

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Lea County, New Mexico

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>55,511</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>55,511</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Male.....	27,795	50.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	22,010	39.6
Female.....	27,716	49.9	Mexican.....	15,304	27.6
Under 5 years.....	4,253	7.7	Puerto Rican.....	61	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	4,457	8.0	Cuban.....	11	-
10 to 14 years.....	4,843	8.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	6,634	12.0
15 to 19 years.....	5,041	9.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	33,501	60.4
20 to 24 years.....	3,710	6.7	White alone.....	29,977	54.0
25 to 34 years.....	6,818	12.3	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	8,346	15.0	<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>55,511</b>	<b>100.0</b>
45 to 54 years.....	6,754	12.2	In households.....	53,711	96.8
55 to 59 years.....	2,390	4.3	Householder.....	19,699	35.5
60 to 64 years.....	2,127	3.8	Spouse.....	11,390	20.5
65 to 74 years.....	3,886	7.0	Child.....	18,292	33.0
75 to 84 years.....	2,183	3.9	Own child under 18 years.....	14,969	27.0
85 years and over.....	703	1.3	Other relatives.....	2,652	4.8
Median age (years).....	33.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	1,406	2.5
18 years and over.....	38,824	69.9	Nonrelatives.....	1,678	3.0
Male.....	19,316	34.8	Unmarried partner.....	901	1.6
Female.....	19,508	35.1	In group quarters.....	1,800	3.2
21 years and over.....	36,089	65.0	Institutionalized population.....	1,545	2.8
62 years and over.....	8,016	14.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	255	0.5
65 years and over.....	6,772	12.2	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	2,913	5.2	<b>Total households</b> .....	<b>19,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Female.....	3,859	7.0	Family households (families).....	14,714	74.7
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	7,744	39.3
One race.....	53,697	96.7	Married-couple family.....	11,390	57.8
White.....	37,263	67.1	With own children under 18 years.....	5,556	28.2
Black or African American.....	2,426	4.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	2,408	12.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	551	1.0	With own children under 18 years.....	1,606	8.2
Asian.....	216	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	4,985	25.3
Asian Indian.....	83	0.1	Householder living alone.....	4,426	22.5
Chinese.....	20	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,955	9.9
Filipino.....	32	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	8,482	43.1
Japanese.....	14	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	4,836	24.5
Korean.....	39	0.1	Average household size.....	2.73	(X)
Vietnamese.....	9	-	Average family size.....	3.20	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	19	-	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	24	-	<b>Total housing units</b> .....	<b>23,405</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Native Hawaiian.....	9	-	Occupied housing units.....	19,699	84.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	6	-	Vacant housing units.....	3,706	15.8
Samoan.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	7	-	occasional use.....	120	0.5
Some other race.....	13,217	23.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	3.6	(X)
Two or more races.....	1,814	3.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	18.7	(X)
<b>Race alone or in combination with one or more other races:</b> <sup>3</sup>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
White.....	38,925	70.1	<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>19,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Black or African American.....	2,647	4.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	14,301	72.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	919	1.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	5,398	27.4
Asian.....	287	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.76	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	51	0.1	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.65	(X)
Some other race.....	14,548	26.2			

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<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

