



Home Schooling in New Mexico

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Options for Parents & Families

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HOME SCHOOLING IN NEW MEXICO

The right of parents to home school their children was first recognized by the State of New Mexico in 1985, by amendments to Chapter 22 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA), 1978. New Mexico statute defines *home school* as

the operation by the parent of a school-age person of a home study program of instruction that provides a basic academic educational program, including reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies and science.

While New Mexico law defines home schooling as including instruction in at least these five core subjects, it leaves home school operators free to tailor curricula to the needs of each child.

The home school requirements set out in NMSA 22-1-2.1 are quite simple: First, a person operating or intending to operate a home school must notify the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) of their intent within thirty days of the establishment of the home school. Second, in subsequent years, home school operators must notify the state on or before August 1. Third, they must maintain records of their students' immunizations or must obtain a waiver of the immunization requirement. Finally, the person providing instruction must possess at least a high school diploma or a high school equivalency credential.

Home school operators are encouraged to maintain thorough and accurate records of their notifications of enrollment, student attendance, educational materials, and portfolios of students' work. These records will aid students if they should later transfer to another type of school or if they should opt to pursue post-secondary education or training.

NMPED's Options for Parents and Families Division (OPFD) launched its online Home School System (HSS) in the 2019-2020 school year. The HSS provides families a simple way to notify the state each year and to easily access their notification records. The HSS provides NMPED a more accurate understanding of the number and general locations of families who choose the home school option for their children. NMPED's data collection is reflected in the graphs and charts on the following pages.

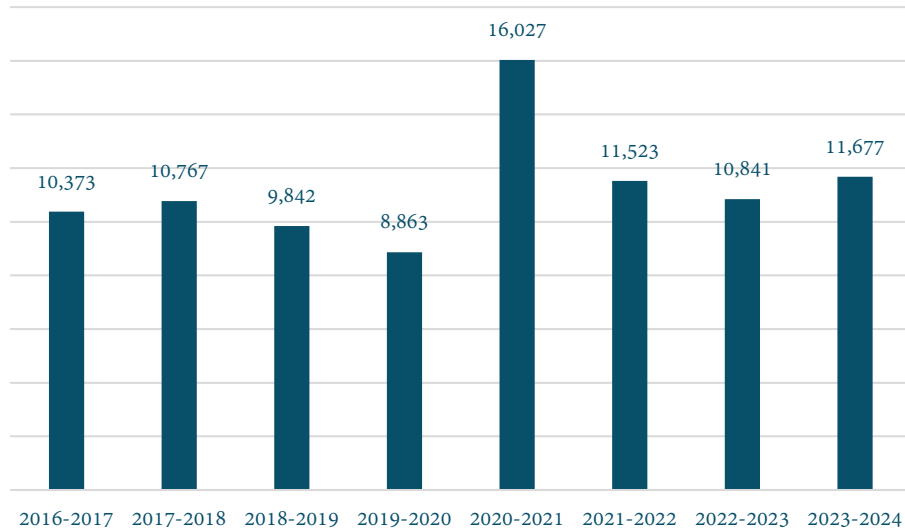
In early 2024, the OPFD assembled a Home School Advisory Team to explore the issues and concerns of home school operators in New Mexico. The team is comprised of 12 home school parents from across the state and the NMPED Homeschool Administrator. One challenge being considered by the team is how to ensure that all home school operators, especially those in the remotest areas of New Mexico, have access to the resources and support enjoyed by those who live in our larger cities.

For more information about home schooling in New Mexico, please visit the NMPED [Home Schooling](#) page and the [Home Schooling Frequently Asked Questions](#).

