

NEW MEXICO — New Mexico has the 5th highest rural education priority ranking among the 50 states. The student population has the nation's highest rates of rural minority students (more than 8 in 10 students), rural English Language Learners (more than one in three), and rural students in poverty (more than 8 in 10). Instructional spending is low relative to transportation spending, and there are significant inequities in the distribution of state and local funding. Fewer than 6 in 10 rural students graduate from high school, and NAEP scores are at the bottom. New Mexico's concentrated poverty districts rank first in terms of urgency, with four of five indicators at or near the top.

PRIORITY RANKING

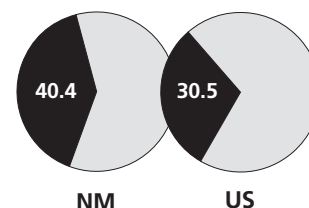
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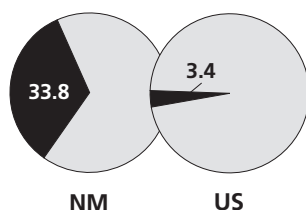


| | NM | Rank* |
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| Percent rural schools | 37.7% | 25 |
| Percent small rural school districts | 40.4% | 13 |
| Percent rural students | 17.4% | 33 |
| Number of rural students | 56,898 | 39 |
| Percentage of state education funds to rural districts | 19.3% | 34 |

Percent small rural districts



Percentage of rural ELL students



GAUGE 2:



| | NM | Rank* |
|--|-------|-------|
| Percentage of rural minority students | 81.6% | 1 |
| Percentage of rural ELL students | 33.8% | 1 |
| Percentage of rural IEP students | 18.5% | 2 |
| Percentage of rural student poverty | 81.3% | 1 |
| Percentage of rural household mobility | 11.9% | 26 |

GAUGE 3:

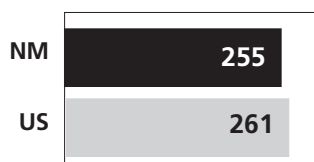


| | NM | Rank* |
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| Rural instructional expenditures per pupil | \$5,124 | 26 |
| Ratio of instructional to transportation expenditures | \$9.30 | 13 |
| Median organizational scale (x 100) | 1,478 | 39 |
| Inequality in state and local revenue per pupil among rural schools | 43.7% | 17 |
| Rural salary expenditures per instructional FTE | \$48,761 | 22 |

Ratio of instructional to transportation expenditures



Rural Grade 8 NAEP scores (math and reading)



GAUGE 4:



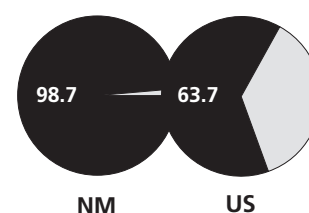
| | NM | Rank* |
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| Rural high school graduation rate | 58.4% | 4 |
| Rural Grade 4 NAEP scores (math and reading) | 217 | 2 |
| Rural Grade 8 NAEP scores (math and reading) | 255 | 1 |
| Rural proficiency in reading, per NCLB | 53.5% | 38 |
| Rural proficiency in math, per NCLB | 47.6% | 12 |

GAUGE 5:



| | NM | Rank* |
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| Number of rural students | 16,995 | 15 |
| Percentage of rural student poverty | 98.7% | 1 |
| Percentage of rural minority students | 94.2% | 4 |
| Rural instructional expenditures per pupil | \$4,611 | 7 |
| Rural high school graduation rate | 55.1% | 8 |

Percentage of rural student poverty



* A rank of 1 is most crucial or most urgent