This month’s data focus looks at New Mexico’s youth by Workforce Region. (For information on youth by county, please see the special article titled New Mexico Data Focus: Youth, found in the August 2019 edition of the Labor Market Review, available at https://www.dws.state.nm.us/Portals/0/DM/LMI/NM_Data_Focus_Youth.pdf) All data are provided by the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2013–2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, specifically tables S0101, S1401, B15001, B01001, B17024, B06001, B23001, and B14005. For more information on the survey, please visit https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs.

### New Mexico Data Focus: Profile of Youth by Workforce Region

- In 2017 about two out of five New Mexican youth aged 16 to 24 lived in the Central Region.
- About 15.6 percent of the population in the Southwestern Region were aged 16 to 24, the highest rate of any region in the state and higher than the state share of 12.3 percent.
- The Southwestern Region had the highest percentage of youth aged 18 to 24 who were white alone (88.7 percent) while 33.5 percent of youth in the Northern Region were Native American. The Eastern Region had the highest percentage of black youth in the state (6.0 percent).
- About 68.7 percent of youth in the Southwestern Region were Hispanic, more than three times the rate of Hispanic youth in the United States (21.4 percent).
- Among all regions in the state, the Northern Region had the highest percentage of youth who were born in New Mexico (70.9 percent) and the lowest percentage of youth who were born in another state in the U.S. (22.5 percent).
- In the Southwestern Region, 47.7 percent of youth aged 18 to 24 were enrolled in college or graduate school, a rate 11.6 percentage points higher than the state rate of 36.1 percent and 5.1 percentage points higher than the national rate of 42.6 percent.
- Among all regions in the state, the Eastern Region had the lowest percentage of out-of-school youth aged 16 to 19 who were unemployed or not in the labor force (44.0 percent).
Data Focus

Profile of Youth in the U.S.

**Population of Youth Ages 16–24:** 39,526,048
**Share of Total Population:** 12.3%

**Demographics of Youth Ages 18–24**

- **Race:**
  - White Alone 68.2%
  - Black/African American 15.1%
  - Asian 5.4%
  - Native American 1.0%
  - Other 6.4%

- **Ethnicity:**
  - Not Hispanic 78.6%
  - Hispanic 21.4%

- **Place of Birth:**
  - Born in Residence State 65.4%
  - Born in other US state 23.1%
  - Native-born outside US 1.6%
  - Foreign born 9.9%

**School Enrollment**

- **Youth Ages 16–19 Enrolled in School:** 14,606,919
- **Youth Ages 16–19 Not Enrolled in School:** 2,417,164
  - High school graduate (includes eqv.): 1,744,424
  - Not high school graduate: 672,740

- **Percent of Youth Ages 18–24 Enrolled in College or Graduate School:** 42.6%

**Educational Attainment**

- **Youth Ages 18–24**
  - Less than 9th grade: 489,323
  - 9th to 12th grade, no diploma: 3,680,533
  - High school graduate (includes eqv.): 9,479,784
  - Some college, no degree: 12,605,519
  - Bachelor's degree: 1,617,221
  - Associate's degree: 3,022,986
  - Graduate or professional degree: 236,118

**Income**

- **Ratio of Income to Poverty Level for Youth Ages 18–24**
  - 0.00 to 0.99: 6,542,077
  - 1.00 to 1.99: 5,934,940
  - 2.00 to 2.99: 4,775,910
  - 3.00 to 3.99: 3,411,174
  - 4.00 to 4.99: 2,384,700
  - 5.00+: 4,854,643

**Employed, Unemployed & Labor Force**

- **16 to 19 Year Olds**
  - Employed: 3,882,530
  - Unemployed: 947,176
  - Unemployment Rate: 19.6%
  - Not in Labor Force: 9,777,213

- **20 to 24 Year olds**
  - Employed: 14,507,818
  - Unemployed: 1,906,192
  - Unemployment Rate: 11.6%
  - Not in Labor Force: 5,768,263

**Out-Of-School Youth Ages 16–19 Who Were Unemployed or Not in Labor Force**

- Total: 1,185,044 Youth
  - 49.0%
Profile of Youth in New Mexico

POPULATION OF YOUTH AGES 16–24:

262,078

SHARE OF TOTAL POPULATION:

12.6%

DEMOGRAPHICS OF YOUTH AGES 18–24

Race

- White Alone 69.4%
- Black/African American 3.2%
- Asian 1.3%
- Native American 10.9%
- Other 11.1%
- Two+ 4.0%

Ethnicity

- Not Hispanic 44.2%
- Hispanic 55.8%

Foreign-born 7.9%

Place of Birth

- Born in NM 62.5%
- Born in other state in US 28.7%
- Born Out of NM 18.8%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Youth Ages 16–19

