

A summary of regional economic indicators for the state of New Mexico

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### SUMMARY OF CURRENT NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

New Mexico ended the third quarter with an unemployment rate of 9.4 percent, but reached a record-high of 12.7 percent in July, several months after the national peak in unemployment. Roughly one third of jobs have been regained as of September, though total payroll employment is still 59,000 (6.9 percent) below previous-year levels. The industries experiencing the largest declines in employment are leisure and hospitality, mining and education and health services. Declines in mining employment have persisted through the third quarter, coinciding with declines in active oil and gas rigs. However, crude oil production in the state has not slowed, increasing by 11.2 percent in August on a year-over-year basis. Personal income has increased by 12 percent in the second quarter, primarily fueled by transfer payments.

This databook provides current economic indicators to help monitor trends and allow comparison of past information. These indicators include employment; employment by industry; county and state unemployment; personal income; home prices; housing indicators; manufacturing activity; oil, gas and coal production; and exports. These indicators can be found on the following pages.

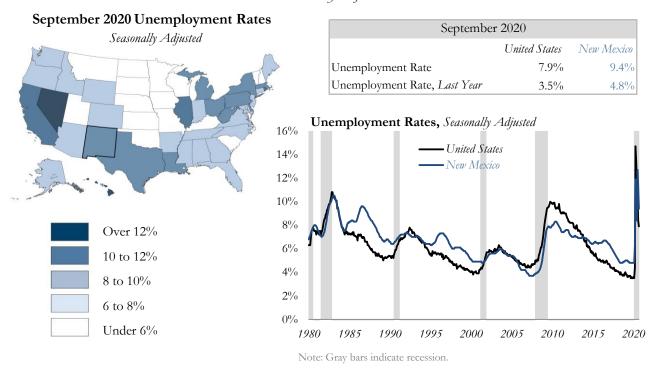


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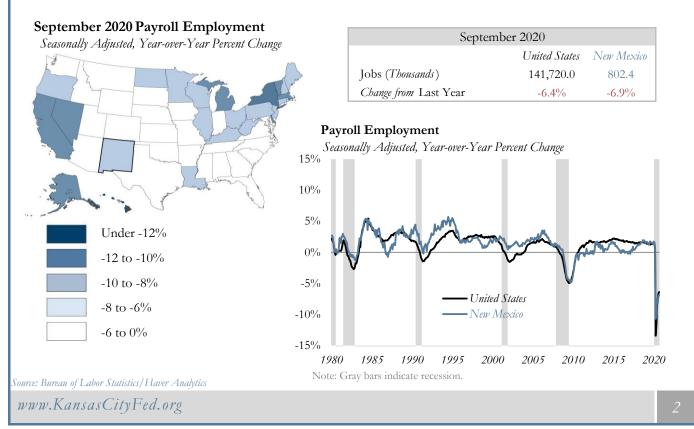
# **Unemployment Rates**

