### County Facts: Torrance County, NM

Population 16,000

#### The Local Economy

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### How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Torrance County 14%, NM 40%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Torrance County 10%, NM 16%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Torrance County 20%, NM 9%, United States 7%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Torrance County 24%, NM 20%, United States 10%
- Percent landing in jail: Torrance County 1.5%, NM 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Torrance County $5.1, NM $5.0, United States $6.4

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students
  - U of New Mexico (public)†: 13.6%
  - New Mexico 4-year-college average: 16.7%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- Low-income student success rate
  - U of New Mexico (public)†: 33.3%
  - New Mexico 4-year-college average: 34.8%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students
  - Central New Mexico CC (public)†: 19.6%
  - New Mexico 2-year-college average: 20.4%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- Low-income student success rate
  - Central New Mexico CC (public)†: 23.2%
  - New Mexico 2-year-college average: 25.3%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 23.2%

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Torrance County 1%, NM 3%, United States 1%
- Percent Hispanic: Torrance County 49%, NM 47%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Torrance County 14.2%, NM 13.2%, United States 14%
- Percent college grad: Torrance County 21%, NM 18%, United States 18%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Torrance County 35, NM 78, United States 76
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Torrance County 17, NM 16, United States 15

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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics

- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend

- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau