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Silver City / Grant County
Economic Development Corporation

Policy Statement

The Silver City-Grant County Economic Development Corporation (SIGRED) adopted the following goals and objectives to implement its policy.

1. Find and relocate within the area, appropriate businesses, industries, or services compatible with the availability of resources, the prevailing economic circumstances, social life-style, and long-range community development.
2. Utilize its efforts and assets to develop a broad and public and private support to broaden the economic base.
3. Develop opportunities and assist locally established businesses, industries or services to diversify, improve, or expand their present business or start-up of new businesses. To this end, SIGRED has formed a joint venture with Western New Mexico University to operate a Small Business Development Center to assist those interested in any or all of these ventures.
4. Facilitate the entry of new businesses or expansion of existing businesses with assistance in securing financial support, acquiring or leasing property, recruiting a work force and the like.
5. Maintain SIGRED's billboards.
6. Seek out, develop and improve sound working relationships with all units of government and other organized groups with compatible interest, plans, and efforts.
7. Promote the most effective use of land, water and other natural resources.
8. Support and encourage development of quality recreational areas for the use by residents and tourists.
9. Carry out its objectives and conduct its activities without regard to age, sex, national origin, race, religious affiliation, and mental or physical handicaps.

Southwest Business Development Center

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) was established in August 1989 as a regional center to serve the business communities of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Luna counties. The SBDC is a joint venture of the Silver City Grant County Economic Development Corporation (SIGRED) and Western New Mexico University (WNMU).

The primary mission of the SBDC is to help those operating small businesses to get results from their efforts, to broaden the scope of businesses through expansion or diversification, to help start-up new business ventures, and to recruit new businesses for this region of New Mexico.

The sponsors of the SBDC, SIGRED and WNMU, have determined that the mission can be accomplished most effectively if the basic approach is to provide hands on technical assistance by professionals and practical assistance from experienced and successful business people. The nature of the approach to resolve specific business problems will be determined by the nature of the problem, the circumstances, whether the same problem has been experienced by others, or general interest in the problem. Thus, the SBDC will offer a variety of options to its clients, including but not limited to:

- One-on-one counseling
- Workshops designed to deal with specific problems of general interest to business people
- Course offerings by WNMU
- Seminars conducted by “out of town” experts
- Follow-up client support

After individual counseling, the SBDC has found the best results come from workshops and seminars designed to develop the basic management skills in such areas as:

- Feasibility studies
- Organization planning
- Financial planning
- Sales promotion
- Utilization of management information systems
- Budgeting
- Business accounting
- Improving employee relationships
- Utilization of office equipment

The SBDC offers its services at no cost to its clients except that the offerings of special courses and studies may require a small fee.

Agriculture has been one of the economic mainstays since Grant County's beginning. Even though receipts and employment in that area are declining, it still remains a very important part of our economy.

Cash Receipts from Agriculture in Grant County

Year	All Crops	Livestock	Total Agriculture
2003	-	-	-
2002	675,000	9,224,000	9,899,000
2001	739,000	13,982,000	14,721,000
2000	746,000	19,171,000	19,917,000
1999	753,000	14,107,000	14,860,000

Source: New Mexico Agricultural Statistics [USDA-NASS Census of Agriculture](#)

Livestock	2001	2002	2003
Beef Cows	23,000 head	19,500 head	19,000 head
Other Cows	13,000 head	11,500 head	10,000 head
All Cattle	36,000 head	31,000 head	29,000 head

Source: New Mexico Department of Agriculture

2002 Census of Agriculture Grant County Profile

Number of farms	2002	1997	+ / -
	272	372	- 27 %
Land in farms			
	1,218,119 acres	1,187,882 acres	+ 3 %
Average size of farm			
	4,478 acres	3,193 acres	+ 40 %
Market Value of Production			
	\$7,543,000	\$7,494,000	+ 1 %
Market Value of Production, average per farm			
	\$27,733	\$20,146	+ 38 %
Government Payments			
	\$159,000	\$34,000	+ 368 %
Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments			
	\$4,189	\$4,294	- 2 %

2002 Census of Agriculture Grant County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service

Grant, New Mexico. Ranked items among the 33 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Climatology

Grant County's climate is semi-arid, with an annual average temperature of 55.5 degrees. Midsummer maximum temperatures remain in the 80s, with an average temperature of only 27 days when the temperature reaches or exceeds the 90-degree mark. A normal winter will have only two days when the temperature fails to go above freezing. May is the driest month of the year, while July is the wettest. The wind blows at an average velocity of 10 mph from west to northwest. The sun shines 83.8% of the year. Average elevation is 6,000 ft.

January average high	49 degrees
January average low	24 degrees
July average high	87 degrees
July average low	59 degrees
Maximum temperature annual average	83.4 degrees
Minimum Temperature annual average	23.3 degrees
Normal growing season	174 days
Elevation	6,142
Average relative humidity	31 percent
Average total annual precipitation	15.69 inches

Lodging in Grant County

<p><u>Doc's Place</u> <u>PO Box 38</u> <u>Glenwood, NM 88038</u> <u>(505) 539-2711</u></p>	<p><u>Victoria's Gardens</u> <u>2961 Hwy 35</u> <u>Mimbres, NM 88049</u> <u>(505) 536-3787</u></p>
<p><u>The Ol' Ranch House On The Gila</u> <u>Glenwood, NM</u> <u>(505) 539-2236</u></p>	<p><u>Western Legacy Ranch</u> <u>1368 Brushy Mountain Road</u> <u>Mule Creek, NM 88051</u> <u>(505) 535-4422</u></p>
<p><u>Geronimo Trail Guest Ranch</u> <u>1 Wall Lake Road</u> <u>Winston, NM 87943</u> <u>(505) 772-5157</u></p>	<p><u>Double T Homestead</u> <u>PO Box 358</u> <u>Glenwood, NM 88039</u> <u>(505) 539-2812</u></p>
<p><u>Double E Guest Ranch</u> <u>67 Double E Ranch Rd.</u> <u>Gila, NM 88038</u> <u>(866) 242-3500</u></p>	<p><u>The Bunkhouse</u> <u>PO Box 835</u> <u>Hurley, NM 88043</u> <u>(505) 537-5307</u></p>
<p><u>Llamas on Board</u> <u>88 Valley Drive</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 538-5761</u></p>	<p><u>Cabins of the White Deer</u> <u>HC 86 Box 195 Lake Roberts</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 536-9929</u></p>
<p><u>The Wilderness Lodge</u> <u>HC 68 Box 85</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 536-9749</u></p>	<p><u>Spirit Canyon Lodge</u> <u>HC 68 Box 60</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 536-9459</u></p>
<p><u>Bear Creek Cabins</u> <u>PO Box 53082</u> <u>Pinos Altos, NM 88053</u> <u>(505) 538-5583</u></p>	<p><u>Grey Feathers Lodge</u> <u>HC 68 Box 134</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 536-3206</u></p>
<p><u>Bear Mountain Lodge</u> <u>2251 Cottage San Road</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 538-2538</u></p>	<p><u>Casitas de Gila</u> <u>PO Box 325</u> <u>Gila, NM 88038</u> <u>(505) 535-4455</u></p>