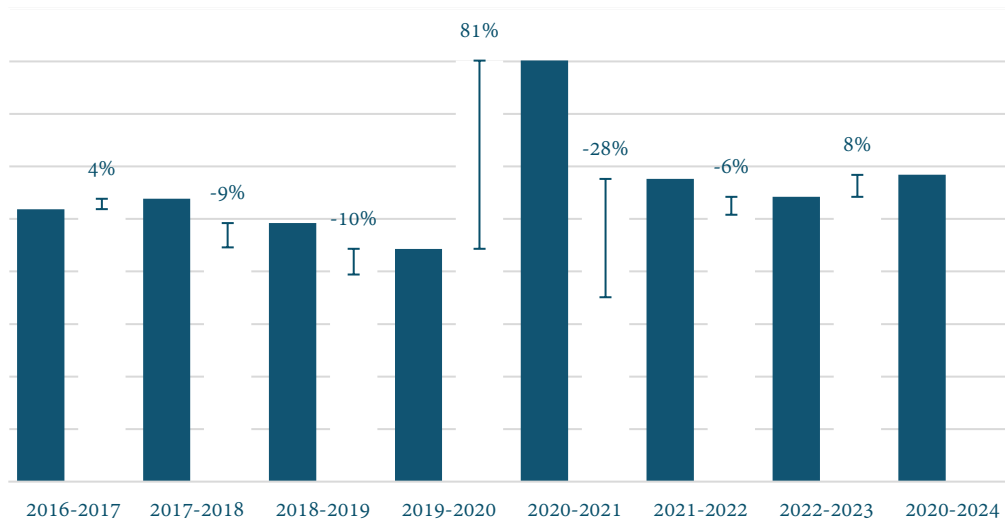
HOME SCHOOL DATA

Total Number of Home School Students Per Year

2016-2017 to 2023-2024



Percent Change Year-to-Year

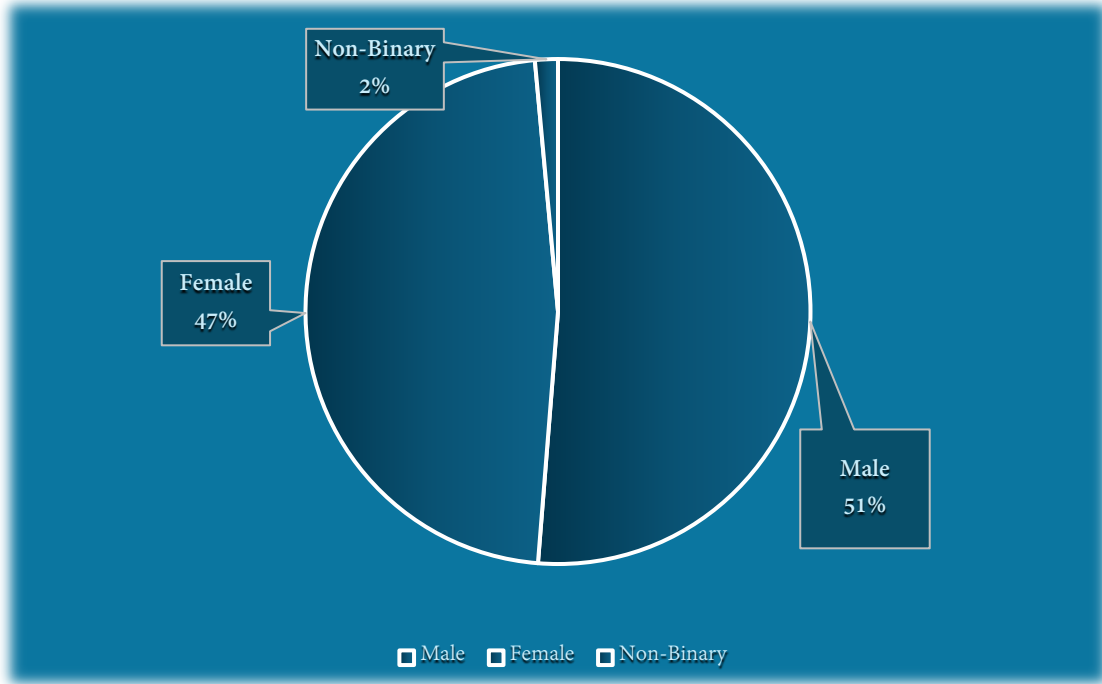


NM Home School Students by District

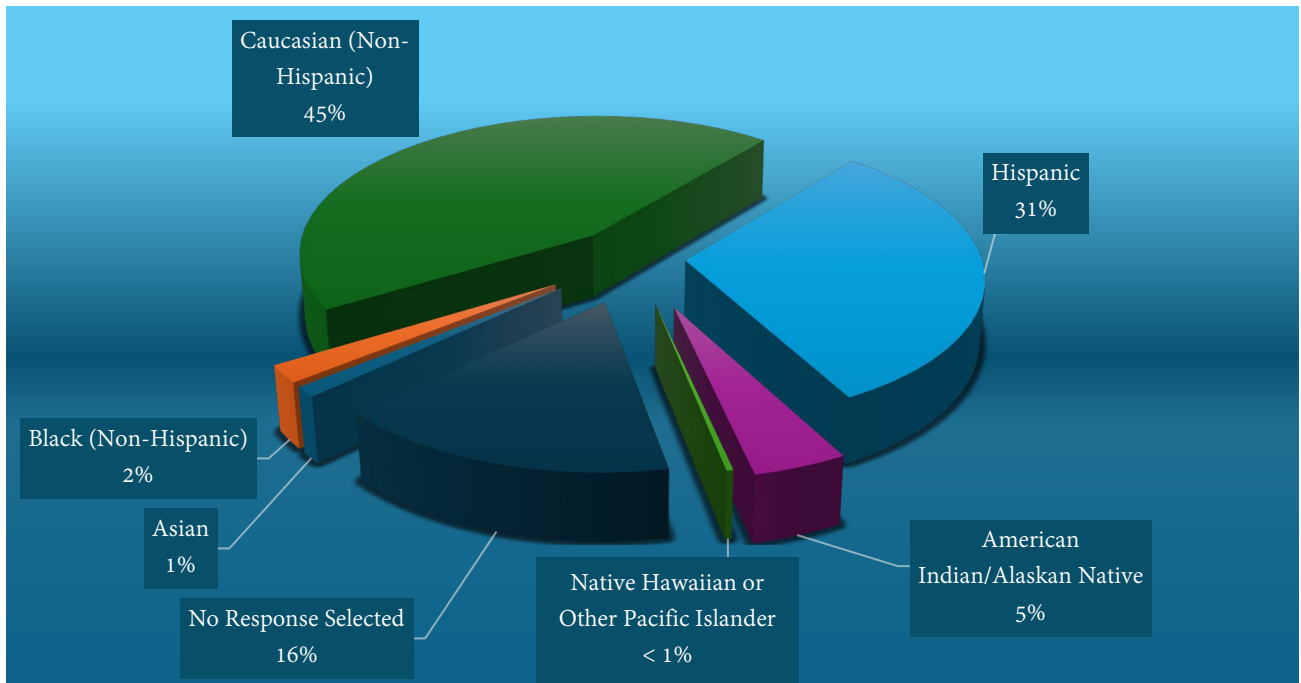
2023-2024

School District	Students	School District	Students	School District	Students
Alamogordo Public	512	Floyd Municipal	11	Mountainair Public	16
Albuquerque Public	2814	Fort Sumner Municipal	12	Pecos Independent	41
Animas Public	15	Gadsden Independent	132	Peñasco Independent	14
Artesia Public	142	Gallup-McKinley County	116	Pojoaque Valley Public	34
Aztec Municipal	204	Grady Municipal	masked	Portales Municipal	96
Belen Consolidated	217	Grants/Cibola County	103	Quemado Independent	65
Bernalillo Public	199	Hagerman Municipal	18	Questa Independent	27
Bloomfield	126	Hatch Valley Public	27	Raton Public	58
Capitan Municipal	55	Hobbs Municipal	268	Reserve Independent	24
Carlsbad Municipal	255	Hondo Valley Public	11	Rio Rancho Public	999
Carrizozo Municipal	16	House Municipal	masked	Roswell Independent	443
Central Consolidated	93	Jal Public	16	Roy Municipal	masked