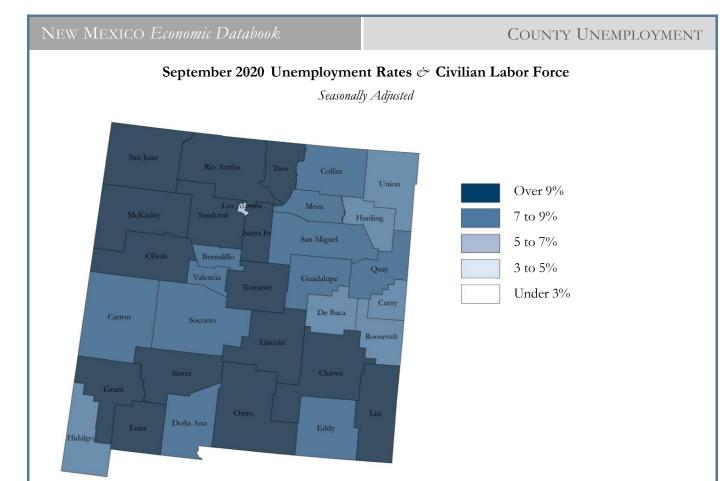
Seasonally Adjusted



# Payroll Employment

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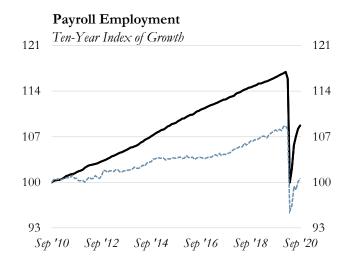
		Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)			Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)
	United States	7.9%	160,143.0	17	Dona Ana	9.2	94.1
	New Mexico	9.4	952.3	18	San Miguel	9.0	10.5
1	Luna	18.2	11.0	19	Catron	8.9	1.0
2	Lea	13.0	33.6	20	Valencia	8.9	30.8
3	Taos	12.4	16.0	21	Bernalillo	8.8	338.3
4	McKinley	12.1	24.4	22	Quay	8.6	3.0
5	Sierra	11.9	3.7	23	Eddy	8.3	35.4
6	San Juan	11.5	50.9	24	Guadalupe	8.1	1.5
7	Grant	11.0	12.4	25	Socorro	7.6	6.1
8	Torrance	10.7	5.5	26	Colfax	7.4	5.4
9	Cibola	10.5	8.9	27	Roosevelt	6.9	7.7
10	Lincoln	9.9	8.7	28	Hidalgo	6.3	2.0
11	Otero	9.7	24.7	29	Curry	6.2	21.0
12	Chaves	9.7	27.1	30	Union	5.7	1.6
13	Sandoval	9.6	67.5	31	De Baca	5.2	0.7
14	Rio Arriba	9.4	15.9	32	Harding	5.1	0.3
15	Santa Fe	9.2	72.0	33	Los Alamos	4.3	8.8
16	Mora	9.2	2.0				

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

# SELECTED EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS

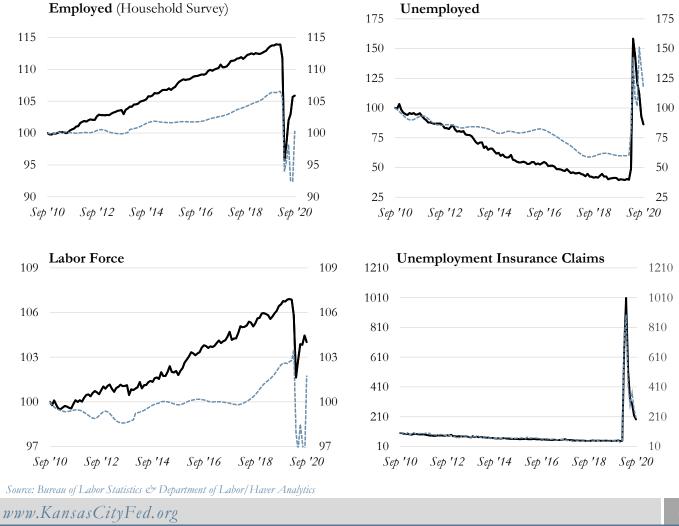
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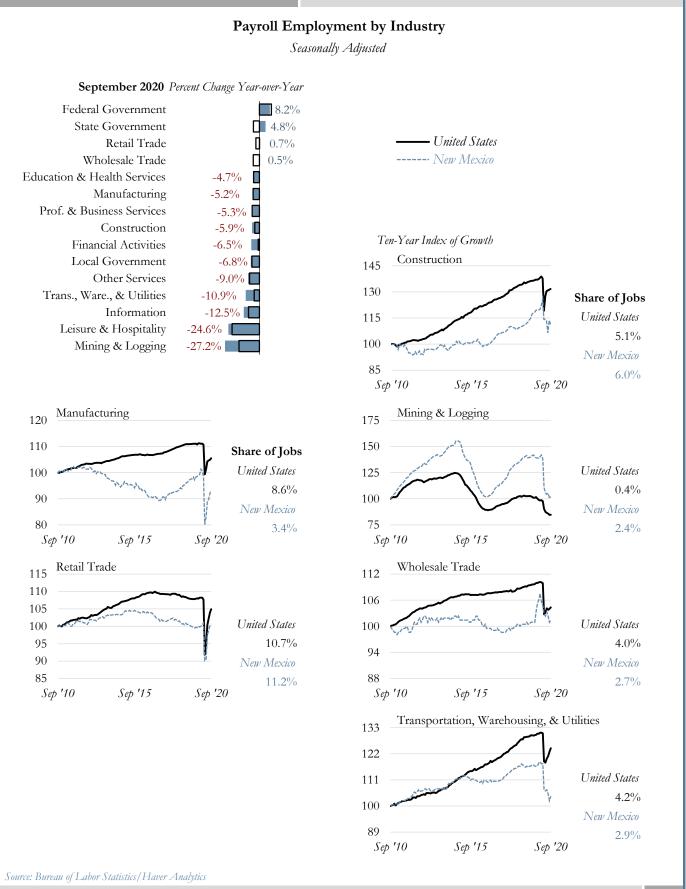


