	75+	The USA Network television series "Mr. Robot," starring Rami Malek and Christian Slater, was set to film in Albuquerque from late August through early September, employing 75 New Mexico crew members, 18 resident actors and stunt players, and 75 local background performers.
6/28/17	AMC/Sony Pictures Television	Bernalillo	80	The AMC television series "Better Call Saul," a "Breaking Bad" prequel starring Bob Odenkirk, has been renewed for a fourth season, although no details have yet been announced. Third-season production at Albuquerque Studios employed nearly 90 New Mexico crew members.
9/21/17	Cabela's	Bernalillo	150	Cabela's, a retailer of outdoor recreation gear, opened its first New Mexico store on September 21, in Albuquerque's Legacy at Journal Center development near Interstate 25 and Paseo del Norte, employing about 150 full-time, part-time, and seasonal workers.
8/26/17	Groundstone	Bernalillo	60	Groundstone, a restaurant featuring local beers, pizzas, burgers, salads, and desserts, opened in the space formerly occupied by The Library Bar & Grill, at 5001 San Mateo NE in Albuquerque, employing about 60 people.
8/29/17	La Madeleine French Bakery & Café	Bernalillo	65	Dallas-based La Madeleine, a fast-casual French restaurant chain, on August 29 opened its first New Mexico location, in a 4,918-square-foot space near ABQ Uptown, creating about 65 jobs.
9/9/17	Matanza	Bernalillo	60	Matanza opened a second Albuquerque restaurant and bar, at the Alameda Boulevard and Ellison Street NW site formerly occupied by Quarters and The Stumbling Steer, employing about 60. Matanza's original Nob Hill location opened in September 2016.
8/11/17	Pavilion Construction	Bernalillo	4	Pavilion Construction broke ground on a \$22 million, 190-unit apartment project, described as "an affordable in-fill housing community," near Interstate 25 and Montgomery Boulevard NE in Albuquerque that will create about 320 construction jobs and four permanent positions.
7/17/17	Rancho Café	Bernalillo	50	A new 5,000-square-foot Rancho Café is set to open by the end of August in the former Lone Star Steakhouse location adjacent to Cottonwood Mall, likely employing about 50 people.
6/27/17	Seasons 52	Bernalillo	50-99	Seasons 52, a wine bar and grill featuring a seasonally changing menu, will open in a 7,918-square-foot space at Coronado Center, likely employing 50 to 99 people, based on staffing information for the chain's existing locations in New Mexico's neighboring states.
11/8/17	Sprouts Farmers Market**	Bernalillo	120	Sprouts on January 31, 2018, will open its sixth Albuquerque location, at the new Andalusia Center development near Coors Boulevard and Morlaño Road, employing about 120 full- and part-time workers.
10/4/17	Universal Cable Productions and Blumhouse Television	Bernalillo	230+	The Syfy television pilot "Tremors," starring Kevin Bacon, reprising his role from the 1990 feature film with the same name, will shoot in Albuquerque through mid-November, employing about 230 New Mexico crew members and 300 local background performers.
8/17/17	Vociferous Films, LLC	Bernalillo	30+	The independent thriller "Hunted By My Ex," starring Tamara Braun, recently completed filming in Albuquerque, employing about 30 New Mexico crew members, 14 resident actors, and 60 local background performers.
10/5/17	USA Beef Packing LLC	Chaves	57	USA Beef Packing opened a beef processing plant, believed to be the only one of its kind in New Mexico, six miles southeast of Roswell at the site formerly occupied by Pecos Valley Meat. The operation will employ 57 people within two years.
4/8/17	NextEra Energy Resources	Cibola	na	Cibola County approved the sale of \$75 million in industrial revenue bonds to support NextEra Energy's planned Rodeo 66 Solar Energy Center, a 50-megawatt solar facility to be located near San Fidel. The construction phase would likely create more than 200 jobs.
6/6/17	Pattern Energy Group Inc.	Curry	18	Pattern Energy announced the grand opening of its 324-megawatt Broadview Wind power facility, located near Clovis. Peak construction created more than 650 jobs, with an average of about 350 workers on site, and 18 permanent workers now manage ongoing operations.
10/20/17	Courtyard by Marriott	Doña Ana	50	A four-story, 126-room Courtyard by Marriott hotel is slated to open next to the Las Cruces Convention Center, on 2.7 acres of New Mexico State University land, by the end of 2018, likely employing about 50 people.
8/22/17	FedEx Ground	Doña Ana	80	A new FedEx distribution center opened in Santa Teresa with around 80 employees, about half of whom were new hires. The 215,000-square-foot facility replaces a smaller operation in Las Cruces.
6/14/17	Las Cruces Community Farms	Doña Ana	100	Las Cruces Community Farms will receive \$620,000 in Local Economic Development Act funding for its planned greenhouse operation at the former McAnally Enterprises egg plant site in Berino. The greenhouse facility will be required to employ at least 80 full-time workers by 2022.
11/29/17	Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers*	Doña Ana	85	Louisiana-based Raising Cane's, a fast-food chain with a purposely limited menu focusing on chicken fingers, will open its first New Mexico restaurant by late February 2018 in Las Cruces, at the former Golden Corral location on South Tenthon Boulevard, employing about 85 workers.
11/29/17	Sprouts Farmers Market**	Doña Ana	120	Sprouts will open its first Las Cruces store, at the former Hastings site on East Lohman Avenue, on February 26, 2018, employing about 120 full- and part-time workers.
10/4/17	TLC Associates	Doña Ana	350	Cedar Rapids, Iowa-based TLC Associates, a provider of customer contact services for such clients as Verizon, DirectTV, and Bank of America, will open a call center at the former Stiel location in Las Cruces, bringing 350 new jobs to the area.
7/11/17	CIG Logistics	Eddy	44	Fort Worth, Texas-based CIG Logistics, a provider of transloading and storage services for the oil and gas market, is building a terminal near the Village of Lovino in Eddy County that will employ 44 permanent workers. Construction will create an unspecified number of temporary jobs.
9/7/17	Summit Midstream Permian LLC	Eddy	50	Summit Midstream Permian LLC by June 2018 will build a natural gas processing plant in Eddy County, near U.S. Highway 62/180, about two miles from the Lea County border. Company officials expect the project to create about 300 construction jobs and 50 permanent positions.
11/7/17	Center of Recreational Excellence (CORE)**	Lea	75	Hobbs's Center of Recreational Excellence (CORE), a \$63.5 million, state-of-the-art community center, will open in May 2018, near the Lea County Event Center. Construction has created more than 300 jobs, and the facility will employ about 75 people at full operation.
7/5/17	Cotton Patch Café	Lea	50-99	Cotton Patch Café, a Texas-based chain featuring home-style Southern food, opened a newly constructed 4,000-square-foot restaurant in Hobbs. The company's Clovis location employs 50 to 99 people, according to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system.
11/3/17	Denny's**	Grant	na	A new Denny's restaurant opened in Silver City at the former Red Barn Steakhouse location. According to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system, employment ranges from 20 to 49 people at most existing Denny's restaurants and from 50 to 99 at several others.
3/15/17	DEPCOM Power	Luna	2-4	The 25-megawatt Alta Luna Solar Project, built by DEPCOM Power to supply electricity to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., officially opened on March 16 northeast of Deming. The construction phase lasted more than a year and created about 140 jobs.
2/11/17	Gallup Energy Logistics Park	McKinley	na	The recently completed initial phase at the Gallup Energy Logistics Park, a 2,500-acre development located five miles northwest of Gallup, created more than 50 construction jobs and connected the site to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad's main line, the Southern Transition.
9/7/17	Hobby Lobby	Otero	70	Construction is under way at Alamogordo's White Sands Mall for a standalone Hobby Lobby store that will open next year and employ about 70 people.
4/2/17	Safelite AutoGlass	Sandoval	900	Safelite AutoGlass, the world's largest vehicle glass repair and replacement company, in February opened a claims processing and support center at the former Sprint call center facility in Rio Rancho and has so far hired 800 full- and part-time employees.
