

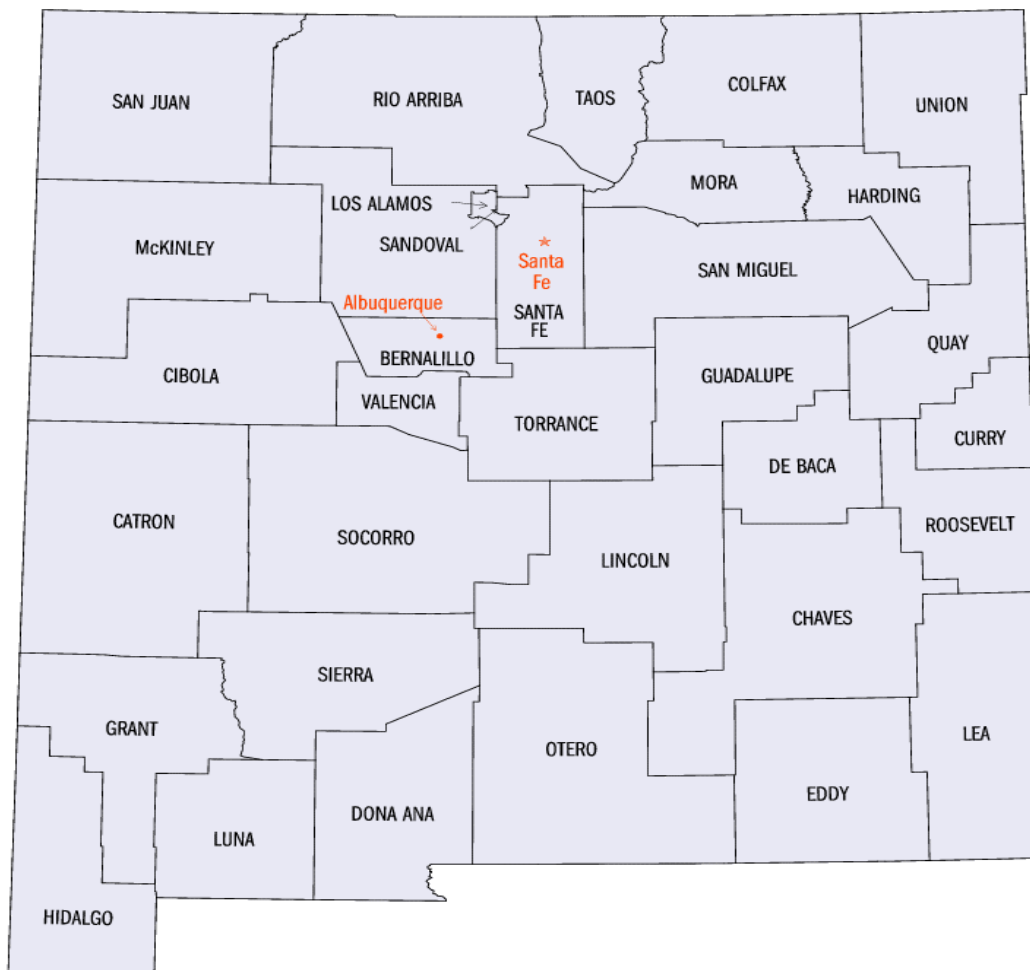
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Carlsbad

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 25,625
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 79.4% white; 2.3% black/African American; 1.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.7% Asian; 16.3% other; 2.6% two or more races; 37.7% Hispanic
- County: Eddy

Politics²

- Mayor: Gary Perkowski
- City Council (Ward): Paul Aguilar (1); Jimmie Cisneros (1); Renee McGuire (2); Manuel Anaya (2); Chuck Wiggins (3); Dan Funchess (3); Robert Murray II (4); Larry Henderson (4)
- Chief of Police, Carlsbad: Jim Koch
- Sheriff, Eddy County: Kent Waller

Programs/Initiatives³

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
Designated in 1990, the Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership is responsible for thirteen counties, including Eddy County. In addition to these thirteen counties, the New Mexico Partnership region also encompasses four ports of entry and approximately 180 miles of international border shared with Mexico.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2000, there were nearly 1,200 larceny-theft offenses known to police in Carlsbad.⁴

Number of Offenses Known to Police, Carlsbad, 2000

Offense Type	Number
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	3
Forcible rape	11
Robbery	20
Aggravated assault	100
Burglary	333
Larceny-theft	1,194
Motor vehicle theft	67
Arson	10

- From January to April 2001, there were 2 drug offenses reported to the Eddy County Sheriff's Office.⁵

Offenses Reported to Eddy County Sheriff's Office, 1998-January to April 2001

Offense	Full year 1998	Full year 1999	Full year 2000	Jan-April 2001
Homicide/attempted homicide	0	1	1	0
Robbery	1	2	1	0
Assault and battery	27	34	39	15
Aggravated assault and battery	26	19	7	6
Burglary	75	37	80	12
Larceny	75	83	78	29
Motor vehicle theft	22	27	18	3
Drug offenses	2	7	5	2
DUI (alcohol and/or drugs)	34	31	32	11

Drugs⁶

- Cocaine
The importation, distribution, and consumption of powder and crack cocaine are the biggest threats in the New Mexico Partnership (HIDTA) region.
- Heroin
The availability of Mexican black tar heroin continues to increase throughout New Mexico. Brown and white heroin have also been encountered in the State.
- Marijuana
Mexican marijuana is the most prevalent drug abused in the New Mexico Partnership (HIDTA) region.
- Methamphetamine
The availability of methamphetamine from Mexico, California, and also produced locally is increasing rapidly.