United States		
Septem	ber 2020	
	United States	New Mexic
Jobs (Thousands)	141,720.0	802.4
Change from Last Year	(9,648.0)	-59.2
(Thousands)		
Share of U.S. Employm	ent	0.6%

# Labor Force Dynamics Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted

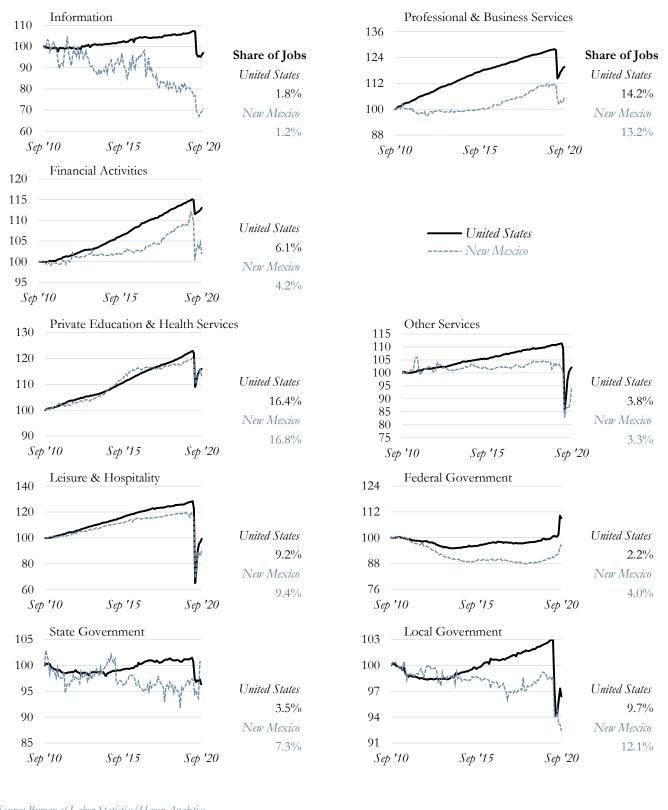


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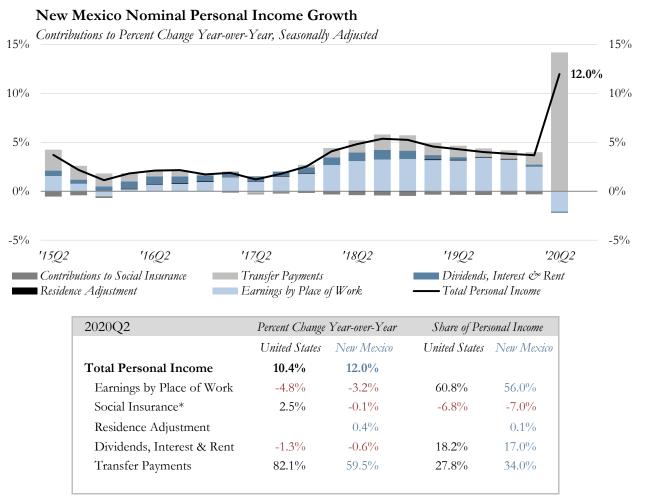


# Payroll Employment by Industry

Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted

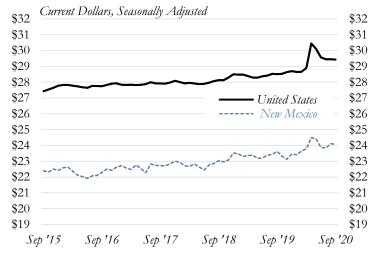


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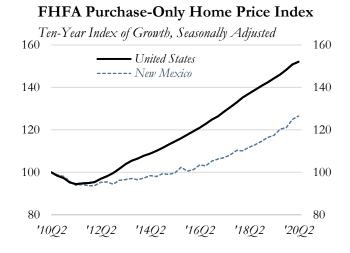
\*Subtracted from personal income.