<p><u>Walnut Creek Cottages</u> <u>71 North Fork Walnut Creek Road</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 534-9624</u></p>	<p><u>The Gateway Cottage</u> <u>1209 Virginia Street.</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 388-1774</u></p>
<p><u>Gila River House</u> <u>PO Box 131</u> <u>Gila, NM 88038</u> <u>(505) 535-2383</u></p>	<p><u>The Cottages</u> <u>PO Box 2562</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88062</u> <u>(505) 388-3000</u></p>
<p><u>La Posada De Tierra Alta</u> <u>114 S. Cooper St.</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 534-2782</u></p>	<p><u>Burro Mountain Homestead</u> <u>665 Tyrone Road</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 538-2149</u></p>
<p><u>The Guest House</u> <u>1014 W. 13th</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 538-3203</u></p>	<p><u>A Place to Stay in Silver City</u> <u>1304 N. Bennett Street</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 538-2239</u></p>
<p><u>Cottage of the Whispering Canyon</u> <u>983 Highway 356</u> <u>Hanover, NM 88041</u> <u>(505) 537-5505</u></p>	<p><u>Cienega Spa & Salon</u> <u>101 N. Cooper Street</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 534-1600</u></p>
<p><u>The Inn on Broadway</u> <u>411 W. Broadway</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 388-5485</u></p>	<p><u>West Street Inn</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 534-2302</u></p>
<p><u>Comfort Inn</u> <u>1060 HWY 180</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 534-1883</u></p>	<p><u>Holiday Inn Express</u> <u>1103 Superior</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 538-2525</u></p>

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<p>Copper Manor HWY 180 East Silver City, NM 88061 (505) 538-5392</p>	<p><u>Super 8 Motel</u> <u>HWY 180 E.</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 388-1983</u></p>
<p>Drifter Motel HWY 180 East Silver City, NM 88061 (505) 538-2916</p>	<p><u>The Palace Hotel</u> <u>106 W. Broadway</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 388-1811</u></p>
<p><u>Econo Lodge</u> <u>Hwy 180 E.</u> <u>Silver City, NM 88061</u> <u>(505) 534-1111</u></p>	<p>Sapillo Crossing Guest Ranch Route 11, Box 134 Silver City, NM 88061 (505) 536-3206</p>
<p><u>White Water Hotel</u> <u>PO Box 158</u> <u>Glenwood, NM 88039</u> <u>(505) 539-2581</u></p>	<p>The Morning Glory Bed & Breakfast 411 N. Bayard St. Silver City, NM 88061 (505)538-0190</p>
<p>The Wilderness Lodge Route 11, Box 85 Silver City, NM 88061 (505)536-9749</p>	<p>Crab Apple Cabins U. S. Hwy 180 Glenwood, NM 88039 (505 539-2400)</p>

Economic Indicators

Year	Per Capita Personal Income	Average Wage / Salary Per job	No of Businesses	Gross Receipts Retail Trade
2001	-	-	-	-
2000	\$18,507	\$22,712	680	\$204,657,000
1999	\$17,117	\$22,273	686	\$196,337,000
1998	\$17,544	\$22,919	694	\$197,178,000
1997	\$17,396	\$23,440	683	\$228,821,000
1996	\$17,210	\$22,895	664	\$190,263,000
1995	\$16,388	\$22,287	638	\$174,194,000
1994	\$15,165	\$21,615	630	\$158,251,000
1993	\$14,451	\$20,727	604	\$145,651,000
1992	\$13,448	\$20,450	599	\$134,729,000
1991	\$13,322	\$19,949	609	\$130,408,000
1990	\$12,457	\$18,931	605	\$122,509,000

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Table DP-3 - www.census.gov
 US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis - www.bea.doc.gov
 New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department - www.state.nm.us/tax
 Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico - www.unm.edu/~bber/
 Economic Census for Country - www.census.gov/epcd/www/econ97.html

Housing Availability

Silver City as of March 2005

Residential – Site Built

1 bedroom	1	\$287,000	\$287,500 to \$287,500
2 bedroom	18	\$103,700	\$52,000 to \$350,000
3 bedroom	43	\$164,900	\$33,900 to \$1,750,000
4 bedroom	12	\$217,500	\$159,000 to \$975,000
5 bedroom	2	\$286,950	\$224,900 to \$349,000

Residential – Manufactured

1 bedroom	0	\$	\$35,000 to \$107,000
2 bedroom	2	\$71,000	\$30,500 to \$475,000
3 bedroom	24	\$79,950	\$25,000 to \$950,000
4 bedroom	12	\$142,000	\$79,500 to \$310,000
5 bedroom	0	\$	\$

Land – Single Family Lot

0- .05	5	\$18,000	\$13,500 to \$36,000
.06 - .99	15	\$27,000	\$13,000 to \$80,000
1 –2.99	40	\$65,000	\$12,000 to \$200,00
3 – 5	9	\$75,000	\$49,000 to \$115,000
5.1 – 10	13	\$75,900	\$50,000 to \$151,900

Land – Restricted & Unrestricted Rural

0 – 5	11	\$50,000	\$23,500 to \$95,000
5.1 to 10	10	\$92,250	\$56,000 to \$139,000
10.1 – 25	11	\$135,000	\$45,000 to \$435,000
25.1 +	7	\$224,000	\$131,250 to \$489,235

Commercial

Commercial Income	14	\$197,500	\$75,000 to \$989,000
Business Opportunity	9	\$189,000	\$25,000 to \$600,000

* The above statistics reflect the Multiple Listing Service of the Silver City Regional Association of Realtors as of March 16, 2005

Statistical Report Increase in Average Home Prices

This study is based on the average sales price of homes in the greater Silver City area. For the purpose of this study we used a modest 1500 Square foot, 3 bedroom, 1 or 2 bath homes.

Year	Size	Bedroom	Avg. Sales Price	% Change
1996	15 sq. ft.	3	\$94,500	+3.2%
1997	15 sq. ft.	3	\$96,900	+2.5%
1998	15 sq. ft.	3	\$96,700	-0.2%
1999	15 sq. ft.	3	\$115,100	+19%
2000	15 sq. ft.	3	\$105,450	-8.4%
2001	15 sq. ft.	3	\$104,650	-0.8%
2002	15 sq. ft.	3	\$107,200	+2.5%
2003	15 sq. ft.	3	\$130,450	+21.6%
2004	15 sq. ft.	3	\$140,380	+7.6%

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Town of Silver City - Building Permits

	One and Two Family Residences	Other	Total
2000	11		-
2001	16		-
2002	15	-	-
2003	26	-	-
2004	30	-	-
as of 05/31/05	24		-

Grant County - Building Permits

2000			
2001			
2002			
2003			
2004			
as of 05/31/05			

Source: Town of Silver City Community Development Department; Grant County Assessor's Office

Grant County

Labor Force Statistics

As of June 2006 (note these numbers are updated monthly)

Civilian Labor Force	12,479
Employed	11,780
Unemployed	699
Rate of unemployment	5.6%

▼ 2004 year end statistics:

2004 year end Civilian Labor Force	11,984
2004 year end Employed	11,223
2004 year end Unemployed	761
2004 year end Rate of unemployment	6.4%

