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VIOLENT CRIME IN NEW MEXICO

2014 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Data

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UCR DATA

METHODOLOGY

The UCR Data consists of charges on arrest

- Only the highest charge per arrest is entered.
- Every law enforcement agency is supposed to contribute to the UCR.
 - If an agency fails to report, FBI estimates.
- “Violent Crime” benchmark consists of four crimes:
 - Murder, Forcible Rape, Aggravated Assault, and Robbery.



UCR – IN THE NEWS



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2013 UCR DATA

NEW MEXICO:
2ND MOST VIOLENT
STATE

NEW MEXICO: 1ST IN
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

The most dangerous states in America

Alexander Kent and Thomas C. Frohlich, 24/7 Wall St. 6:26 a.m. EST January 3, 2015



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The number of violent crimes dropped across the United States by 4.4% in 2013 compared to the year before, according to estimates released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In the last decade, the number of violent crimes declined by nearly 15%.

In a previous interview with 24/7 Wall St., John Roman, senior fellow at public policy research organization The Urban Institute said, "A 4.4% reduction in violent crime is astonishing. If you saw a similar increase in GDP, or a similar decrease in unemployment, it would be huge national news."

Despite the national improvement in crime rates — as well as significant improvements in some of the most dangerous states — a number of states were much more



UCR DATA – Bottom Line: National Ranking

2014 Uniform Crime Rate (UCR) Data

New Mexico: 4th most violent state (Alaska, Nevada and Tennessee)

64% higher than the national average

54% higher than the southwest US average.

Does not include federal violent crime on Indian Reservations (statistically significant omission).

Albuquerque: 25th most violent of 76 U.S. cities with population >250,000

Albuquerque's violent crime rate is 2.4 times higher than national average.

Highest Ranking NM Cities:

Espanola 21st most violent city of 9345 overall

Gallup 32nd

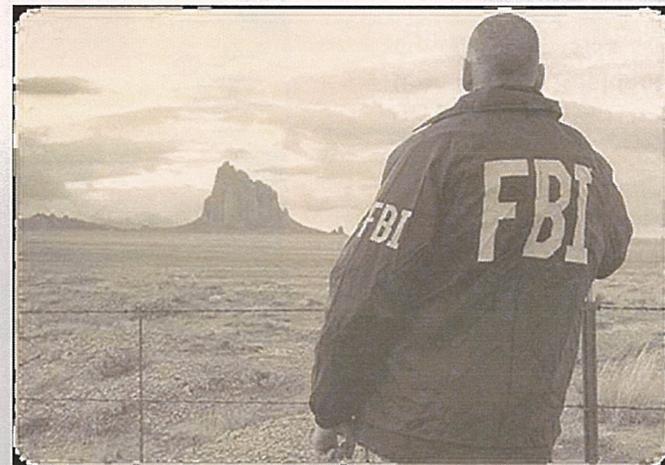
Belen 35th

Albuquerque 414th



UCR DATA

	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total Incidents
2014	2,085,572	101	1,475	2,086	8,797	12,459
2013	2,085,287	125	1,126	1,810	9,382	12,443





UCR DATA: Violent Crime Rates – Top 30 Cities in New Mexico

• murder • forcible rape • robbery • aggravated assault

% of National Crime Rate (per capita)