Enrolled in School

- 92,702

Not Enrolled in School

- High school graduate (includes eqv.) 12,473
- Not high school graduate 7,479

Percent of Youth Ages 18–24 Enrolled in College or Graduate School

36.1%

INCOME

Ratio of Income to Poverty Level for Youth Ages 18–24

- 0.00 to 0.99 53,717
- 1.00 to 1.99 49,608
- 2.00 to 2.99 34,611
- 3.00 to 3.99 19,611
- 4.00 to 4.99 14,228
- 5.00+ 21,634

- 27.8%
- 25.6%
- 17.9%
- 10.1%
- 7.4%
- 11.2%

EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED & LABOR FORCE

16 to 19 Year Olds

- Enrolled in School 22,362
- Not Enrolled in School, HS Grad (Includes Eqv.) 7,160
- Not Enrolled in School, Not HS Grad 2,556

- 63,601
- 3,517
- 3,666

20 to 24 year olds

- 93,198
- 13,928

- 39,309

Out-Of-School Youth Ages 16–19 Who Were Unemployed or Not in Labor Force

51.3%

10,236 Youth
Profile of Youth in the Central Region

POPULATION OF YOUTH AGES 16–24:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SHARE OF TOTAL POPULATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>106,880</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.8%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DEMOGRAPHICS OF YOUTH AGES 18–24

Race

- White Alone 67.8%
- Black/African American 3.5%
- Native American 7.2%
- Asian 2.0%
- Other 14.0%
- Two+ 5.5%

Ethnicity

- Hispanic 57.2%
- Not Hispanic 42.8%

Place of Birth

- Born in NM 66.3%
- Born in other US state 24.6%
- Native; born outside US 0.9%
- Foreign born 8.3%

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Youth Ages 16–19

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Enrolled in School</th>
<th>39,282</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not Enrolled in School</td>
<td>7,173</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High school graduate (includes eqv.)</td>
<td>13,210</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not high school graduate</td>
<td>23,519</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Percent of Youth Ages 18–24 Enrolled in College or Graduate School 38.8%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Youth Ages 18–24

- Less than 9th grade 1,438
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma 13,210
- High school graduate (includes eqv.) 23,519
- Some college, no degree 34,811
- Associate’s degree 4,377
- Bachelor’s degree 5,194
- Graduate or professional degree 401

INCOME

Ratio of Income to Poverty Level for Youth Ages 18–24

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ratio of Income to Poverty Level</th>
<th>Youth Ages 18–24</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0.00 to 0.99</td>
<td>19,750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.00 to 1.99</td>
<td>19,525</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.00 to 2.99</td>
<td>13,838</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.00 to 3.99</td>
<td>9,093</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.00 to 4.99</td>
<td>7,258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.00 +</td>
<td>10,508</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED & LABOR FORCE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Employed</th>
<th>Unemployed</th>
<th>Unemployment Rate</th>
<th>Not in Labor Force</th>
<th>Out-Of-School Youth Ages 16–19 Who Were Unemployed or Not in Labor Force</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16 to 19 Year Olds Enrolled in School</td>
<td>10,155</td>
<td>2,919</td>
<td>22.3%</td>
<td>26,208</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Enrolled in School, HS Grad (includes Eqv.)</td>
<td>2,969</td>
<td>602</td>
<td>16.9%</td>
<td>1,218</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Enrolled in School, Not HS Grad</td>
<td>799</td>
<td>394</td>
<td>33.0%</td>
<td>1,191</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 to 24 year olds</td>
<td>39,595</td>
<td>5,462</td>
<td>12.1%</td>
<td>14,659</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

LABOR MARKET REVIEW | SEPTEMBER 2019
POPULATION OF YOUTH AGES 16–24: 48,931
SHARE OF TOTAL POPULATION: 13.4%

DEMOGRAPHICS OF YOUTH AGES 18–24

- **Race**
  - White Alone 75.8%
  - Black/African American 6.0%
  - Native American 2.2%
  - Asian 0.9%
  - Other 11.8%
  - Two+ 3.2%

- **Ethnicity**
  - Not Hispanic 52.7%
  - Hispanic 47.3%

- **Place of Birth**
  - Born in NM 52.6%
  - Born in other US state 37.1%
  - Foreign born 9.0%
  - Native; born outside US 1.2%

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Youth Ages 16–19
- Enrolled in School: 16,061
- Not Enrolled in School: 4,571
  - High school graduate (includes eqv.): 2,589
  - Not high school graduate: 1,982

Percent of Youth Ages 18–24 Enrolled in College or Graduate School: 25.2%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Youth Ages 18–24
- Less than 9th grade: 947
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma: 6,429
- High school graduate (includes eqv.): 12,396
- Some college, no degree: 15,120
- Associate's degree: 2,115
- Bachelor's degree: 1,499
- Graduate or professional degree: 44

INCOME

Ratio of Income to Poverty Level for Youth Ages 18–24
- 0.00 to 0.99: 23.1%
- 1.00 to 1.99: 26.1%
- 2.00 to 2.99: 22.4%
- 3.00 to 3.99: 10.5%
- 4.00 to 4.99: 6.2%
- 5.00+: 11.7%

EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED & LABOR FORCE

16 to 19 Year Olds
- Employed: 4,008
- Unemployed: 1,193
- Unemployment Rate: 22.9%
- Not in Labor Force: 10,860

Out-Of-School Youth Ages 16–19 Who Were Unemployed or Not in Labor Force: 44.0%

20 to 24 year olds
- Employed: 18,005
- Unemployed: 1,981
- Unemployment Rate: 9.9%
- Not in Labor Force: 6,470

Out-Of-School Youth Ages 20–24: 2,011 Youth
### Profile of Youth in the Northern Region

#### POPULATION OF YOUTH AGES 16–24:

| 58,905 | SHARE OF TOTAL POPULATION: 11.5% |

#### DEMOGRAPHICS OF YOUTH AGES 18–24

**Race**
- White Alone 49.7%
- Black/African American 33.5%
- Native American 11.4%
- Asian 0.9%
- Two+ 3.2%

**Ethnicity**
- Hispanic 44.3%
- Not Hispanic 55.7%

**Place of Birth**
- Born in NM 70.9%
- Foreign born 5.6%
- Born in other US state 22.5%

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Youth Ages 16–19 Enrolled in School</th>
<th>Youth Ages 16–19 Not Enrolled in School</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enrolled in School</td>
<td>Not Enrolled in School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High school graduate (includes eqv.)</td>
<td>5,075</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not high school graduate</td>
<td>3,132</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1,943</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Percent of Youth Ages 18–24 Enrolled in College or Graduate School: 30.3%

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Youth Ages 18–24</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Less than 9th grade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9th to 12th grade, no diploma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High school graduate (includes eqv.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some college, no degree</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associate's degree</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bachelor's degree</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graduate or professional degree</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**INCOME**

Ratio of Income to Poverty Level for Youth Ages 18–24:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>0.00 to 0.99</th>
<th>1.00 to 1.99</th>
<th>2.00 to 2.99</th>
<th>3.00 to 3.99</th>
<th>4.00 to 4.99</th>
<th>5.00 +</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11,841</td>
<td>10,645</td>
<td>8,444</td>
<td>4,078</td>
<td>2,884</td>
<td>4,714</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED & LABOR FORCE**

16 to 19 Year Olds
- Employed in School: 4,020
- Unemployed: 1,489 (27.0%)
- Not in Labor Force: 16,461

20 to 24 year olds
- Employed in School: 17,554
- Unemployed: 3,366 (16.1%)
- Not in Labor Force: 10,836

Out-Of-School Youth Ages 16–19 Who Were Unemployed or Not in Labor Force: 55.9%
2,838 Youth
**Profile of Youth in the Southwestern Region**

### POPULATION OF YOUTH AGES 16–24:
- Total: 47,362
- Share of Total Population: 15.6%

### DEMOGRAPHICS OF YOUTH AGES 18–24

#### Race
- White Alone: 88.7%
- Black/African American: 1.6%
- Native American: 2.2%
- Asian: 0.8%
- Other: 4.0%
- Two+ races: 2.6%

#### Ethnicity
- Not Hispanic: 31.3%
- Hispanic: 68.7%

#### Place of Birth
- Born in NM: 54.5%
- Born in other US state: 36.0%
- Foreign born: 8.4%

#### Education
- High school graduate (includes eqv.): 62.7%
- Not high school graduate: 37.3%

#### Employment
- Unemployment Rate: 21.4%
- Not in Labor Force: 10,072

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

#### Youth Ages 16–19
- Enrolled in School: 15,389
- Not Enrolled in School: 3,133
  - High school graduate (includes eqv.): 1,963
  - Not high school graduate: 1,170

#### Youth Ages 18–24
- Percent of Youth Ages 18–24 Enrolled in College or Graduate School: 47.7%

### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

#### Youth Ages 18–24
- Less than 9th grade: 407
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma: 9,999
- High school graduate (includes eqv.): 19,858
- Some college, no degree: 2,047
- Associate’s degree: 2,246
- Bachelor’s degree: 84
- Graduate or professional degree: 2,350

### INCOME

#### Ratio of Income to Poverty Level for Youth Ages 18–24
- 0.00 to 0.99: 39.1%
- 1.00 to 1.99: 28.7%
- 2.00 to 2.99: 12.5%
- 3.00 to 3.99: 7.7%
- 4.00 to 4.99: 5.4%
- 5.00 +: 6.5%

### EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED & LABOR FORCE

#### 16 to 19 Year Olds
- Enrolled in School: 4,179
- Not Enrolled in School, HS Grad (Includes Eqv.): 894
- Not Enrolled in School, Not HS Grad: 257

#### 20 to 24 year olds
- Enrolled in School: 18,044
- Not Enrolled in School, HS Grad (Includes Eqv.): 3,119

### Out-Of-School Youth Ages 16–19 Who Were Unemployed or Not in Labor Force: 63.3%

### 1,982 Youth