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As of June 2005 (note these numbers are updated monthly)¶
¶ Civilian Labor Force ... [1]

Source: New Mexico Labor Market Report visit <http://www.dol.state.nm.us>

Estimated Median Household Income of Grant County

Year	Income
2004	-
2003	-
2002	\$28,112
2001	\$28,768
2000	\$30,315
1999	\$29,096
1998	\$30,182
1997	\$28,882

Annual Per Capita Income in Grant County

Year	Income
2004	-
2003	-
2002	\$19,792
2001	\$19,303
2000	\$18,703
1999	\$17,225
1998	\$17,650
1997	\$17,630

Source: <http://laser.state.nm.us/analyzer/> see statistics link

Local Government

Grant County

Grant County Office
1400 Highway 180 East – Silver City, NM 88061
P.O. Box 898 – Silver City, NM 88062
P: 505-574-0000
<http://www.grantcountynm.com>

Three county commissioners govern the County of Grant. The county manager is appointed by approval of the county commission and is the chief administrator for the county. Elected officials for the county include the commissioners, assessor, treasurer, county clerk and sheriff. Each elected official serves a four-year term and may be re-elected for two consecutive terms.

City of Bayard

Bayard City Hall
800 Central, Bayard, NM 88023
P.O. Box 728, Bayard, NM 88023
P: 505-537-3327
E: bayard@gilanet.com
(no website)

A mayor and four council members govern the City of Bayard. All are elected by popular vote. Terms are for 2 years and 4 years and there is no term limit. An election is held every two years. The clerk-treasurer serves as the city's chief administrator.

Town of Hurley

Hurley Town Hall
101 Cortez Ave., Hurley, NM 88043
P.O. Box 65, Hurley, NM 88043
P: 505-537-2287
E: hurleytownhall@zianet.com
(no website)

A mayor and four council members govern the Town of Hurley. All are elected by popular vote. Staggered terms are for four years and there is no term limit. An election is held every two years. The town clerk serves as the chief administrator.

Village of Santa Clara

Village Town Hall
105 N. Bayard St., Santa Clara, NM 88026
P.O. Box 316, Santa Clara, NM 88026
P: 505-537-2443
E: santaclara3@zianet.com
(no website)

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Local Government (continued)

A mayor and four trustees govern the Village of Santa Clara. All are elected by popular vote. Staggered terms are for four years and there is no term limit. An election is held every two years. The village clerk serves as the chief administrator.

Town of Silver City

Town of Silver City

Bullard & Broadway, Silver City, NM 88061

P.O. Box 1188, Silver City, NM 88062

P: 505-538-3731

www.townofsilvercity.org

A mayor and four council members govern the Town of Silver City. The mayor is elected by popular vote. Council members are elected by their districts and serve a two-year term. The mayor serves for two years and two council members are elected each year. The city manager is the chief administrator for the city.

Attitude of County and City Government

The mayors, city councilors, trustees, county commissioners and their respective managers recognize the need for economic development industrial growth in the county. They also realize the importance of local government actions, which will permit the industry to locate with a minimum of effort. All of our Grant County communities play an active role in county development.

Public Safety

Fire Departments

The nine authorized volunteer fire departments in Grant County are:

Cliff and Gila Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

PO Box 329
621 Hwy 211
Cliff, NM 88028
505-535-2715

Fort Bayard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

PO Box 36036
FS 2 Calle de Palmas
Ft. Bayard, NM 88036
505-537-5783

Lower Mimbres Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

PO Box 88
2186 Hwy 61
Faywood, NM 88034
505-536-2823

Pinos Altos Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

PO Box 53155
4759 Hwy 15
Pinos Altos, NM 88053
505-574-0017

Santa Rita Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

PO Box 66
#2 Lampbright Rd.
Hanover, NM 88041
505-536-3096

Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

HC68, Box 263
860 Hwy 35
Silver City, NM 88061
505-536-3100

Tyrone Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
 PO Box 51
 101 Turquoise
 Tyrone, NM 88065
 505-388-8733

Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
 PO Box 367
 3072 Hwy 35
 Mimbres, NM 88049
 505-536-3680

Whiskey Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
 PO Box 1164
 16 Kirkland Road
 Bayard, NM 88023
 505-388-8720

Police Department

Department Phone Numbers:

Bayard Emergency.....911 Non-Emergency.....537-3312	Santa Clara Emergency.....911 or Sheriff.....537-5464
Hurley Emergency.....911 Non-Emergency.....537-3220	Silver City Emergency.....911 For all purposes...538-3723 Emergency after hrs. 388-8840 http://www.townofsilvercity.org/police

Grant County Sheriff's Department

For an emergency call 911

Non-emergency call 574-0100
 Regional Dispatch call 388-8840
 505-574-0150-fax number

To request an officer please call the Central Dispatch @ 505-388-8840

For complete information on the Grant County Sheriff Department visit their website.
<http://grantcountynm.com/sheriff.html>

Major Employers				
Grant County, New Mexico				
As of September 2005				

Number Of Employees	Business Name	Product or Service	Year Established	Union % of Total
1202	Phelps Dodge Mining Company Phelps Dodge: Phelps Dodge Home	Mining	1967	19
646	Gila Regional Medical Center Welcome to Gila Regional Medical Center	Medical	-	-
525	Western New Mexico University Western New Mexico University	Higher Education	1893	0
483	Silver Consolidated Schools SHS	Education	1959	0
388	Ft. Bayard Medical Center	Medical	1965	0
380	Wal-Mart Super Center Walmart.com - Always Low Prices!	Retail	1989	0
317	Cobre Consolidated Schools www.cobre.k12.nm.us	Education	1954	37
313	James Hamilton Construction	Construction	1948	0
275	U.S. Forest Service www2.srs.fs.fed.us/r3/gila/	Government	1905	0
180	Town of Silver City Official web site for the Town of Silver City, a successful and growing municipality in Grant County, in the southwestern mountains of New Mexico!	Government	1905	0

Source: Local calls, Latest update: June 2005 data

Medical Facilities

Gila Regional Medical Center is said to be the busiest small hospital in all of southwestern New Mexico. It is located in Silver City and provides services to all people in Grant, Luna, Hidalgo and Catron counties.

Gila Regional Medical Center (GRMC) offers inpatient to outpatient care, emergency medical service, as well as fitness and wellness programs. They have a highly trained staff dedicated to assist in all your medical needs.

Gila Regional Medical Center is home to 48 physicians and approximately 600 staff personnel making it one of the larger employers in the area. (Link back to major employers) The mission at GRMC is to work for the health of our neighbors. Visit GRMC's web site for complete detail of the organization and listing of medical staff.

<http://www.grmc.org/index.htm>

Fort Bayard Medical Center is a state operated facility with 208 licensed beds devoted to long term care of the elderly and the terminally ill. It also has an exceptional chemical decency treatment unit licensed for 14 beds, 4 for detox, as well as an outpatient physical therapy and accident rehabilitation services. The staff is comprised of 4 physicians with more than 380 on staff.

[Department of Health Fort Bayard Medical Facility](#)

Grant County Public Health Department provides service for the community and county area on a regular basis in several categories.

