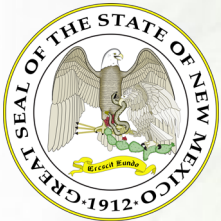


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Food Initiative Updates

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GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

FOOD INITIATIVE

CULTIVATING A NEW FOOD SYSTEM

Overview



The Food Initiative is an expression of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's commitment to build a robust food system that feeds New Mexicans and creates food access for those dealing with food insecurity.

Since 2019

1,719,389,896

Meals for New Mexicans

2,062,446,647

Pounds of food

Focus Areas



Multi-Agency Commitment



The Food Initiative is a multi-agency commitment that brings together fifteen agencies representing every aspect of New Mexico's food system.



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MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM



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NEW MEXICO
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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FY23 Successes



\$24.7M

New
Investment

9

State
Agencies

944

Farm & Ranch
Partners

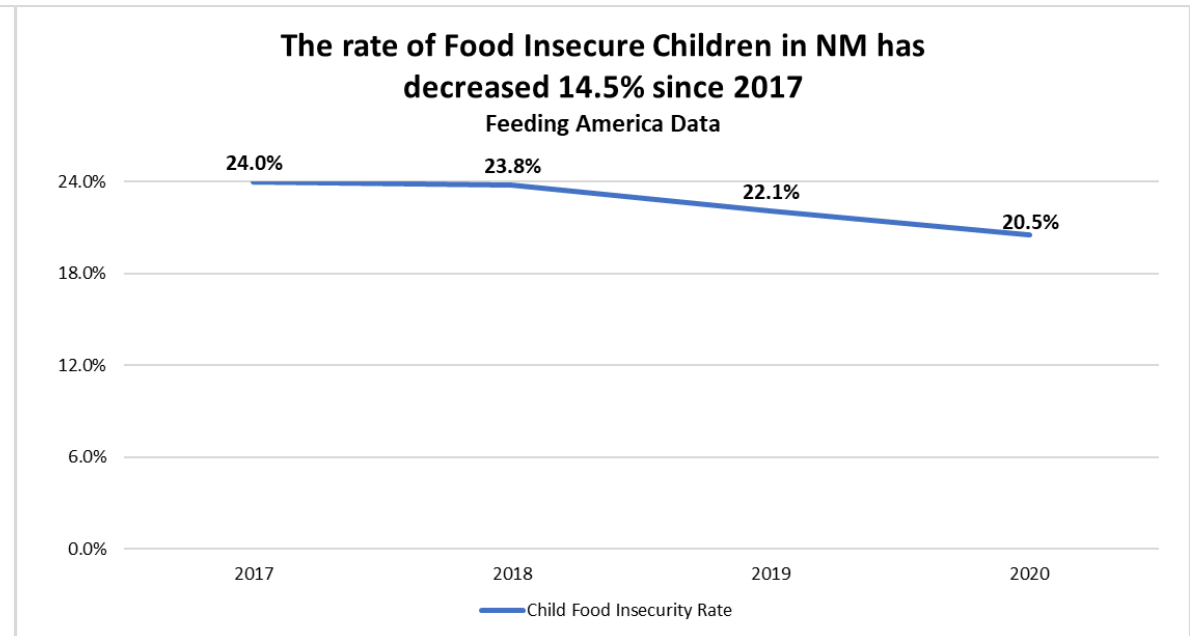
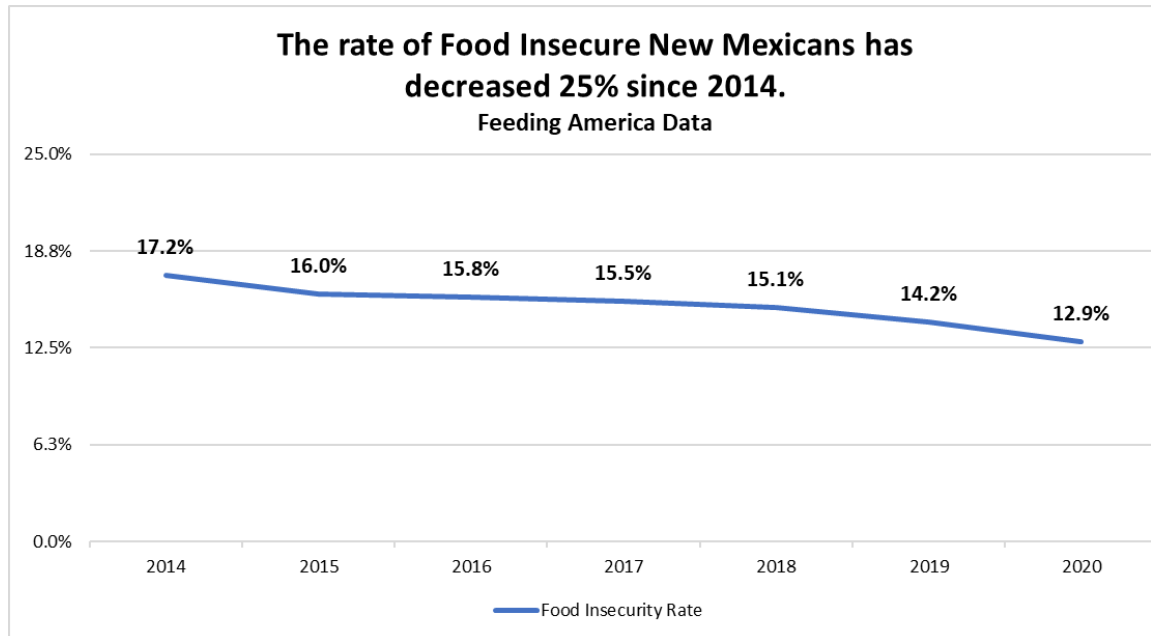
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Food Security
Grant Awardees



Food Insecurity Rates

Our commitment is working as food insecurity rates continue to decline in New Mexico. According to USDA metrics, New Mexico is the most improved state in the nation.



Food Bank & Food Pantry Support



In FY23, over **\$9.5 million** in funding will be provided to New Mexico's food banks and food pantries through the Food Initiative.

- NM Food Security Grant
- Farm to Food Bank *Federal funding
- Community Food Assistance Program
- Rural-In House Pantries for Seniors

“Food insecurity in a state the geographic size of New Mexico is not easy to address. These initiatives have certainly made a positive impact on assisting us in our fight against hunger. The focus areas that the initiative has identified will definitely help us develop a sustainable food system beneficial to all New Mexicans.” – Lorenzo Alba, Jr. – Executive Director at Casa de Peregrinos in Doña Ana County



Roadrunner Food Bank

Investments in Action



Investments in Action



Investing for tomorrow, delivering today

Data Spotlight: Casa De Peregrinos



22,000

Individuals
Impacted

5.1M

Meals
Served

6.1M

Lbs. of
Food

FY24 Priorities



The state has had significant success in FY23 in addressing hunger and improving our food system. However, New Mexico will need to increase its investment to further the commitment of getting food to those in need.

Increase base budget by \$14.3 million

Prioritize investments that strengthen:

- Senior and child food security
- Food is Medicine interventions
- Meal quality improvements
- Young and beginning farmers and ranchers
- Food security infrastructure



Bernalillo County: Hubble House

Thank You