City	Population	2012	2013	2014	Trend
Albuquerque	558,874	192%	211%	242%	
Las Cruces	102,113	101%	88%	79%	
Rio Rancho	92,965	58%	49%	52%	
Santa Fe	70,438	123%	23%	95%	
Roswell	48,636	161%	174%	209%	
Farmington	45,289	272%	173%	182%	
Clovis	39,820	NA	185%	99%	
Hobbs	36,545	172%	229%	184%	
Alamogordo	31,546	74%	68%	81%	
Carlsbad	28,038	137%	140%	140%	
Gallup	22,359	480%	567%	587%	
Los Alamos	17,703	83%	48%	65%	
Los Lunas	15,378	NA	228%	221%	
Sunland Park	15,270	251%	18%	29%	
Deming	14,548	145%	272%	292%	
Las Vegas	13,603	234%	234%	263%	
Portales	12,524	NA	176%	50%	
Lovington	11,693	104%	76%	23%	
Artesia	11,519	272%	344%	363%	
Silver City	10,273	214%	288%	NA	
Espanola	10,171	676%	598%	713%	
Anthony	9,340	NA	165%	114%	
Grants	9,264	NA	156%	157%	
Socorro	8,879	222%	227%	210%	
Corrales	8,477	15%	29%	29%	
Bernalillo	8,336	NA	203%	259%	
Ruidoso	7,949	NA	75%	83%	
Bloomfield	7,724	NA	220%	103%	
Belen	7,228	NA	653%	530%	
Aztec	6,530	93%	106%	96%	

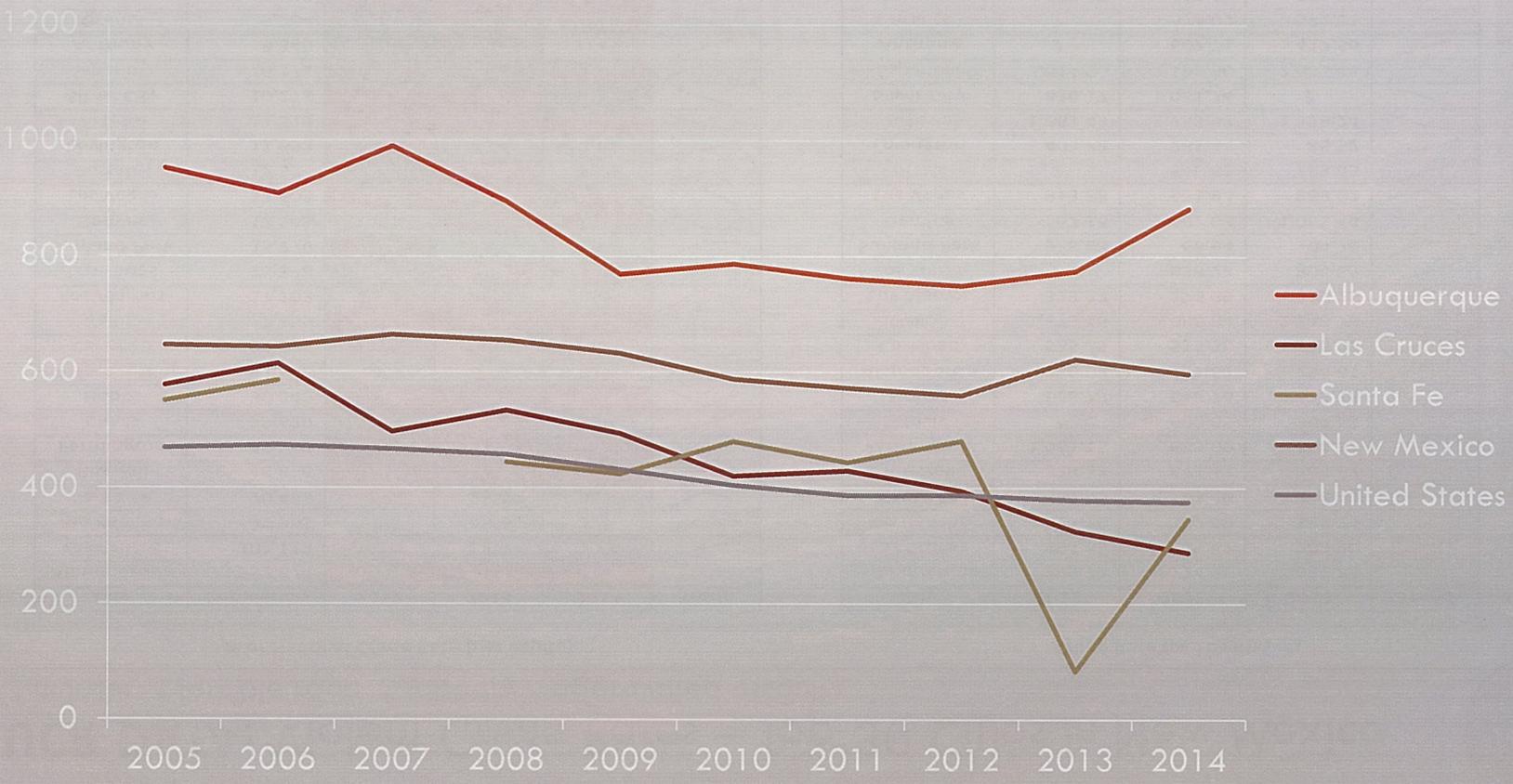
Crime Rate (per capita)