**Table DP-2. Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Lea County, New Mexico

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b> .....			<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>55,511</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Nursery school, preschool.....	16,534	100.0	Native.....	49,246	88.7
Kindergarten.....	776	4.7	Born in United States.....	48,940	88.2
Elementary school (grades 1-8).....	785	4.7	State of residence.....	22,785	41.0
High school (grades 9-12).....	7,999	48.4	Different state.....	26,155	47.1
College or graduate school.....	4,220	25.5	Born outside United States.....	306	0.6
	2,754	16.7	Foreign born.....	6,265	11.3
			Entered 1990 to March 2000.....	1,762	3.2
			Naturalized citizen.....	2,183	3.9
			Not a citizen.....	4,082	7.4
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>			<b>REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b> .....			<b>Total (excluding born at sea)</b> .....	<b>6,265</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than 9th grade.....	33,291	100.0	Europe.....	137	2.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	4,951	14.9	Asia.....	161	2.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency).....	6,007	18.0	Africa.....	-	-
Some college, no degree.....	9,295	27.9	Oceania.....	-	-
Associate degree.....	7,224	21.7	Latin America.....	5,919	94.5
Bachelor's degree.....	1,939	5.8	Northern America.....	48	0.8
Graduate or professional degree.....	2,481	7.5			
Percent high school graduate or higher.....	1,394	4.2			
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....	67.1	(X)	<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>		
	11.6	(X)	<b>Population 5 years and over</b> .....		
			English only.....	51,266	100.0
			Language other than English.....	34,456	67.2
			Speak English less than "very well".....	16,810	32.8
			Spanish.....	6,079	11.9
			Speak English less than "very well".....	16,368	31.9
			Other Indo-European languages.....	5,969	11.6
			Speak English less than "very well".....	220	0.4
			Asian and Pacific Island languages.....	57	0.1
			Speak English less than "very well".....	151	0.3
				41	0.1
			<b>ANCESTRY (single or multiple)</b>		
			<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>55,511</b>	<b>100.0</b>
			<i>Total ancestries reported</i> .....	<i>46,734</i>	<i>84.2</i>
			Arab.....	26	-
			Czech <sup>1</sup> .....	95	0.2
			Danish.....	110	0.2
			Dutch.....	862	1.6
			English.....	2,966	5.3
			French (except Basque) <sup>1</sup> .....	732	1.3
			French Canadian <sup>1</sup> .....	102	0.2
			German.....	3,828	6.9
			Greek.....	50	0.1
			Hungarian.....	52	0.1
			Irish <sup>1</sup> .....	3,579	6.4
			Italian.....	536	1.0
			Lithuanian.....	12	-
			Norwegian.....	366	0.7
			Polish.....	229	0.4
			Portuguese.....	53	0.1
			Russian.....	36	0.1
			Scotch-Irish.....	725	1.3
			Scottish.....	483	0.9
			Slovak.....	30	0.1
			Subsaharan African.....	111	0.2
			Swedish.....	284	0.5
			Swiss.....	55	0.1
			Ukrainian.....	-	-
			United States or American.....	5,166	9.3
			Welsh.....	91	0.2
			West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups).....	153	0.3
			Other ancestries.....	26,002	46.8
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>					
<b>Population 15 years and over</b> .....					
Never married.....	41,791	100.0			
Now married, except separated.....	8,806	21.1			
Separated.....	25,321	60.6			
Widowed.....	992	2.4			
Female.....	2,920	7.0			
Divorced.....	2,357	5.6			
Female.....	3,752	9.0			
	1,861	4.5			
<b>GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS</b>					
<b>Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years</b> .....					
Grandparent responsible for grandchildren.....	1,189	100.0			
	799	67.2			
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>					
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b> .....					
Civilian veterans.....	38,766	100.0			
	4,554	11.7			
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>					
<b>Population 5 to 20 years</b> .....					
With a disability.....	15,089	100.0			
	1,184	7.8			
<b>Population 21 to 64 years</b> .....					
With a disability.....	28,153	100.0			
Percent employed.....	6,435	22.9			
No disability.....	46.9	(X)			
Percent employed.....	21,718	77.1			
	68.3	(X)			
<b>Population 65 years and over</b> .....					
With a disability.....	6,559	100.0			
	3,099	47.2			
<b>RESIDENCE IN 1995</b>					
<b>Population 5 years and over</b> .....					
Same house in 1995.....	51,266	100.0			
Different house in the U.S. in 1995.....	28,966	56.5			
Same county.....	21,537	42.0			
Different county.....	14,137	27.6			
Same state.....	7,400	14.4			
Different state.....	2,523	4.9			
Elsewhere in 1995.....	4,877	9.5			
	763	1.5			

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<sup>1</sup>The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-3. Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Lea County, New Mexico

