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## **New Mexico Population At-a-Glance**

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## New Mexico Regions 2010 Census Population At-a-Glance

Data from the 2010 Decennial Census includes population information for many levels of geography in New Mexico, including counties. The counts show the population as of April 1, 2010. Research & Polling, Inc. grouped the counties into five regions and examined changes from 2000 to 2010, as well as compared the growth from 1990 to 2000 to the growth from 2000 to 2010.

A number of observations can be made.

- ❖ The fastest growing region from 2000 to 2010 was the Albuquerque Metro area, which is the only one to increase by more than 20%. In comparison, from 1990 to 2000 four regions grew by more than 20%, with the Southwest region growing at a higher rate than the rest.
- ❖ The Albuquerque Metro region is the only one of the five that came close to its growth rate from 1990 to 2000 (21.7% versus 21.6%, respectively). The other four regions all saw significantly slower growth rates from 2000 to 2010 than from 1990 to 2000.
- ❖ New Mexico's four largest cities (Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho and Santa Fe) are growing at a much faster rate compared to the rural areas in their respective regions.
- ❖ Without the 11.5% growth in Santa Fe County, the North Central region would have remained unchanged from 2000 to 2010.
- ❖ Without the 19.8% growth in Doña Ana County, the Southwest region would have actually lost population.
- ❖ In the East region, the four least populous counties had the four largest negative growth rates (De Baca, Harding, Quay and Union counties).

The full table and a map are on the following pages.

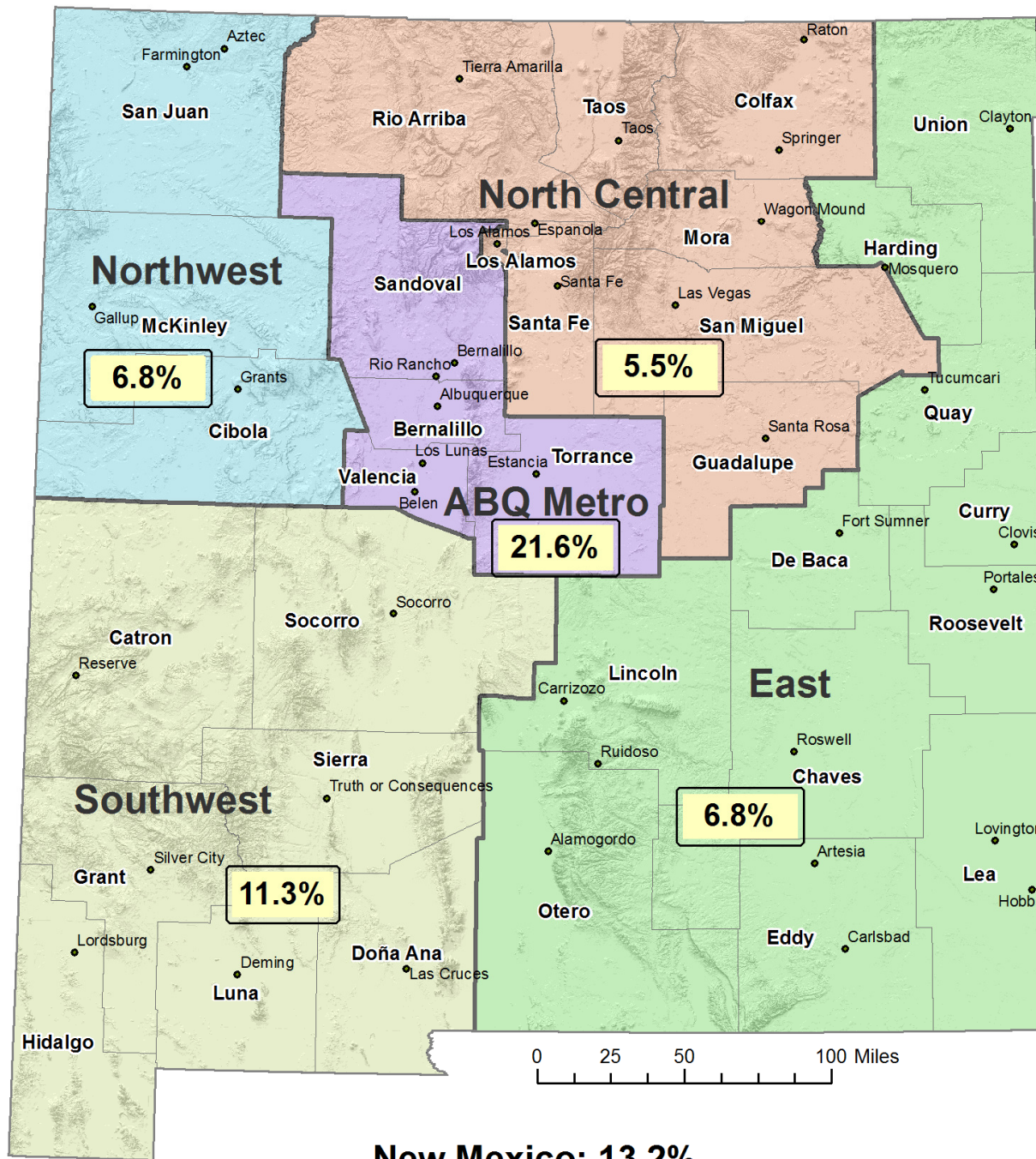


## New Mexico Regions Population Change 1990 to 2000 and 2000 to 2010

Region	1990 Population	2000 Population	2010 Population	% Population Change 1990 - 2000	% Population Change 2000 - 2010
ABQ Metro	599,416	729,649	887,077	21.7%	21.6%
East	303,461	330,701	353,024	9.0%	6.8%
North Central	221,614	272,979	288,014	23.2%	5.5%
Northwest	176,085	214,194	228,749	21.6%	6.8%
Southwest	214,493	271,523	302,315	26.6%	11.3%
<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>1,515,069</b>	<b>1,819,046</b>	<b>2,059,179</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census. Population as of April 1, 2010.

# New Mexico Regions Percent Population Change: 2000 to 2010



**Legend**

□ Counties

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census



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