9/22/16	CanAmPac3, LLC	San Miguel	200+	The independent feature "Making a Killing," starring Christopher Lloyd, Michael Jai White, Sally Kirkland, and Mike Starr, was set to film in Las Vegas, N.M., and Montezuma through October, employing 20 New Mexico crew members, 15 resident actors, and 30 local extras.
6/28/17	Annupurna Pictures	Santa Fe	200+	"The Ballad of Buster Scruggs," a Coen Brothers' feature-length series of Westerns, comprising six different stories, will film from mid-July through September, mostly in the Santa Fe area, employing more than 200 New Mexico crew members and actors and 800 local extras.
5/2/17	Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa	Santa Fe	na	The redevelopment of Santa Fe's Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa, which closed in October 2015, is under way and slated for completion next summer during the resort's centennial anniversary year. The project will create about 230 construction jobs.
9/29/17	Chick-fil-A	Santa Fe	70	Chick-fil-A in early 2018 will open its first Santa Fe location, at the College Plaza South shopping center, on Carrillos Road near St. Michael's Drive, employing about 70 people.
10/10/17	The Legacy at Santa Fe	Santa Fe	40-50	The Legacy at Santa Fe, a new 84-unit senior living community located near NM 599 at Avenida Aldea and Camino Botanica, held a hiring event on October 20. The facility will likely employ 40 to 50 people when fully leased.
11/13/17	MorningStar Senior Living and Concurrent Senior Living are partnering on a new 71,000-square-foot, 85-unit assisted-living and memory-care facility in Santa Fe that will open by fall 2018. A slightly smaller MorningStar community opened last year in Albuquerque, creating about 40 jobs.	Santa Fe	40	
7/3/17	Presbyterian Healthcare Services	Santa Fe	295	Presbyterian revised plans for its new medical center in Santa Fe, and the facility will now include a completed third floor when it opens in late 2018. The center, currently under construction in the Las Soleras development, near Cerrillos Road and I-25, will employ about 295 people.
6/20/17	Second Street Brewery	Santa Fe	35	Second Street Brewery will open a third Santa Fe location, to include a taproom, cannery, and brewery, later this year in a former mattress warehouse at 2920 Rufina Street. The new development will create about 20 construction jobs and up to 35 permanent positions.
9/29/17	Suretone	Santa Fe	80+	"The Kid," a Western starring Vincent D'Onofrio, Ethan Hawke, Dane DeHaan, and Jake Schur, was set to film in Santa Fe from late September through October, employing about 80 New Mexico crew members, 20 resident actors, and 500 local background performers.
11/2/17	Avangrid Renewables**	Torrance	17	Peak construction created about 500 jobs at Avangrid Renewables' massive El Cabo Wind Farm, a 298-megawatt facility in central Torrance County that will be fully operational by year's end, employing 17 permanent workers.
8/7/17	Hotel Don Fernando de Taos	Taos	52	A Taos developer is renovating the Hotel Don Fernando de Taos, which opened in 1989 and closed in January 2016, and hopes to reopen the property by the end of the year with a staff of about 52.
11/14/17	Facebook**	Valencia	300	Facebook announced plans to triple the size of its Los Lunas data center to include six buildings, likely keeping 800 to 1,000 construction workers per day on site through 2023. Company officials expect the facility to employ about 300 permanent workers at full operation.
4/6/17	Keter Plastics	Valencia	175	Keter Plastics, a producer of patio furniture, outdoor sheds, toolboxes, housewares, and more, will expand and renovate the former Solo Cup facility in Belen for a new manufacturing operation that will employ 75 people by the end of this year and 175 within two to three years.
10/3/17	Autumn Ent., LuckyChap Ent. and Romulus Ent.	Statewide	100+	The feature dramathriller "Dreamland," starring Margot Robbie, Finn Cole, and Travis Fimmel, will be slated to film at multiple locations from mid-October to mid-November, employing about 100 New Mexico crew members, 18 resident actors, and 225 local background performers.