Juveniles⁷

- The dropout rate among Carlsbad students in grades 9-12 is 2.79%. This is lower than the New Mexico rate, which is 6%. Among those students in grades 7-8, the rate is 0.42% in Carlsbad, and 1.3% throughout the State of New Mexico.
- During the 2000-2001 school year, there were 28 drug violations reported at Carlsbad High School.

Drug/Alcohol Violations Committed by Students, Carlsbad, 2000-2001

School	Drug Violations	Alcohol Violations
District total	37	6
J.S. Smith Elementary	0	0
Alta Vista Middle	0	0
P.R. Leyva Middle	8	2
Carlsbad High School	28	3
CHS Phoenix	1	1

- There were 177 aggravated assaults reported in the Carlsbad District during 2000-2001.

Number of Assaults Committed by Students, Carlsbad, 2000-2001

School	Aggravated assault/battery	Simple assault/battery	Other assault/battery
District total	177	12	1
Craft Elementary	2	4	0
Hillcrest Elementary	0	1	0
J.S. Smith Elementary	4	3	0
Alta Vista Middle	19	0	1
P.R. Leyva Middle	73	0	0
Carlsbad High School	75	0	0
CHS Phoenix	4	4	0

- During the 2000-2001 school year, there were also 10 instances of gang activity reported throughout the Carlsbad District.

Other Criminal Offenses Committed by Students, Carlsbad, 2000-2001

School	Knife possession	Other weapon possession*	Gang activity
District total	9	2	10
J.S. Smith Elementary	3	0	0
Alta Vista Middle	3	1	0
P.R. Leyva Middle	0	0	7
Carlsbad High School	3	1	0
CHS Phoenix	0	0	3

*Does not include firearm possession. During 2000-2001, there were no instances of firearm possession reported in Carlsbad District.

Enforcement

- Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership initiatives include the following:⁸
 - Region VI Multi-Agency Task Force: This initiative consists of collocated, multi-agency task forces in five areas, including Eddy County. The purpose of this initiative is to interdict bulk quantities of illicit drugs smuggled into the country from Mexico and to identify and dismantle pipeline organizations and major narcotics suppliers and distributors at the Border.
 - New Mexico Enhanced Line Watch Operations: This initiative is made up of several Federal, State, and local agencies which are brought together for temporary specific operations along the Border, focusing on gangs involved with the interdiction of narcotics, weapons, and drug proceeds trafficked through southern New Mexico.
 - New Mexico Regional Coordination Center: This center provides a base of operations to coordinate joint law enforcement drug interdiction and special operations along the New Mexico/Mexico border.
- As of October 31, 2000, there were 57 full-time law enforcement employees working in Carlsbad. 43 of these employees were officers, while the remainder were civilians.⁹

Trafficking and Seizures¹⁰

- Most of the New Mexico/Mexico border area is open desert, barren and generally uninhabited offering drug smugglers easy access into the United States and to major interstate highways. Also, the areas between the ports of entry offer favorable conditions of smuggling alternatives.
- The proximity to the Ciudad Juarez, Mexico/El Paso, Texas corridor threatens the region since this corridor is a major contributor to the flow of narcotics into and through the region.
- Drug traffickers are increasingly exploiting the NAFTA provisions, which brought about significant increases in commercial trade.
- Freight trains and commercial motor vehicle carriers which cross the Texas/New Mexico and Mexican borders, travel through New Mexico and are frequently used by major Mexican drug trafficking organizations to transport drugs into the United States.

Courts¹¹

- As of January 17, 2002, there were no drug courts being planned or in existence in Carlsbad.

Consequences of Use¹²

- During 2000, there were 2 drug caused deaths in Eddy County reported by the New Mexico Office of Medical Investigator.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² Carlsbad Web site: <http://www.carlsbadnm.com/masterweb/>

³ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Web site, Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership Fact Sheet: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/enforce/hidta/nmex-fs.html>

⁴ Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2000*, October 2001: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/00cius.htm>

⁵ Eddy County Sheriff's Office, Statistics: <http://www.pecos.f2s.com/so/sostats.html>

⁶ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Web site, Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership Fact Sheet: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/enforce/hidta/nmex-fs.html>

⁷ Carlsbad Municipal Schools, *Accountability Report, 2000-2001 School Year*, January 2002: <http://www.carlsbad.k12.nm.us/cms/Accountabilty%20Reports/accountability%20report%202001%20revised%20ps.pdf>

⁸ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Web site, Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership Fact Sheet: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/enforce/hidta/nmex-fs.html>

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¹¹ OJP Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project, *Summary of Drug Court Activity by State and County*, January 17, 2002: <http://www.american.edu/spa/justice/publications/drgchart2k.pdf>

¹² New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator, *Annual Report 2000*: <http://omi.unm.edu/00AR.pdf>

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