Communicable Diseases	Children's Medical Services
Venereal Disease	Tuberculosis Testing
Vital Statistics	Immunization Clinics
Wellness Child Clinic	STD Testing
Hypertension	WIC Programs
Pregnancy Tests	Prenatal Clinics
Handicapped	Early Childhood Intervention/Prevention

Other services include health educators providing services to the community promoting health education and counseling when referred by a physician and follow up services on enteric illnesses. Visit its website for complete information and services.

[Welcome to the New Mexico Dept. of Health, Public Health Division, District III](#)

The **New Mexico Environmental Department** services include consultation in water supply systems, waste disposal systems, control of pests, investigation of environmental nuisance complaints, and health inspections for food sanitation. For complete details call the local office in Grant County at 388-1934 or visit their website by clicking on the link,

[The New Mexico Environment Department, Water, Land, Air, Waste, Protection, Pollution, Quality, Cleanup](#) for complete details of all the state offices and services.

Border Area Health Mental Health Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency funded largely through state contracts. Border Health provides individual and group counseling for

residents in Southwestern New Mexico. Out patient services include marital, family and child management counseling, rape crises, and psychological evaluations. Other programs offered are the Day Treatment Program for the chronically mentally ill, a Juvenile Community Correction Program, and Family Support Services. The agency operates on a sliding fee for direct clinical service; however no one is refused services if unable to pay. Border Area Mental Health Services in Grant County is located at 315 S. Hudson #6, Silver City, NM, 505-538-3488.

Coordinated Care Corporation provides non-medical in-home care, person care, companions, respite (rest) for care givers, meal planning and preparation, telephone reassurance, errands, tuck in service, and private management. This office is located at 1303 N. Pope Street, Silver City, NM or call 505-388-5606 .

Silver City Care Center is a complete intermediate care facility (ICF) which is federally certified and state licensed with 66 beds dedicated to intermediate care, 16 beds dedicated to Medicare skilled nursing, and 18 beds to the Renaissance Wing dedicated to Alzheimer's patients. The program is unique in that an overall care plan for each resident is initially set up by a group of medical and nutritional experts and strictly adhered to. The plan is then updated periodically. The facility has contracted services for physical therapy and for beauty and barber services. SCCC employs 120 individuals dedicated to serving the residents while encouraging independence.

Sunset Vista is an adult residential care facility established in 1992, which provides services for residents who have physical or mental disabilities. The facility is designed specifically for the elderly as residents, not as an institution. The facility offers 15 licensed beds, seven semi-private rooms and one private room. Employees are CPR and First Aid trained, have Nurses Aid Certifications, and have prescription and nonprescription medication training through the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy. The facility provides the largest square footage per resident of its kind in New Mexico and exceeds regulated standards.

Beehive Home is an assisted living facility established in 2001. It offers 15 licensed beds, 3 semi-private rooms and 9 private rooms, and each has a complete bathroom and shower stall. The facility is designed specifically for the elderly as a "residence, not as an institution." Employees are CPR and First Aid trained and has prescription and nonprescription medication training through the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy. The facility is located at 300 Industrial Park, Santa Clara, NM. You can reach them at 505-537-3077.

San Vicente Home Health provides services in the home including intermittent skilled nursing, home and health aids, physical, occupational and speech therapy and medical social services. Located at 214 W. Broadway in Silver City, they can be reached at 505-538-0912 or outside the city call 888-538-9012.

Grant County Family Support Centers is a program of Hidalgo Medical Services funded in part by the New Mexico Children's Trust Fund. The mission of the Grant County Support Family Support Center is to support families in their health development and growth in order to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children. <http://www.hmsnm.org/> (need link)

The Family Support Center is a warm and welcoming place where families and individuals can ask for information, get assistance with accessing services and connect with other families for fun activities and mutual support.

The Family Support Center's goal is to coordinate, develop and provide a broad array of community –driven services. We are constantly looking for volunteers to help out with support groups, workshops and special projects. The Centers provide information about and access to:

Sliding Fee Medical Services	Teen Parent Support
Medicaid, SCHIP, Medicare, SSI	Parental Classes
Income Support	First Born Program, Car Seats
Medication Assistance Program	Food Bank
Indigent Fund	Legal Services
Childcare Referrals & Assistance	Grandparent Support
Senior Resources	Parenting Classes
Mimbres Walking Club	Substance Abuse Counseling
Early Childhood Intervention	GED, ESL and Computer Classes
Emergency Assistance	Tutoring and Mentoring Programs
Mental Health Services	Smoking Cessation Classes

OTHER HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

El Refugio assists battered or abused women in the county by providing shelter. It is located at 800 S. Robert Street, Silver City, New Mexico, phone 505-538-2125

Grant County Coalition for Youth is a community based organization which works with service providers and other community organizations to provide services, community activities and assistance for youth and families in Grant County.

Life Quest headquartered in Silver City is a private, non-profit corporation providing services to developmentally disabled children and adults in the counties in Southwestern New Mexico. Life Quest objective is to assist these citizens in progressing to include vocational training and employment, case management, supervision for semi-independent living, group homes, early childhood educational instructions, physical and speech therapy and others. No fees are charged for services with the exception of the residential program and these charges vary according to income. To contact the administrative office call 505-388-1976.

The Silver City Gospel Mission is a non-profit organization funded by the community. The mission serves hot meals five days a week in the soup kitchen. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12 p.m., breakfast on Sunday at 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. Food baskets are given to families on a monthly basis. Clothing is given on a weekly basis to needy families. Medical services are provided every Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mission. The medical clinic is for those who have no insurance. The Mission is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon for food baskets, clothing and Christian lay counseling. The Sierra House is next door to the Mission and provides shelter for the homeless and is also a transitional living unit for those

who find gainful employment and are then able to leave and help others through community service. The Gospel Mission also provides a literacy program and addiction support group. To contact the Gospel Mission call 505-388-5071

Southwestern Advocates 4 Kids (SWAK) is an agency made up of three programs to serve the needs of children. One of the programs is Court Appointed Special Advocates also know as CASA. Each CASA worker is a concerned person who is appointed by the Children's Court to serve as a monitor and advocate in child abuse cases. CASA works with the court and social service agencies to provide an objective overview of the conditions surrounding each abuse and neglect case. CASA is required to submit reports to the court that become a part of the child's case record. Access and Visitation Services, AVS, offers a safe caring environment so exchanges of children can be made in a neutral setting, or, if court ordered, an on site visitation can be facilitated. AVS also facilitates the transfer of property and communication between parents. The third program SWAK is the Teen Parent / Transitional Living Home. This program works closely with other area agencies in order to offer a wide variety of services to the young women served in this program. The mission of the Teen Parent / Transitional Living Home is to foster self-sufficient, emotionally and physically healthy young women by providing a safe and accepting environment which will prepare them to escape the cycle of abuse, neglect and poverty. If you have any questions about the programs offered by Southwestern Advocates 4 Kids, please contact them at 505-534-8938, offices located at 301 W. College, Suite 16, Silver City, New Mexico.

