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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Legislative Education Study Committee

**FR:** Pamela Herman, J.D.

**RE: THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION: 2011 KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK,  
NEW MEXICO DATA**

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Each year, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a private charitable organization based in Baltimore, Maryland, publishes the *KIDS COUNT Data Book*. According to the foundation’s website, the annual publication “profiles the status of children on a national and state-by-state basis and ranks states on 10 measures of well-being.” The foundation states that it provides funding and technical assistance for a nationwide network of grantee projects that collect data on and advocate for the well-being of children at the state and local levels. The New Mexico grantee is New Mexico Voices for Children, a nonprofit child-advocacy group based in Albuquerque.

The *2011 KIDS COUNT Data Book* was released on August 17, 2011. Each state profile (see Attachment) includes most recent year data, changes from 2000 year data, comparisons with national recent and 2000 data, and the state’s national rank overall and for the following indicators:

- percent low-birthweight babies;
- infant mortality rate;
- child death rate;
- teen death rate;
- percent of teens not in school and not high school graduates;
- percent of teens not attending school and not working;
- percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment;
- percent of children in poverty; and
- percent of children in single-parent families.

## 2011 KIDS COUNT® Data Book

The Annie E. Casey Foundation

# New Mexico

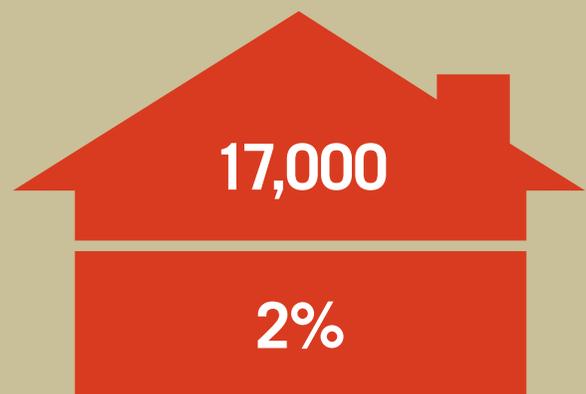
The recession hit vulnerable families hard, and unemployment and foreclosure starts remain high. In 2010, 11 percent of children in the U.S. had at least one unemployed parent and 4 percent have been affected by foreclosure since 2007. It is critical that we address these economic challenges to ensure the well-being of children, families, and the nation.

Find more state and community-level data at the KIDS COUNT Data Center: [datacenter.kidscount.org/NM](http://datacenter.kidscount.org/NM)

## New Mexico



**Children With at Least One Unemployed Parent: 2010**



**Children Affected by Foreclosure Since 2007**

Find more information and the definitions and data sources for indicators at: [datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2011](http://datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2011)

# New Mexico

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KEY INDICATORS	STATE TREND			NATIONAL TREND			NATIONAL RANK
<b>Percent low-birthweight babies</b>	2000	8.0	6%	2000	7.6	8%	34
	2008	8.5		2008	8.2		
<b>Infant mortality rate</b> (deaths per 1,000 live births)	2000	6.6	-5%	2000	6.9	-1%	13
	2007	6.3		2007	6.8		
<b>Child death rate</b> (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1–14)	2000	20	20%	2000	22	-14%	42
	2007	24		2007	19		
<b>Teen death rate</b> (deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15–19)	2000	99	-3%	2000	67	-7%	48
	2007	96		2007	62		
<b>Teen birth rate</b> (births per 1,000 females ages 15–19)	2000	66	-3%	2000	48	-15%	49
	2008	64		2008	41		
<b>Percent of teens not in school and not high school graduates</b> (ages 16–19)	2000	16	-44%	2000	11	-45%	47
	2009	9		2009	6		
<b>Percent of teens not attending school and not working</b> (ages 16–19)	2000	N.A.	—	2000	N.A.	—	40
	2009	11		2009	9		
<b>Percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment</b>	2000	N.A.	—	2000	N.A.	—	30
	2009	32		2009	31		
<b>Percent of children in poverty</b> (income below \$21,756 for a family of two adults and two children in 2009)	2000	26	-4%	2000	17	18%	46
	2009	25		2009	20		
<b>Percent of children in single-parent families</b>	2000	33	24%	2000	31	10%	48
	2009	41		2009	34		

### PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME

GETTING BETTER

GETTING WORSE

N.A.: Comparable data not available for 2000 for these indicators. Find more information and the definitions and data sources for indicators at: [datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2011](http://datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2011)