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>			<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>Population 16 years and over</b> . . . . .			<b>Households</b> . . . . .		
In labor force . . . . .	40,893	100.0	Less than \$10,000 . . . . .	19,720	100.0
Civilian labor force . . . . .	22,302	54.5	\$10,000 to \$14,999 . . . . .	3,017	15.3
Employed . . . . .	22,286	54.5	\$15,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	1,925	9.8
Unemployed . . . . .	20,254	49.5	\$25,000 to \$34,999 . . . . .	3,302	16.7
Percent of civilian labor force . . . . .	2,032	5.0	\$35,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	3,112	15.8
Armed Forces . . . . .	9.1	(X)	\$50,000 to \$74,999 . . . . .	3,400	17.2
Not in labor force . . . . .	16	-	\$75,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	3,031	15.4
<b>Females 16 years and over</b> . . . . .			\$100,000 to \$149,999 . . . . .	1,038	5.3
In labor force . . . . .	20,670	100.0	\$150,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	609	3.1
Civilian labor force . . . . .	9,448	45.7	\$200,000 or more . . . . .	108	0.5
Employed . . . . .	9,448	45.7	Median household income (dollars) . . . . .	178	0.9
Own children under 6 years . . . . .	8,397	40.6	With earnings . . . . .	29,799	(X)
All parents in family in labor force . . . . .	4,824	100.0	Mean earnings (dollars) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	14,919	75.7
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>			With Social Security income . . . . .	39,265	(X)
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b> . . . . .			Mean Social Security income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5,898	29.9
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone . . . . .	19,828	100.0	With Supplemental Security Income . . . . .	11,038	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled . . . . .	15,626	78.8	Mean Supplemental Security Income	1,155	5.9
Public transportation (including taxicab) . . . . .	2,963	14.9	(dollars) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	6,108	(X)
Walked . . . . .	21	0.1	With public assistance income . . . . .	1,207	6.1
Other means . . . . .	343	1.7	Mean public assistance income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	2,386	(X)
Worked at home . . . . .	339	1.7	With retirement income . . . . .	2,645	13.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	536	2.7	Mean retirement income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	17,267	(X)
<b>Employed civilian population</b>			<b>Families</b> . . . . .		
<b>16 years and over</b> . . . . .			Less than \$10,000 . . . . .		
	20,254	100.0	\$10,000 to \$14,999 . . . . .		
<b>OCCUPATION</b>			\$15,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .		
Management, professional, and related			\$25,000 to \$34,999 . . . . .		
occupations . . . . .	5,077	25.1	\$35,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .		
Service occupations . . . . .	3,283	16.2	\$50,000 to \$74,999 . . . . .		
Sales and office occupations . . . . .	4,670	23.1	\$75,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .		
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations . . . . .	331	1.6	\$100,000 to \$149,999 . . . . .		
Construction, extraction, and maintenance			\$150,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .		
occupations . . . . .	3,723	18.4	\$200,000 or more . . . . .		
Production, transportation, and material moving			Median family income (dollars) . . . . .		
occupations . . . . .	3,170	15.7	Per capita income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .		
<b>INDUSTRY</b>			<b>Median earnings (dollars):</b>		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting,			Male full-time, year-round workers . . . . .		
and mining . . . . .	4,188	20.7	Female full-time, year-round workers . . . . .		
Construction . . . . .	1,268	6.3			
Manufacturing . . . . .	715	3.5	Number		
Wholesale trade . . . . .	658	3.2	below		
Retail trade . . . . .	2,418	11.9	poverty		
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities . . . . .	1,347	6.7	level		
Information . . . . .	227	1.1	level		
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and			<b>POVERTY STATUS IN 1999</b>		
leasing . . . . .	642	3.2	<b>Families</b> . . . . .		
Professional, scientific, management, adminis-			With related children under 18 years . . . . .		
trative, and waste management services . . . . .	918	4.5	With related children under 5 years . . . . .		
Educational, health and social services . . . . .	4,173	20.6			
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation			<b>Families with female householder, no</b>		
and food services . . . . .	1,327	6.6	<b>husband present</b> . . . . .		
Other services (except public administration) . . . . .	1,343	6.6	With related children under 18 years . . . . .		
Public administration . . . . .	1,030	5.1	With related children under 5 years . . . . .		
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>			<b>Individuals</b> . . . . .		
Private wage and salary workers . . . . .	15,172	74.9	18 years and over . . . . .		
Government workers . . . . .	3,323	16.4	65 years and over . . . . .		
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated			Related children under 18 years . . . . .		
business . . . . .	1,625	8.0	Related children 5 to 17 years . . . . .		
Unpaid family workers . . . . .	134	0.7	Unrelated individuals 15 years and over . . . . .		