8/2/17	AwsumbnessTV	Statewide	55+	The TV series "1883," created and directed by Albuquerque native Hannah Macpherson, was set to film its first season in and around Albuquerque from early August to mid-September, employing about 55 New Mexico crew members, 30 local actors, and more than 300 extras.
9/8/17	Dick's Barbecue Pit	Statewide	na	Dick's Barbecue Pit, with existing New Mexico locations in Albuquerque, Rudolfo, Farmington, and Hobbs, will soon open three new restaurants in the state, two in Albuquerque in 2018 and one in Santa Fe by early 2019. Recent openings in other states created 15 to 20 jobs each.
7/18/17	Isabel Productions, LLC	Statewide	90+	The independent feature "Isabel," starring Anthony Gonzalez, Genesis Rodriguez, Matthew Moreno, and Omar Levya, was scheduled to film from July through early August in Albuquerque and Española, employing 80 New Mexico crew members, 40 local actors, and 500 extras.
7/12/17	Imperative Entertainment and Rough House Pictures	Statewide	115+	The feature comedy "Arizona," starring Danny McBride, Rosemarie DeWitt, and Luke Wilson, recently completed filming in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho, employing 115 New Mexico crew members, 12 resident actors, and about 50 local extras.
10/17/17	R Taco	Statewide	80-120	R Taco, a fast-casual taco chain that is majority-owned by Buffalo Wild Wings, intends to open four New Mexico restaurants, in Albuquerque and Las Cruces, by 2021, with each employing 20 to 30 people. The business currently has 24 locations in seven states.
11/21/17	Willenberger Productions, LLC*	Statewide	55+	The independent feature "Willenberger," starring Ewen Bremner, Antony Starr, and W. Earl Brown, was slated to film from mid-November through December at multiple locations, employing 55 New Mexico crew members, 10 resident actors, and about 60 local background performers.

Closings

News Date	Company	County	Ending Empl.	Comments
8/30/17	Brickfish Grill	Bernalillo	50-99	Brickfish Grill, a casual dining seafood chain, closed its only New Mexico location in August when its lease ended at Albuquerque's Coronado Center. The restaurant employed 50 to 99 people, according to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system.
7/26/17	Clam Jumper Restaurant & Saloon	Bernalillo	60-80	Clam Jumper Restaurants, LLC, based in Irvine, California, announced the closure of its site New Mexico location, at Jefferson and Interstate 25 NE in Albuquerque. The operation employed 50 to 99 people, according to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system.
9/15/17	Sears	Curry	50-99	Sears will close its North Plains Mall location in Clovis by the end of the year. The store, which opened in 1958 at 701 Main Street, employs 50 to 99 people, according to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system.
9/8/17	Kmart	Ctero	50-99	Alamogordo's Kmart store, located in the White Sands Mall, closed in early September after liquidating its inventory. Kmart had operated in the city for 41 years, and the store recently employed 50 to 99 people, according to the New Mexico Workforce Connection online system.
4/16/17	Capital City Cab	Santa Fe	50	Santa Fe's only cab company, Capital City Cab, closed after more than 30 years in business, eliminating about 50 jobs. The company struggled to recover from the Great Recession and in recent years faced increased competition from ride-sharing services Uber and Lyft.
4/13/17	Santa Fe University of Art and Design	Santa Fe	75	Santa Fe University of Art and Design, a for-profit, four-year accredited university, will close after the 2017-2018 academic year because of financial difficulties and declining enrollment. The school's full-time staff numbers about 75.
5/10/17	Sears	Santa Fe	50-99	The Sears store and Sears Auto Center at Santa Fe Place mall are slated to close this summer as part of a continued national downsizing. The combined number of displaced workers will likely be between 50 and 99.
7/27/17	CoreCivic	Torrance	203	Nashville, Tennessee-based CoreCivic, formerly Corrections Corporation of America, will close the Torrance County Detention Facility in Estancia by September 22, eliminating 203 jobs. The company cited a persistently low inmate population as reason for the closure.

* - INDICATES NEW ENTRY THIS MONTH.

** - INDICATES UPDATED INFORMATION IN ENTRY.

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