New Mexico Data Focus

Union Membership in New Mexico

This month’s data focus presents information from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on U.S. and New Mexico union membership. Union membership data are collected through the Current Population Survey (CPS) and published annually by BLS. Data count union members (i.e., persons who identify as being a member of a labor union or an employee association similar to a union) among the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over. The union membership rate measures union members as a percentage of all persons employed (sometimes referred to simply as percentage union members). For more information, visit https://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.toc.htm.

**United States**

- **Union Membership & Gender**
  - **MEN** made up **55.1%** of union members
  - **WOMEN** made up **44.9%** of union members
  - 11.4% of MEN were union members
  - 10.0% of WOMEN were union members

- **Union members in 2017 = 14,817,000**

**Industries & Occupations**

- **Highest Union Membership Rates**
  - **Industries**
    - Public Sector: 34.4%
    - Transportation & Utilities: 18.3%
    - Construction: 14.0%
    - Information: 9.8%
    - Manufacturing: 7.1%
  - **Occupations**
    - Protective Service: 34.7%
    - Education, Training & Library: 33.5%
    - Construction & Extraction: 19.3%
    - Installation, Maintenance & Repair: 15.5%
    - Community & Social Service: 15.3%

**States**

- **New Mexico**
  - **Highest** 18% or more
    - New York: 23.8%
    - Hawaii: 21.3%
    - Washington: 18.8%
    - Alaska: 18.1%
  - **Lowest** 4% or less
    - Arizona: 4.0%
    - Georgia: 4.0%
    - Utah: 3.9%
    - North Carolina: 3.4%
    - South Carolina: 2.6%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- **WOMEN**
  - White: 9.7%
  - Black: 11.7%
  - Asian: 9.7%
  - Hisp./Latino: 9.1%

- **MEN**
  - White: 11.4%
  - Black: 13.7%
  - Asian: 8.2%
  - Hisp./Latino: 9.5%

**Age**

- 65 +: 4.4%
- 55 to 64: 20.5%
- 45 to 54: 25.5%
- 35 to 44: 23.1%
- 25 to 34: 20.7%
- 16 to 24: 5.9%

**Union Membership Rates**

- **New Mexico** 6.7%