POPULATION By Age and Sex

Age	Number	Percentage
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Total population	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
	31,002	15,109	15,893	100	100	100
Under 5 years	2,125	1,088	1,037	6.9	7.2	6.5
5 to 9 years	2,129	1,103	1,026	6.9	7.3	6.5
10 to 14 years	2,350	1,220	1,130	7.6	8.1	7.1
15 to 19 years	2,389	1,224	1,165	7.7	8.1	7.3
20 to 24 years	1,787	858	929	5.8	5.7	5.8
25 to 29 years	1,567	749	818	5.1	5	5.1
30 to 34 years	1,645	791	854	5.3	5.2	5.4
35 to 39 years	1,974	931	1,043	6.4	6.2	6.6
40 to 44 years	2,155	1,031	1,124	7	6.8	7.1
45 to 49 years	2,194	1,046	1,148	7.1	6.9	7.2
50 to 54 years	2,157	1,021	1,136	7	6.8	7.1
55 to 59 years	1,899	953	946	6.1	6.3	6
60 to 64 years	1,520	745	775	4.9	4.9	4.9
65 to 69 years	1,449	715	734	4.7	4.7	4.6
70 to 74 years	1,384	698	686	4.5	4.6	4.3
75 to 79 years	1,089	492	597	3.5	3.3	3.8
80 to 84 years	647	264	383	2.1	1.7	2.4
85 to 89 years	357	132	225	1.2	0.9	1.4
90 years and over	185	48	137	0.6	0.3	0.9
Under 18 years	8,138	4,194	3,944	26.2	27.8	24.8
18 to 64 years	17,753	8,566	9,187	57.3	56.7	57.8
18 to 24 years	2,642	1,299	1,343	8.5	8.6	8.5
25 to 44 years	7,341	3,502	3,839	23.7	23.2	24.2
25 to 34 years	3,212	1,540	1,672	10.4	10.2	10.5
35 to 44 years	4,129	1,962	2,167	13.3	13	13.6
45 to 64 years	7,770	3,765	4,005	25.1	24.9	25.2
45 to 54 years	4,351	2,067	2,284	14	13.7	14.4
55 to 64 years	3,419	1,698	1,721	11	11.2	10.8
65 years and over	5,111	2,349	2,762	16.5	15.5	17.4
65 to 74 years	2,833	1,413	1,420	9.1	9.4	8.9
75 to 84 years	1,736	756	980	5.6	5	6.2
85 years and over	542	180	362	1.7	1.2	2.3
16 years and over	23,873	11,448	12,425	77	75.8	78.2
18 years and over	22,864	10,915	11,949	73.8	72.2	75.2
21 years and over	21,613	10,286	11,327	69.7	68.1	71.3
60 years and over	6,631	3,094	3,537	21.4	20.5	22.3
62 years and over	6,010	2,792	3,218	19.4	18.5	20.2
67 years and over	4,522	2,048	2,474	14.6	13.6	15.6
75 years and over	2,278	936	1,342	7.3	6.2	8.4
Median age (years)	38.8	37.9	39.7	(X)	(X)	(X)

Source: US Census 2000, summary file 1

Estimated Population for Grant County

Estimated Population	July 1,2004	July 1,2003	July 1,2002	July 1,2001	July 1,2000	April 1,2000	April 1,2000
New Mexico	1,903,289	1,878,562	1,855,143	1,832,335	1,821,496	1,819,046	1,819,046
Grant County	29,443	29,842	30,411	30,851	30,920	31,002	31,002

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population estimates

POPULATION Projections

Grant County population projections 1970 to 2020						
Year	0-15	15-24	25-54	55-64	65+	TOTAL
1970	7,079	4,097	7,343	1,808	1,733	22,030
1980	7,309	4,506	9,404	2,232	2,753	26,204
1990	8,132	4,304	11,180	2,470	3,505	29,591
2000	8,615	4,821	12,536	2,722	4,035	32,729
2010	8,852	5,213	13,094	3,863	4,521	35,543
2020	9,297	4,404	13,807	4,048	5,780	38,336

Source: New Mexico State University, Department of Economics

<http://www.retirementliving.com>

Public Schools:

Grades	School	Address	Phone	Website
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Cobre Consolidated Schools – 505-537-4500 – www.cobre.k12.nm.us				
PK-05	Bayard Elementary	100 Park – POB 1040 Bayard, NM 88023	505-537-4584	
KG-05	Central Elementary	600 Prescott – POB 315 Santa Clara, NM 88026	505-537-4700	
KG-05	Hurley Elementary	300 Carrasco-POB 39 Hurley, NM 88043	505-537-4715	
KG-05	San Lorenzo Elementary	HC 71 – POB1500 San Lorenzo, NM 88041	505-536-9348	
06-08	Snell Middle School	501 Tom Foy Blvd. POB 729, Bayard 88023	505-537-4568	
09-12	Cobre High School	1300 Tom Foy Blvd. POB 749, Bayard 88023	505-537-4535	
Silver City Consolidated Schools – 505-956-2000 – (no website)				
PK-06	Cliff Elementary	POB 9, Cliff, NM	505-535-2051	
07-12	Cliff High School	POB 9, Cliff, NM	505-535-2051	
PK-05	Harrison Schmitt Elementary	4042 Hwy 90 SW, Silver City, NM 88061	505-388-1387	
KG-05	Jose Barrios Elementary	1625 Little Walnut Silver City, NM 88061	505-956-2120	
PK-05	Sixth Street Elementary	405 W. 6 th Silver City, NM 88061	505-956-2150	
PK-05	Stout Elementary	2600 N. Swan Silver City, NM 88061	505-956-2100	
06-08	LaPlata Middle School	3500 N. Silver St. Silver City, NM 88061	505-956-2060	
09-12	Silver High	3200 N. Silver St. Silver City, NM 88061	505-388-1563	

Private Schools:

Grades	School	Address	Phone	Website
K-12	Agape Academy	1301 Santa Rita St.	505-538-3467	
K-10	Calvary Christian Academy	3001 Highway 90 So. Silver City, NM 88061 POB 29–SC– 88062	505-388-4478	www.zianet.com/calvarychristianacademy
K-12	Down to Earth	716 W. Market Silver City, NM 88061	505-388-2902	
3-5 yr. olds	El Grito Head Start (nonprofit)	303 S. Cooper POB 1536 Silver City, NM 88061	505-538-5459 505-538-3608	
2-1/2- 12 yrs old	Guadalupe Montessori School	1731 N. Alabama Silver City, NM 88061	505-388-3343	www.guadalupeмонтessori.org

Public Schools

Grant County has two public school systems: Silver Consolidated Schools and Cobre Consolidated Schools. The Silver District includes the Town of Silver City, Tyrone and Cliff. The Cobre District includes the City of Bayard, Village of Santa Clara, Town of Hurley, and the Mimbres Valley area.