Chama Valley Ind.	masked	Jemez Mountain Public	21	Ruidoso Municipal	104
Cimarron Municipal	34	Jemez Valley Public	18	San Jon Municipal	masked
Clayton Municipal	28	Lake Arthur Municipal	masked	Santa Fe Public	374
Cloudcroft Municipal	67	Las Cruces Public	792	Santa Rosa Consolidated	17
Clovis Municipal	347	Las Vegas City Public	98	Silver Consolidated	117
Cobre Consolidated	41	Logan Municipal	masked	Socorro Consolidated	59
Corona Public	masked	Lordsburg Municipal	25	Springer Municipal	14
Cuba Independent	19	Los Alamos Public	197	Taos Municipal	123
Deming Public	114	Los Lunas Public	496	Tatum Municipal	12
Des Moines Municipal	13	Loving Municipal	9	Texico Municipal	15
Dexter Consolidated	18	Lovington Municipal	54	Truth or Consequences	49
Dora Consolidated	masked	Magdalena Municipal	14	Tucumcari Public	32
Dulce Independent	18	Maxwell Municipal	masked	Tularosa Municipal	58
Elida Municipal	masked	Melrose Municipal	11	Vaughn Municipal	masked
Espanola Public	96	Mesa Vista Consolidated	16	Wagon Mound Public	masked
Estancia Municipal	42	Mora Independent	26	West Las Vegas Public	44
Eunice Public	20	Moriarty-Edgewood	355	Zuni Public	masked
Farmington Municipal	408	Mosquero Municipal	17		

