

Economic and Rural Development and Policy Committee

August 3, 2026

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Economic Development Corporation**

Mission:

To enrich lives through learning

Three Academic Schools offering certificates and associate degrees

Arts and Sciences 10 programs

Health Sciences 9 programs

Technical Education 6 programs



Geographical Area of Responsibility

Chaves County and Artesia

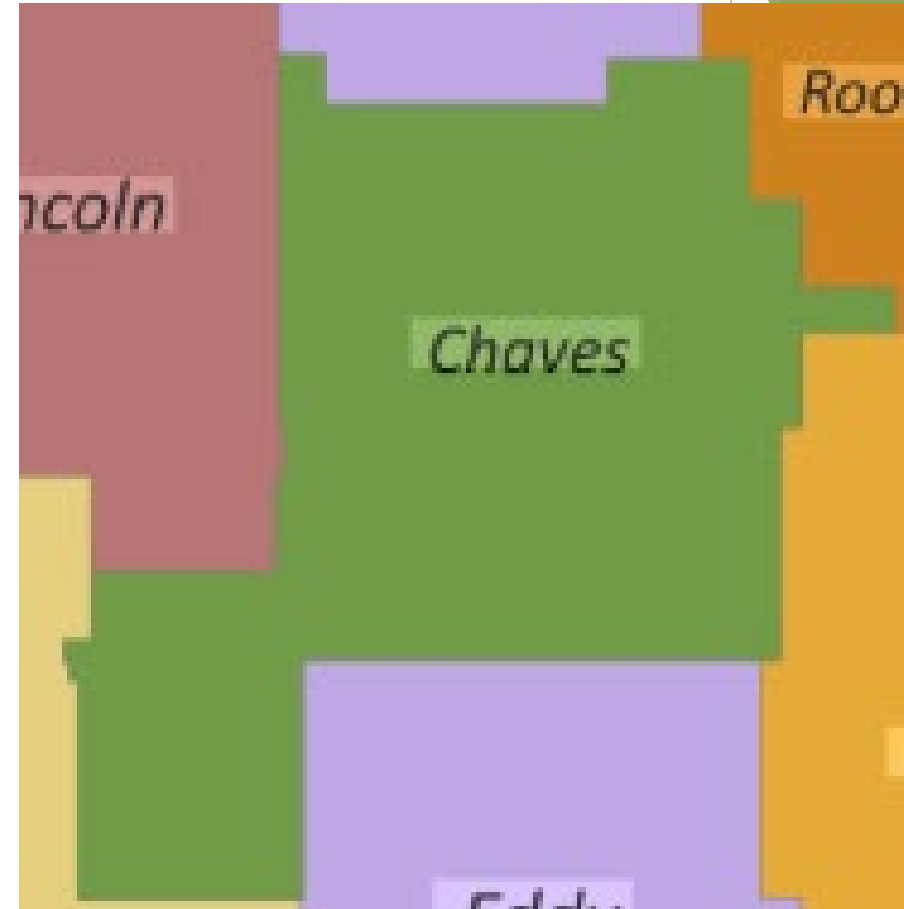
Typically 85 to 90% of our students are from our GAR