### Real Average Hourly Wage

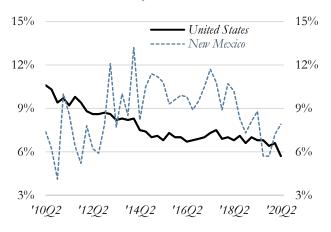


September 2020					
Average	United States	New Mexico			
Hourly Wage	\$29.43	\$24.07			
Real Change fron Last Month Last Year	n -0.1% 3.2%	-0.2% 1.9%			

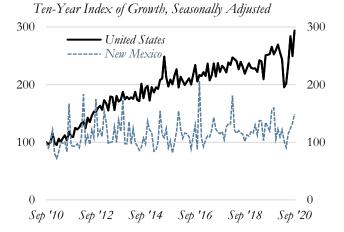
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# **Rental Vacancy Rates**

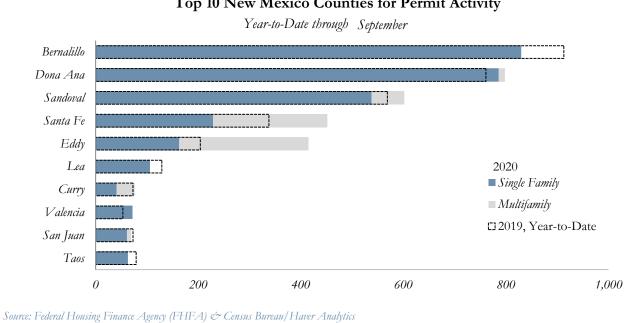


# **Housing Permits**



Summary Statistics				
	United States	New Mexico		
Prices (2020Q2)*	5.4%	7.7%		
Vacancy Rates (2020Q2)	5.7%	7.9%		
Permits (Year-to-Date)*				
Single Family	10.2%	2.9%		
Multifamily	-6.5%	52.7%		

\*Percent change year-over-year.

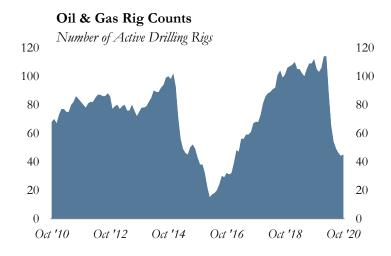


# Top 10 New Mexico Counties for Permit Activity

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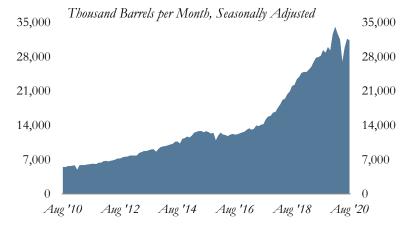
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# SELECTED ENERGY INDICATORS



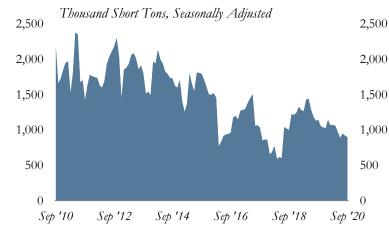
October 2020			
	United States	New Mexico	
Rig Count	280	45	
Change from			
Last Month	23	1	
Last Year	-568	-67	
Share of U.S.	Activity	16.1%	

**Crude Oil Production** 



August 2020					
United States New Mexico					
Production	323,116	31,361			
Change from					
Last Month	-5.4%	-0.9%			
Last Year	-15.0%	11.2%			
Share of U.S.	Activity	9.7%			

**Coal Production** 



September 2020				
U	Jnited States	New Mexico		
Production	44,281	899		
Change from				
Last Month	3.3%	-2.1%		
Last Year	-23.0%	-21.3%		
Share of U.S. Ac	tivity	2.0%		

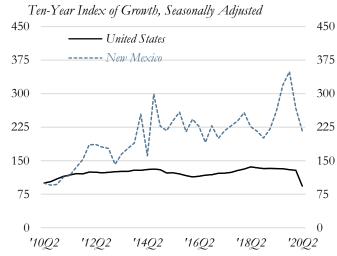
Source: Baker Hughes & Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration/Haver Analytics