Home School Students by Gender Identification

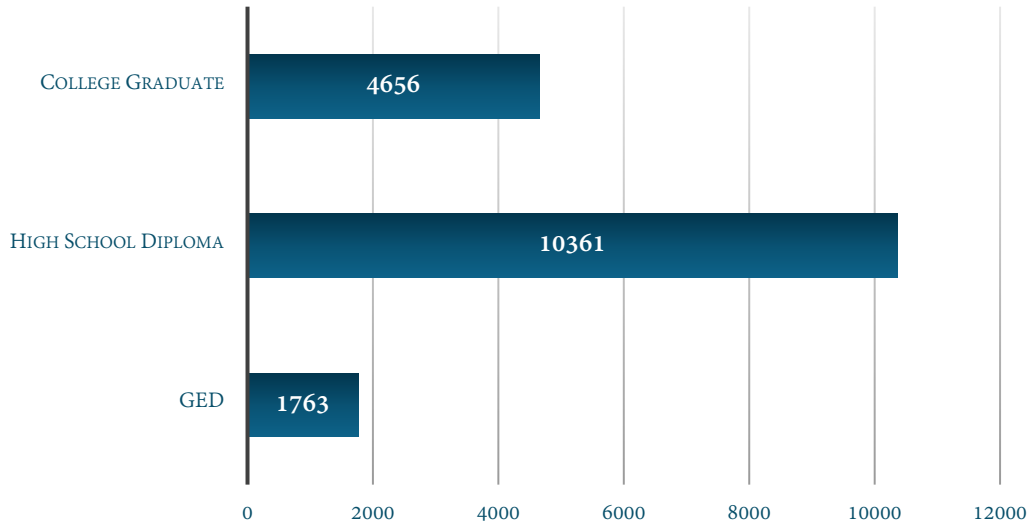


Home School Students by Race and/or Ethnicity



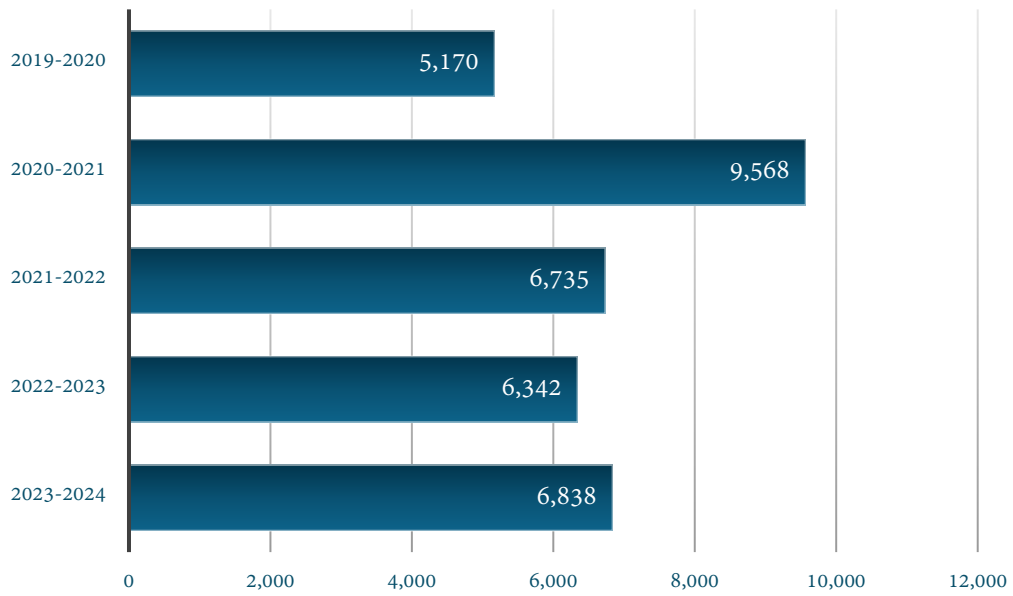
Education Levels of Home School Instructors

(Many households list more than one instructor.)



Number of Home School Households in New Mexico by School Year

(A “household” is defined as a group of people living at the same address.)



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The gorgeous photograph on the cover is an image of Shiprock from a blogpost by Nakia Ford and Cassidy Glascock: [The New Hollywood: New Mexico | Cassidy Glascock \(wordpress.com\)](#).