An additional 5 to 10% of students are from New Mexico

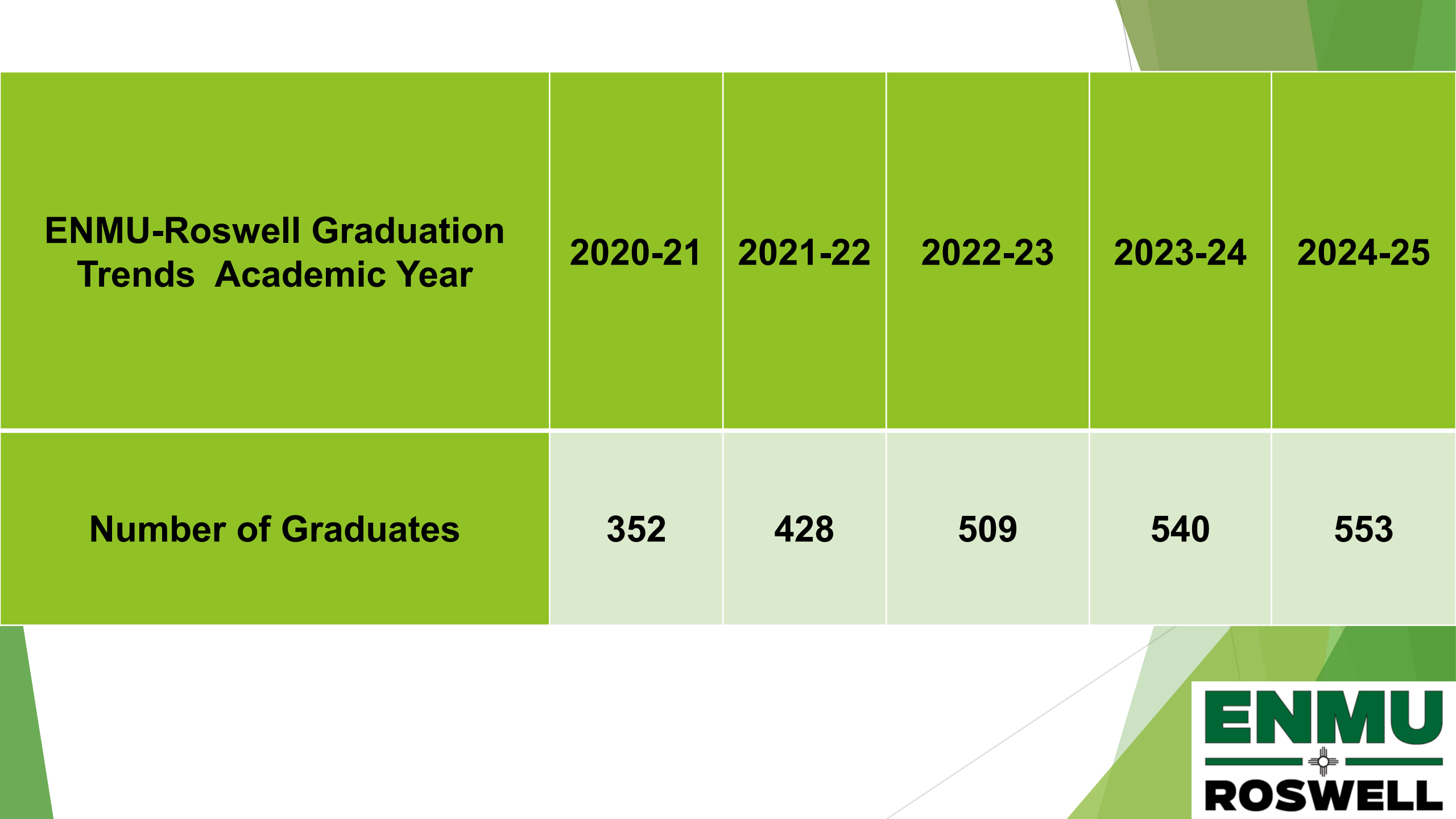
A small percentage of students are from out of state or international

Spring 2026 Student Age Range - 14 to 78

Student Body is reflective of Chaves County's population



ENMU-Roswell Enrollment Academic Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Unduplicated Head Count	2,349	2,472	2,797	2,808	2,886
Fall	1,695	1,639	1,856	1,970	2,065
Spring	1,634	1,708	2,028	2,034	2,004
Summer	452	505	529	503	480



ENMU-Roswell Graduation Trends Academic Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Number of Graduates	352	428	509	540	553

Capital Projects	Status	Projected Completion Date
Sidewalk Replacement	Phase Two	12.31.2026
Fire Suppression (sprinklers)	Two Buildings Complete Third Building in process	12/31/2026
Aviation Maintenance Expansion	Approval Phase September State Board of Finance	12/31/2028
ITC Roof Replacement	Construction In Process	05.30.2027
Connect Community IT Project	Purchasing Phase	06.30.2027
Greenhouse	Planning Phase	TBD
Pavilion	Installation Phase	9.1.2026

Workforce Training GRO Funding





- **Workforce Training Government Results and Opportunity Funding**
 - **2,325 Number of Individuals Have Received Training Since GRO Funding Started Two Years Ago**
 - **Top Programs**
 - **CDL Class A**
 - **FAA Part 107 Drone Pre-License Course**
 - **Safety and Specialized Vocational Training**
 - **Aviation Industry**
 - **Roswell First Responders (Swift Water Rescue)**
 - **EMT Certification Courses**
 - **Early Childhood Development**

Health and Wellness

- a. TimelyCare
- b. Physical Education Center
- c. Outdoor track and exercise equipment
- d. Two fun/run walks (Turkey Trot and Spring Blast)