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# New Mexico Energy Activity

# SELECTED TRADE INDICATORS

# **Global Exports**

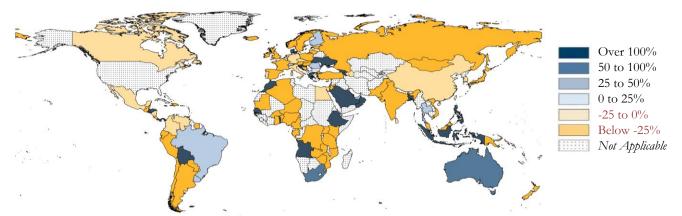


2020Q2				
	United States	New Mexico		
Exports (Millions)	\$290,478.1	\$878.5		
Change from				
Last Quarter	-27.6%	-18.9%		
Last Year (year-to-date)	-16.4%	0.4%		
Share of U.S. Activity 0.3%				

	2019	
Exports as a	United States	New Mexico
Percent of GDP	7.7%	4.6%

# New Mexico Exports Year-to-Date through 2020Q2

Percent Change Year-over-Year



Тор	Markets	Share
1	Mexico	55.6%
2	China*	21.1
3	South Korea	3.2
4	Canada	2.9
5	Singapore	2.1
6	Germany	1.5
7	Australia	1.2
8	Romania	1.0
9	Japan	1.0
10	Belgium	0.9

Top	o Exports	Share
1	Computers & Electronics	59.5%
2	Chemicals & Rare Earth Metals	5.4
3	Electronic Equip. & Appliances	5.0
4	Fabricated Metal Products	4.7
5	Food	4.0
6	Misc. Manufactures	3.8
7	Machinery (Except Electrical)	3.4
8	Transportation Equip.	3.1
9	Plastics & Rubber Products	2.4
10	Oil & Gas	1.9

\*Includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao.

Source: Census Bureau, WISERTrade & Bureau of Economic Analysis/Haver Analytics

*Pages 2 and 3:* County unemployment rates typically lag state data releases by one month. Gray bars show recessionary periods as designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The "official" and most commonly reported unemployment rate is calculated as the number of unemployed workers divided by the total civilian labor force. These data are reported from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey, or commonly called the "Household" survey.

Page 2 and 4: Nonfarm employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Employment Survey are commonly called "Payroll" employment data. Estimates from this survey are revised throughout the year and a major revision or "benchmark" of the data occurs in March of each year. "Payroll" and "Household" surveys are released monthly, providing the most current estimates of employment published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Because methodologies differ between surveys, employment estimates also differ. For more information, visit:

http://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/ces\_cps\_trends.pdf

Initial claims show monthly applications for initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits.

*Pages 5 and 6*: Payroll employment by industry is shown for each of the major two-digit North American Industrial Classification System industries.

Page 7: Personal income provides a measure of all income received by residents of a given geographic area. Data shown are in nominal terms (not adjusted for inflation). Transfer payments include social benefits such as unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicaid. Contributions to social insurance are subtracted from personal income. These contributions include taxes paid by businesses and employees that support social insurance programs such as unemployment insurance, Social Security and Medicaid. The residence adjustment adds income received outside of a recipient's state of residence and makes a corresponding subtraction from the area where this income was earned or received. Real average hourly wages are calculated as total earnings divided by total employment for a given geographic area. Data are adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index for all urban areas (CPI-U) and are indexed to the most current month of data.

*Page 8*: Home price indices estimate regional growth in home values based on repeat sales data for detached single family residential properties. Monthly single and multifamily housing permits data are not revised, and therefore, may not sum to published year-end totals.

*Page 9*: The active rig count is the number of rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas. Rig counts provide an indicator of new drilling activity and potential for expanded crude oil or natural gas production. Coal production is shown as production during a given month.

*Page 10*: Exports measure the total physical movement of a given product from the United States to a foreign country.

#### **Data Revisions**

Most data are revised periodically to correct for errors and incorporate additional information as it becomes available. Data shown in this report are subject to change.

#### Seasonal Adjustments

Most data are seasonally adjusted to remove variance caused by seasonal fluctuations in economic activity. Data in this report show the seasonal adjustments of data publishers where available. In other cases, Census X-12 adjustments were applied.

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