City	2012	2013	2014	Trend
Albuquerque	749.71	774.86	882.85	
Las Cruces	394.69	325.47	288.90	
Rio Rancho	225.79	182.00	188.24	
Santa Fe	481.45	83.40	346.40	
Roswell	629.33	641.61	764.87	
Farmington	1,061.15	635.09	664.62	
Clovis	?	680.65	361.63	
Hobbs	668.73	843.76	673.14	
Alamogordo	286.83	251.67	294.81	
Carlsbad	535.35	513.50	510.02	
Gallup	1,873.46	2,086.34	2,146.79	
Los Alamos	323.27	176.39	237.25	
Los Lunas	?	839.23	806.35	
Sunland Park	978.68	66.94	104.78	
Deming	567.16	1,002.03	1,065.44	
Las Vegas	913.88	861.94	963.02	
Portales	?	646.62	183.65	
Lovington	403.73	281.44	85.52	
Artesia	1,062.43	1,265.82	1,328.24	
Silver City	836.17	1,061.24	?	
Espanola	2,614.00	2,198.30	2,605.45	
Anthony	?	607.71	417.56	
Grants	?	574.03	572.11	
Socorro	860.07	835.12	765.85	
Corrales	58.72	106.08	106.17	
Bernalillo	?	746.90	947.70	
Ruidoso	?	275.10	301.92	
Bloomfield	?	808.28	375.45	
Belen	?	2,401.00	1,936.91	
Aztec	359.39	390.74	352.22	
US Average	386.9	367.7	365.5	



UCR DATA

VIOLENT CRIME RATE 10 YEAR TREND





**#2 (TIED):
NEW MEXICO AND SOUTH CAROLINA**

A graphic featuring a landscape with a rainbow over a road. The USA Today logo is in the bottom right corner.



TOP 10 STATES WITH THE WORST DRIVERS

New Mexico and South Carolina tied for second. Hawaii and North Dakota tied for seventh.



Source: CarInsuranceComparison.com,
USA TODAY

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics from 2014 show **New Mexico has the second-worst drivers in the country.**

19th-worst drivers in 2013

29th-worst drivers in 2012

New Mexico ranked:

- ❖ Fifth for the most careless driving cases
- ❖ 10th for the most drunken driving arrests
- ❖ 17th in traffic fatalities
- ❖ 12th for speeding
- ❖ 16th for other citations.

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Each state is ranked according to the following categories:

- ✓ **Fatalities Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled**
- ✓ **Failure to Obey** (Percentage of Fatal Crashes that involved Traffic Signals, Not Wearing Seat Belts, and Driving with an Invalid Driver's License)
- ✓ **Drunk Driving** (Percentage of Fatal Crashes that Involved Alcohol)
- ✓ **Speeding** (Percentage of Driving Fatalities that were Speed-Related)
- ✓ **Careless Driving** (Pedestrian & Bicyclist Fatalities per 100,000 Population)



Thank You!

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