

New Mexico State Profile

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State profiles for the data visualization and 50-State Comparison on postsecondary governance structures summarize information about coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards, administrative/service agencies, advisory groups and membership organizations. The most in-depth information is provided for statewide and major postsecondary systemwide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards.

Note: This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify our information.

State Overview

New Mexico’s Department of Higher Education is a coordinating agency for public postsecondary education and oversees independent institutions. New Mexico no longer has a statewide coordinating board associated with the agency. The governor, with consent of the Senate, appoints the department’s executive director. The department develops higher education strategic plans, administers federal and state academic programs, conducts studies, administers student financial aid programs, provides data services to institutions and ensures academic program quality. Boards govern the University of New Mexico, Mexico State University and Eastern New Mexico University, which also include community college branch campuses, and other individual institutions. The public independent community colleges are governed by local boards.

Data Point	Description
Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	Yes
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
Entity Name	New Mexico Department of Higher Education
Entity Function	Coordinating



Data Point	Description
Scope of Authority	Statewide
Legal Authority	Statutory
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administer federal programs - Administer student financial aid and/or loans - Advise and/or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders - Approve or oversee interstate compacts and reciprocity agreements (e.g., SARA, tuition agreements) - Conduct policy research and analysis - Develop and/or administer academic policies or programs (e.g., admissions, transfer) - Develop master/strategic plans for state or system - Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning - Ensure academic program and/or institutional quality - License or approve/authorize specified institutions - Provide information and data services for state/systems/institutions - Review or approve facility/capital construction plans
Budget Role for Institutions	Approve and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governor with approval of Senate or legislature
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	0



Data Point	Description
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	0
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	Not applicable
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Website	http://www.hed.state.nm.us/
Citations	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 9-25 N.M. Stat. Ann § 21-1-26
Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Not applicable
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	New Mexico State University Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year



Data Point	Description
Website	https://regents.nmsu.edu/
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Website	Link
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	University of New Mexico Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Website	http://regents.unm.edu/members/index.html
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Council of University Presidents
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	http://nmcup.us/



Data Point	Description
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	New Mexico Independent Community Colleges
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	https://www.sfcc.edu/offices/nmicc/