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<sup>1</sup>If the denominator of a mean value or per capita value is less than 30, then that value is calculated using a rounded aggregate in the numerator. See text.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Lea County, New Mexico

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total housing units</b> .....	<b>23,405</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>		
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>			<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>19,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1-unit, detached .....	16,844	72.0	1.00 or less .....	18,206	92.4
1-unit, attached .....	535	2.3	1.01 to 1.50 .....	843	4.3
2 units .....	369	1.6	1.51 or more .....	650	3.3
3 or 4 units .....	486	2.1			
5 to 9 units .....	267	1.1	<b>Specified owner-occupied units</b> .....	<b>11,148</b>	<b>100.0</b>
10 to 19 units .....	210	0.9	<b>VALUE</b>		
20 or more units .....	626	2.7	Less than \$50,000 .....	5,564	49.9
Mobile home .....	3,991	17.1	\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	4,289	38.5
Boat, RV, van, etc .....	77	0.3	\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	853	7.7
			\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	267	2.4
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>			\$200,000 to \$299,999 .....	144	1.3
1999 to March 2000 .....	129	0.6	\$300,000 to \$499,999 .....	20	0.2
1995 to 1998 .....	886	3.8	\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	2	-
1990 to 1994 .....	512	2.2	\$1,000,000 or more .....	9	0.1
1980 to 1989 .....	3,882	16.6	Median (dollars) .....	50,100	(X)
1970 to 1979 .....	5,166	22.1			
1960 to 1969 .....	5,004	21.4	<b>MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED</b>		
1940 to 1959 .....	6,936	29.6	<b>MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
1939 or earlier .....	890	3.8	With a mortgage .....	6,118	54.9
			Less than \$300 .....	323	2.9
<b>ROOMS</b>			\$300 to \$499 .....	1,699	15.2
1 room .....	360	1.5	\$500 to \$699 .....	1,707	15.3
2 rooms .....	1,007	4.3	\$700 to \$999 .....	1,615	14.5
3 rooms .....	2,015	8.6	\$1,000 to \$1,499 .....	587	5.3
4 rooms .....	4,439	19.0	\$1,500 to \$1,999 .....	133	1.2
5 rooms .....	6,206	26.5	\$2,000 or more .....	54	0.5
6 rooms .....	5,522	23.6	Median (dollars) .....	607	(X)
7 rooms .....	2,410	10.3	Not mortgaged .....	5,030	45.1
8 rooms .....	849	3.6	Median (dollars) .....	191	(X)
9 or more rooms .....	597	2.6			
Median (rooms) .....	5.1	(X)	<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
			<b>AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>19,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>			Less than 15.0 percent .....	5,826	52.3
1999 to March 2000 .....	3,953	20.1	15.0 to 19.9 percent .....	1,886	16.9
1995 to 1998 .....	5,040	25.6	20.0 to 24.9 percent .....	992	8.9
1990 to 1994 .....	3,533	17.9	25.0 to 29.9 percent .....	612	5.5
1980 to 1989 .....	3,144	16.0	30.0 to 34.9 percent .....	535	4.8
1970 to 1979 .....	2,150	10.9	35.0 percent or more .....	1,175	10.5
1969 or earlier .....	1,879	9.5	Not computed .....	122	1.1
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>			<b>Specified renter-occupied units</b> .....	<b>5,362</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None .....	1,271	6.5	<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
1 .....	6,995	35.5	Less than \$200 .....	532	9.9
2 .....	7,730	39.2	\$200 to \$299 .....	730	13.6
3 or more .....	3,703	18.8	\$300 to \$499 .....	2,250	42.0
			\$500 to \$749 .....	912	17.0
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>			\$750 to \$999 .....	122	2.3
Utility gas .....	12,617	64.0	\$1,000 to \$1,499 .....	29	0.5
Bottled, tank, or LP gas .....	1,538	7.8	\$1,500 or more .....	-	-
Electricity .....	5,394	27.4	No cash rent .....	787	14.7
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc .....	28	0.1	Median (dollars) .....	388	(X)
Coal or coke .....	-	-			
Wood .....	70	0.4	<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF</b>		
Solar energy .....	-	-	<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999</b>		
Other fuel .....	24	0.1	Less than 15.0 percent .....	1,149	21.4
No fuel used .....	28	0.1	15.0 to 19.9 percent .....	609	11.4
			20.0 to 24.9 percent .....	549	10.2
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>			25.0 to 29.9 percent .....	442	8.2
Lacking complete plumbing facilities .....	86	0.4	30.0 to 34.9 percent .....	339	6.3
Lacking complete kitchen facilities .....	131	0.7	35.0 percent or more .....	1,337	24.9
No telephone service .....	1,129	5.7	Not computed .....	937	17.5

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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.