Grade	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05
Kindergarten	270	260	251	267	287
First	293	259	275	259	252
Second	255	267	247	251	241
Third	256	254	248	236	243
Fourth	285	255	248	243	231
Fifth	232	264	252	243	256
Sixth	248	226	270	249	245
Seventh	300	251	219	258	248
Eighth	285	288	247	209	268
Ninth	310	289	282	256	251
Tenth	316	310	266	275	241
Eleventh	326	309	287	264	256
Twelfth	266	254	257	243	221
TOTAL	3,642	3,486	3,349	3,253	3,240

Grade	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05
Kindergarten	141	133	120	99	111
First	127	135	131	111	99
Second	136	123	119	107	113
Third	138	127	115	108	109
Fourth	142	132	120	105	102
Fifth	154	146	131	115	110
Sixth	139	145	133	104	108
Seventh	124	130	139	119	108
Eighth	148	134	128	124	115
Ninth	170	166	134	109	123
Tenth	141	171	154	119	120
Eleventh	129	128	158	132	115
Twelfth	135	101	106	132	120
TOTAL	1,824	1,771	1,688	1,484	1,453

Both districts maintain a complete curriculum with excellent facilities. Each has a variety of outside activities and participation which are encouraged by the schools. The schools are staffed with a more than adequate supply of teacher and support personnel to see to the needs of the individual student. Both districts maintain a special program at all grade levels.

Source: Phone call to each district.

RECREATION
Grant County and Surrounding Areas

Hiking, biking, picnics and nature galore! The Gila National Forest is perfect for outdoors activities. The area surrounding Silver City has been set aside by the federal government as forest and wilderness. There are over 3.2 million acres of rugged mountain ranges, desert and forest affected very little by civilization. Plants vary from cacti to junipers and pines to aspens in the higher elevations. The region contains three wilderness area, waters of the Gila, Mimbres and San Francisco Rivers as well as beautiful trout streams, all of which provide excellent fishing. Lake fishing is also available at Lake Roberts, Snow Lake, Quemado Lake, Wall Lake, Bill Evans Lake and the Bear Canyon Reservoir. Hot springs occur naturally in the various locations throughout the area. Big game hunting is exceptional with elk, deer, turkey, and many other species living in the forest and wilderness. The Catwalk, Gila Cliff Dwellings, City of Rocks and old mines at Kingston, Hillsboro, Pinos Altos, and Mogollon are spectacular historic sites. Firewood may be cut in designated area with a permit.

Silver City Parks	Area	Restrooms	Barbeque - Picnic	Bandstand	Tennis Courts	Basketball	Racquetball	Volleyball	Game Field	Baseball Field	Fitness Equip	Community Ctr.	Recreational Trail	Golf Course	Play Equipment
*Gough Park	1.99	X	X	X		X									
Pope Street Park	.55														X
Big Ditch Park	.99														
Greg Jaurequi Park	.29					X									X
Noble Park	.17														X
Corbin Street Park	.26					X									X
La Capilla Park	.56					X									X
Virginia Street Park	.72					X									X
32 nd Street Park	7.6				X						X				
38 th Street Park	4.3														X
Cherry Hill Park	.25														X
Linda Vista Park	1.96														
Pine Ridge Park	.25														
Valley Vista Park	1.52														
* Penny Park	-	X													X
COMMUNITY PARKS															
Recreation Center	4.57	X				X		X			X	X			X
Scott Park	30	X								X					
Golf Course	118	X												X	
Swimming Pools	-	X													

*These parks are used extensively by local residents and tourist.

Penny Park is truly built by the hands and pennies of the community. Penny Park came from the ideas and imagination of local children when asked to build the “ultimate playground”. Today it is utilized by hundreds of children fulfilling their playground dreams. The park is an outstanding effort of volunteers working together to create a one of a kind setting for the community.

[Welcome to Community Built Park / Gila Institute for Tots To Teens / Penny Park in Silver City](#)

Ben Altamirano Sports Complex located off 32nd street By-Pass-Road is an all sports complex offering lighted baseball, softball, and soccer facilities. It is the home field to Silver High Fighting Colts men and women’s baseball and softball teams as well as the Silver City Little League. For more information or scheduling of the complex contact Town of Silver City at 505-388-4640 or Silver High School at 505-388-1563.

Other Recreational Facilities in area:

Bowling:

Silver Lanes has 16 lanes, a café and lounge. Call for more information 505-538-3612.

Skating/ Banquet Facility:

Domingo’s Party Place located in Bayard has a roller-skating rink plus they offer a banquet facility that seats up to 250 people. For more information call 505-538-2941 for more information.

Banquet Facilities:

Hanover Outpost is a restaurant located in Hanover NM, the facility is capable of seating ---- for weddings or social events. Please call for more information at 505-537-5397

Caballero’s Restaurant 505-388-8691

Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House located in historic Pinos Altos 505-538-9911

Convention and Conference Facilities

Holiday Inn 1103 Superior, Silver City 538-2525, seats 60.

Global Resource Center located on the campus of WNMU can seat 260 people call Special Events at 505-538-6161 for more information.

Fiesta Recreational / Convention Center call for more information 505-388-2224.

The Flame Convention Center located on Pinto Altos Road in Silver City, call for more information. 505-388-0992.

Town of Silver City Recreation / Convention Center

The old National Guard Armory located on Gold Street has been developed into a recreation and convention center. The center is used for Gun, Mineral, and Art Shows throughout the year. After school and summer programs are available for children between the ages of 6-12. For more information on programs or usage of this center please contact 505-388-3087, open Monday through Thursday until 8 p.m. and Friday until 6 p.m.

Links to area and surrounding sites

Cliff, NM

Bill Evans Lake [Silver City - Bill Evans Lake](#)

Columbus, NM

Pancho Villa State Park [SilverWeb--Unofficial Homepage for Silver City, New Mexico](#)

Faywood, NM

City of Rocks [City of Rocks](#)

Faywood Hot Springs [Faywood Hot Springs New Mexico High Desert Resort Oasis](#)

Ft. Bayard, NM

Ft. Bayard Historical Area [The Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society](#)

Gila, NM

Gila Biking Tours [Gila Inner Loop Super Tour, 1999](#)

Double E Guest Ranch [Double E Guest Ranch, New Mexico Ranch Vacation Adventure!](#)

Glenwood, NM

The Catwalk [Gila National Forest - Recreation: Catwalk National Recreation Trail](#)

Glenwood Fish Hatchery [State Fish Hatchery in Glenwood, New Mexico](#)

Hachita, NM

Old Hachita Ghost Town [Ghost Towns](#)

Mimbres, NM

Gila Cliff Dwellings/Visitor Center [Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument \(National Park Service\)](#)

Mogollon, NM

Old Mining Town [Ghost Towns - Mogollon](#)

Pinos Altos, NM

Buckhorn Saloon & Opera House

Santa Clara, NM

Wolf Horse Outfitters [Apache WolfHorse Outfitters a Native American guide service.](#)

Silver City, NM

Community site [Silver City New Mexico](#)

Shakespeare, NM

Ghost Town [Shakespeare Ghost Town - New Mexico USA - Official Homepage](#)

Silver City, NM

Adelante Tours <http://www.gilanet.com/silverweb/adelante>

Annual Blues Festival [Mimbres Region Arts Council - Silver City Blues Festival 2005](#)

Annual July 4 Parade

Annual Professional Rodeo [What to see, where to go and other destination information for Silver City, Grant County, and the Old West southwestern corner of New Mexico.](#)

Annual Tour of the Gila International Bike Race [Gila Tours](#)

Big Ditch Park [What to see, where to go and other destination information for Silver City, Grant County, and the Old West southwestern corner of New Mexico.](#)