Spring 2026 Ribbon Cutting for Health Sciences Renovation





Spring 2026 First Semester for Livestock Judging Team





















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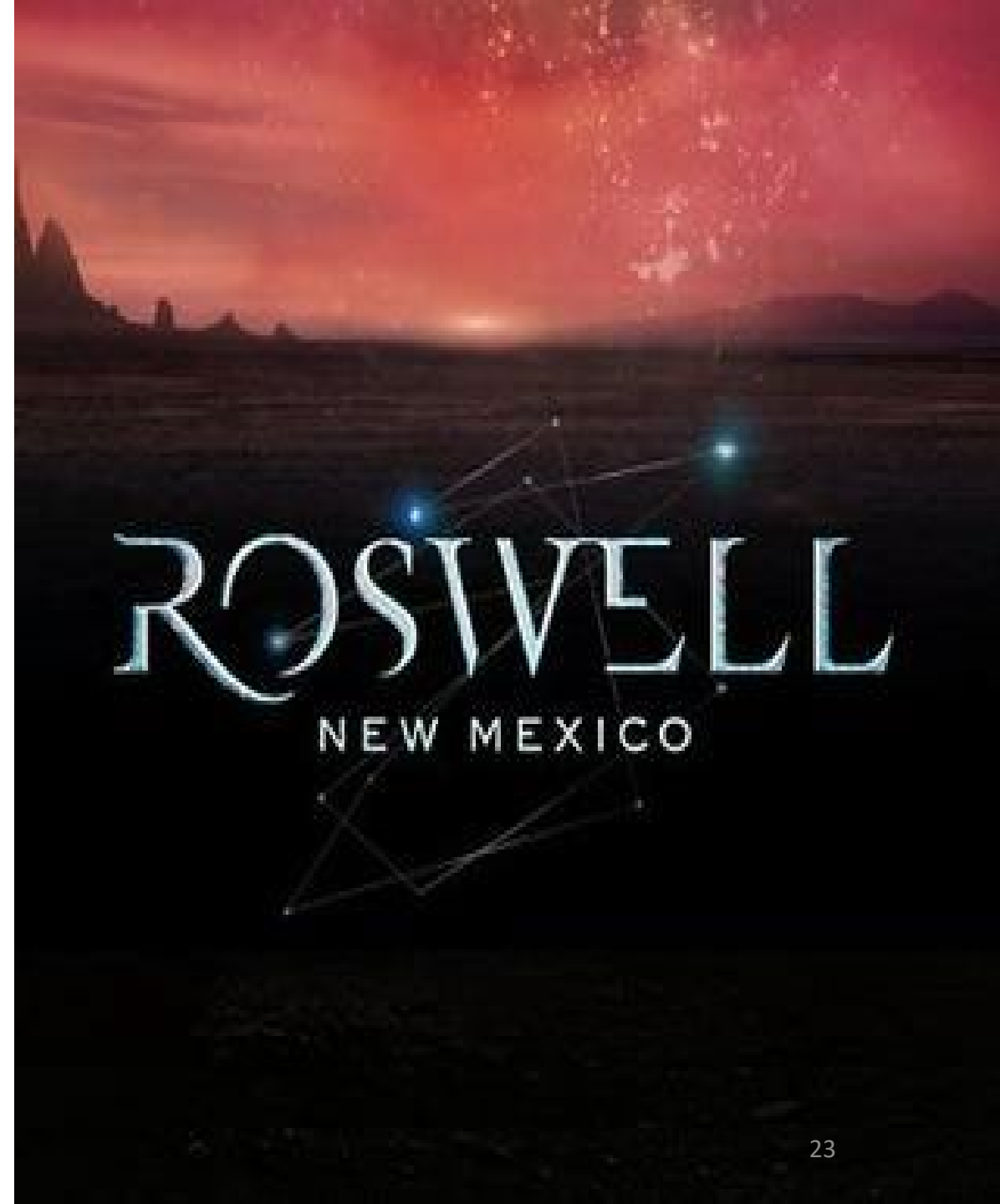
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Our Top Objectives

- **Business Attraction and Recruitment**
- **Business Retention and Expansion**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Community Development**
- **Teaming together for a stronger Roswell-Chaves County**



**Directly attributed to the NMED LEADS
grant awards for site readiness projects.**

- **Amazon**
 - 100 + jobs, \$14m Capex
- **Equipment Share**
 - 50 jobs, \$11m Capex
- **Project Okie**
 - 50 jobs, \$9.4m Capex
- **Project Seeker**
 - 1,275 jobs, \$23.5m Capex



The National Championship Air Races



- 60 years in Reno, Nevada – NASCAR in the sky!
- Recruitment started in 2023-announced 2024, first race 2025. Competed with 38 cities
- 2025 Economic Impact
 - \$29.6m
 - 56,000 attendees - 48 states, 16 countries
 - 40 racers
- 2026 (Sept 16-20)
 - Over 100 racers
 - USAF Thunderbirds
 - New Mach Course with speeds 600+ mph
 - Partnership with ENMU-R and huge STEM Discovery Zone





- **Project Roswell Information Park**
 - Hyperscale project
 - 10-year construction build
 - Estimated 1,302 jobs (850 construction)
 - Capex \$11B
- **Project Aero – an electric bus manufacturer**
 - 2m Square foot manufacturing plant
 - Estimated 1,000 jobs Capex \$552m
 - \$5m pre-LEDA award
- **Project Hail – Aviation and Drone manufacturer**
 - Estimated 229 jobs Capex \$43m
- **Contact Roswell**
- **And several more still in preliminary stages**





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