

Key Facts on Boys and Men in New Mexico



Boys and men are facing challenges on many fronts, including education, health and work.

26%

26% of men aged 25-54 have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 36% of women.

19%

Only 19% of boys in the fourth grade are reading at or above the proficient level—lowest in the nation—compared to 22% of girls.

39%

Men's share of undergraduate enrollment is 39%, compared with 61% for women.

65%

Men account for 65% of the unsheltered population and 60% of people experiencing homelessness.

18%

Among men aged 25-54, 18% don't have health insurance, compared to 12% of women.

18%

18% of New Mexico men aged 16-24 are neither working nor in school—third highest in the nation.

40

New Mexico's male suicide rate is 40 per 100,000—fourth highest in the nation.

42

There were 42 Native American male suicide deaths per 100,000.

49

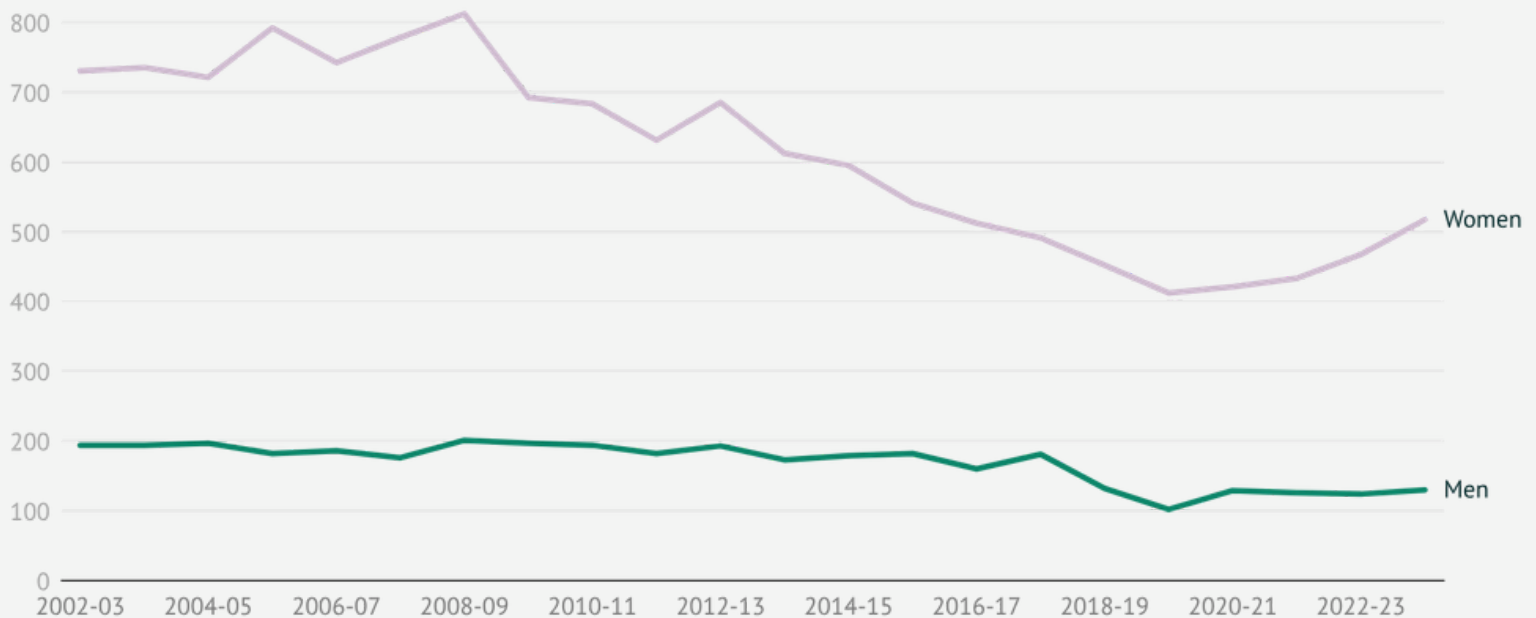
New Mexico's male overdose death rate is 49 per 100,000—fifth highest in the nation.

New Mexico: Male Teachers

The state of male teachers and the teacher pipeline

Education degrees are declining for both men and women, and men earn far fewer.

Number of bachelor's degrees in education awarded in New Mexico by gender (2003-2024)



33%

Education bachelor's degrees earned by men in New Mexico fell 33%, from 194 in 2003 to 130 in 2024. The male share of education bachelor's degrees is 20%.

23%

In New Mexico, men accounted for about 23% of teachers in 2024, compared to 29% in 1970.

14%

Only 14% of early childhood education teachers in New Mexico public schools are men.