Billy The Kid Cabin [silvercity.org](#)

Community Built Penny Park [Welcome to Community Built Park / Gila Institute for Tots To Teens / Penny Park in Silver City](#)

Gila River Festival [Gila Resources Information Project](#)

Historic Downtown [Silver City Mainstreet](#)

Lake Roberts [Lake Roberts Cabins & General Store](#)

Serenity Acres Horse Rescue Farm <http://serenityacresnm.com>

Silver City Golf Club [Silver City Golf Club](#)

Silver City Museum [silvercitymuseum.org](#)

Western NM University Museum [WNMU Museum](#)

Vanadium, NM

Open-pit Copper Mine Outlook

Miscellaneous

Gila National Forest [Gila National Forest - Recreation: Catwalk National Recreation Trail](#)

NM River Adventures, Gila River [New Mexico Whitewater River Rafting, Canoeing, and Kayaking by Known World Guide Service](#)

Steins Railroad Tour, Interstate 10 [Silver City New Mexico Day Trip Steins](#)

Trail of the Mountain Spirits – Gila [What to see, where to go and other destination information for Silver City, Grant County, and the Old West southwestern corner of New Mexico.](#)

**CAMPING AND RV PARKS
IN GRANT COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

<u>Buckhorn, NM 88025</u>	<u>Silver City, NM 88061</u>
Buckhorn Trading Post & RV 7656 Hwy. 180W 505-535-2995	Columbus RV Park 665 Tyrone Rd. 505-531-2125
<u>Columbus, NM 88029</u> Pancho Villa State Park P.O.Box 224 505-531-2711	KOA Campground 11824 Highway 180 E 505-388-3351
Faywood, NM 88034 Faywood Hot Springs HC 71 Box 1240	Manzano’s RV Park 103 Flury Lane 505-538-0918 505-536-9663
<u>Mimbres, NM 88049</u> <u>Mountain Spirits RV Park</u> <u>2743 Hwy. 35 N</u> 505-536-4277	Rose Valley RV Ranch 2040 Memory Lane 505-534-4277
<u>Pinos Altos, NM 88053</u> Continental Divide RV Park 4774 Highway 15 505-388-5005	Silver City RV Park 1304 N. Bennett St. 505-538-3329
<u>Cliff, NMPinos Altos, NM 88053</u> Continental Divide RV Park 4774 Highway 15 505-388-5005	Southwest Camper Ranches 665 Tyrone Rd 505-534-3280

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Taxation

Property taxes in the state of New Mexico are among the lowest in the nation. According to the Grant County Treasure, tax for commercial property is assessed on land, building, and equipment.

City	Non-residential (\$)	Residential (\$)
Town of Silver City	15.502	15.53
*Outside Silver City	13.575	13.921
City of Bayard	18.031	15.533
Town of Hurley	17.932	18.641
Village of Santa Clara	17.777	18.063
*Outside Bayard, Hurley, Santa Clara	17.411	17.207

Rates shown in the table above are for each \$1,000 of assessed value. Assessment rate is based on one third of actual value.

- Outside areas of Silver City include: Arenas Valley, Cliff, Pinos Altos, Tyrone, White Signal, Redrock, Buckhorn, Mule Creek, Steeple Rock, Mimbres, San Lorenzo, Fierro, Faywood, Hachita, and Vanadium.
- Note: Projects financed through Industrial Revenue Bonds are exempt from ad valorem tax.

Source: 2003 Tax/Rate / Grant County Treasurer. [Grant County, New Mexico](#)

2003 Levy Fees

School District	Code	Municipal	School Rate	State Rate	County Rate	Total Rate
1-IN	R	.001492	.005856	.001520	.006668	.015536
	RN	.002444	.005896	.001520	.011850	.021710
1-OUT	R		.005856	.001520	.006668	.014044
	NR		.005896	.001520	.011850	.019266
2-Bayard	R	.001143	.009543	.001520	.006668	.018874
	NR	.002225	.009476	.001520	.011850	.025071
2-Central	R	.000657	.009543	.001520	.006668	.018388
	NR	.001158	.009476	.001520	.011850	.024004
2-HURLEY	R	.001222	.009543	.001520	.006668	.018953
	NR	.000212	.009476	.001520	.011850	.023058
2-OUT	R		.009543	.001520	.006668	.017731
	NR		.009476	.001520	.011850	.022846

The Grant County Assessor's Office purpose is to value all properties to ensure that everyone pays their fair share in taxes no more and no less. The amount of taxes you pay is determined by the mill rate. You are only taxed 1/3 of the **FULL VALUE**.

<http://grantcountynm.com> link through assessor

Gross Receipts Tax Rates

Gross receipts taxes in Grant County are added to purchases within the areas listed below. There are no taxes on medical services, food and film projects. Please contact the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department for more information.

<http://www.state.nm.us/tax/>

Municipality	Rate
Bayard	7.00%
Hurley	7.00%
Santa Clara	7.00%
Silver City	7.125%
Remainder Grant County	5.9375%

Source: [Taxation and Revenue](#)

Town of Silver City Gross Receipts

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006
July	\$548,521	\$603,052	\$594,583	
August	\$602,594	\$611,505	\$609,050	
September	\$566,909	\$539,584	\$538,280	
October	\$433,244	\$604,134	\$592,839	
November	\$615,273	\$496,249	\$562,891	
December	\$479,708	\$511,944	\$598,928	
January	\$630,690	\$547,244	\$589,733	
February	\$595,868	\$602,662	\$705,956	
March	\$461,918	\$507,837	\$500,832	
April	\$624,191	\$511,613	\$623,167	
May	\$442,245	\$533,221	\$641,697	
June	\$642,191	\$536,832	-	
Total	\$6,661,354			

Source: Town of Silver City

Transportation

New Mexico is a Freeport State. The state constitution, as well as statute, provides assurance to distributors and manufacturers located in New Mexico that business inventories held for resale as well as raw materials and products stored while in transit, will not be subject to state or local property taxes.

Highways:

Interstate 10 runs across the southern portion of New Mexico providing truck line service east and west. It connects with Interstate 25 running north and south in Las Cruces. The major thoroughfares to Silver City are U.S. highway 180 from the south traveling northwest into Catron County and State Road 90 from the southwest coming out of Lordsburg.

Rail Service:

The Southwestern Railroad Company through Hurley, New Mexico serves Grant County. Southwestern's primary customer is Phelps Dodge Mining Company, the owner/operator of the open pit copper mines at Santa Rita/Hurley and Tyrone, New Mexico.

Freight Carriers:

Freight is transported into Grant County via all major freight lines.

Delivery Services:

United Parcel Service has an office in Silver City from which it serves Grant County. UPS delivers to homes and offices as well as to any place in the continental United States and Hawaii. DHL, Federal Express and FedEx Ground provide same day pick up and overnight delivery if called before 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Several private mail services provide customers the convenience of packing, labeling and mailing at a one-stop shop.

Airport:

The Grant County air terminal building is located 21 miles southeast of Silver City on Highway 180. Terminal accommodations are designed for passenger convenience and car rentals are available.

[Great Lakes Airlines](#) conducts daily round trip flights from Silver City to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Visit their website for current scheduling.

The airport facilities include all major navigational and meteorological aids with one runway of 6,800 feet and 100 feet wide, an aircraft fueling facility, two licensed mechanics and tie down. The facility has lighted runway for night operation as well as a paved tie down. Airport fire and rescue units are available on the apron.

Charter service and private aircraft are available at the Grant County Airport as well as the Whiskey Creek Airport located approximately 7 miles east of Silver City. (*PDF of airport link here*)

Shuttle Service:

Shuttle bus service is provided by Las Cruces Shuttle servicing Silver City, Deming, with daily round trip service to the El Paso International Airport. For information visit [Las Cruces Shuttle & Charter Service](#) website.

Corre Caminos Transit:

Corre Caminos Transit provides public transportation throughout Grant County including rural areas. The system operates modified fixed routes and demand response service. The Silver Route, Wal-Mart loop covers the shopping medical and fast food areas, and the Grant County Administration building. The Downtown Loop serves the business district in the Town of Silver City. The Copper Route serves the Mining District, which includes Hurley, Bayard, Santa Clara, Fort Bayard, and Arenas Valley. Outlying areas extending into the Mimbres Valley and Gila / Cliff are served by demand response service call basis. Visit the Corre Caminos Transit website at <http://www.zianet.com/bus> for complete information of schedules or call their office at (505) 388-3180.

Travel time to work in Grant County

Tine	Number who travel	%
Less than 10 minutes	2585	24.4
10-14 minutes	2122	20.1
15-19 minutes	2032	19.2
20-24 minutes	1469	13.9
25-29 minutes	245	2.3
30-34 minutes	916	8.7
35-44 minutes	369	3.5
45-59 minutes	398	3.8
60-69 minutes	234	2.2
90 or more minutes	208	2.0
Source: U.S. Census Bureau: www.census.gov		

Utilities

Utilities in Grant County are provided by several companies

PNM Gas: PNM.com

Texas New Mexico Electric: [Welcome to Texas-New Mexico Power Company](#)

[PNM News Release: PNM Resources Welcomes 49,000 TNMP Customers in Southern New Mexico](#)

Telecommunications

Qwest Inc. is the telecommunication provider for telephone services within the Silver City area. Western New Mexico Telephone Company has fiber optic lines throughout the Grant County area and its subsidiary, Western Interactive operates Gila Internet Services. Other companies that provide internet services include Zianet and Cybermesa. Signal Peak offers wireless internet services.

Cellular phone service is provided by Alltell and Verizon Wireless.

WATER AND SEWER

City of Bayard - Call 537-3327 for information

Town of Hurley – Call 537-2287 for information

Village of Santa Clara – Call 537-2443 for information

Town of Silver City

Municipal water is provided by the Town from 14 wells located around the area. The quality of water is 99.9% pure, with no bacteria count.

Active Accounts					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
City of Bayard					
Town of Hurley					
Village of Santa Clara					
Town of Silver City	5,334	5,429	5,635	6,077	

Water Capacity Distribution (2004)				
	Bayard	Hurley	Santa Clara	Silver City
Total Daily Capacity of Water System (gallons)				
Peak Consumption (gallons)				
Normal Pressure on the Main				
Storage Capacity (gallons) (ground level)				

Monthly Water Service Charges

City of Bayard – Call 537-3327 for information

Town of Hurley – Call 537-2287 for information

Village of Santa Clara – Call 537-2443 for information

Town of Silver City

Residential:*

Minimum Charge	First 3,000 gallons
Second Tier	3,000 to 13,000 gallons
Third Tier	Over 13,000 gallons

Commercial:*

Minimum Charge	First 3,000 gallons
Second Tier	3,000 to 417,000 gallons
Third Tier	Over 417,000 gallons

Out of Town Rates:* Double the rate for in-town services

Automatic Annual Increase: An annual automatic increase of 1.5% each May

*Refer to website www.townofsilvercity.org for current rates.

Sewage Disposal

City of Bayard – Call 537-3327 for information

Town of Hurley – Call 537-2287 for information

Village of Santa Clara – Call 537-2443 for information

Town of Silver City

A minimum monthly amount shall be charged for all services connected to the town sanitary sewer system with water service plus an addition charge per 1,000 gallons of metered water per month, based upon the previous winter monthly consumptive average for the months of December, January and February.*

Sewer users without water service: Sewer users without water service are deemed to use a certain amount of gallons of metered water per month. Therefore, sewer users without water service shall be charged a base rate plus an additional charge for a monthly total.*

*Refer to website www.townofsilvercity.org for current rates.

Type of System:	Activated sludge with nitrification-identification
Capacity:	2 million gallons/day
Peak Load:	1.9 million gallons
Discharge:	Irrigating use and San Vicente Arroyo
Size of line:	18 & 12 inches

For residents in outlying areas, water wells must be drilled. For more information, contact the New Mexico State Engineer’s office in Deming at 505-546-2851 or <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/>

Garbage and Refuse Disposal

City of Bayard – Call 537-3327 for information

Town of Hurley – Call 537-2287 for information

Village of Santa Clara – Call 537-2443 for information

Town of Silver City

The collection of garbage and refuse from dwellings and residential premises is divided into six classifications designed in accordance with the type of family unit or units served.

Residential Rates:*

- Single Family Residence
- Duplex family units, including condominium or apartment type, per unit
- Garage apartment or other accessory dwelling
- Group housing (3 or more houses on the same meter)
- 3 family apartment or more, per apartment rental unit
(Provided all containers serving such apartment shall be centrally located, otherwise Class 1 above shall apply.)
- Trailer court, per trailer unit

Commercial Rates:*

Current formula used: (total cu. yd.) x (pickup frequency) x (4.33 wks/mo) x (current rate/cu.yd.)

*Refer to website www.townofsilvercity.org for current rates.

Western New Mexico University

Western New Mexico University (WNMU), a public, comprehensive, regional institution serving a diverse multi-cultural population of almost 3,000 students, is located in Silver City in southwestern New Mexico surrounded by the Gila National Forest in a beautiful desert-mountain environment along the Continental Divide.

WNMU, through its [Department of Business](#), Economics and Public Administration, is nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs to offer the following business degrees:

- Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Accounting and Business Management.
- Master of Business Administration degree.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) also accredits WNMU. It also enjoys national accreditation for its [nursing](#), [social work](#), [occupational therapy](#) assistant, and economic development course/institute. The Child Development Center is nationally accredited. Visit [Profile of WNMU](#)

Breakdown of students	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total	
Number of Students on main campus:	2,555	519	3,074	
Number of Students at off campus sites:	293	265	558	
Percent of Female Students:	63%	69%	64%	
Percent of Male Students:	37%	31%	36%	
Percent of White/Non-Hispanic:	44.5%	55.5%	46.4%	
Percent of African-American/Non-Hispanic:	1.7%	0.2%	1.5%	
Percent of Hispanic:	43.0%	21.8%	39.4%	
Percent of American Indian or Alaskan Native:	2.5%	10.8%	3.9%	
Percent of Asian:	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	
Percent of Other (including unknowns):	5.2%	7.2%	5.7%	

Gender breakdown	Male		Female	
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate
Main	876	87	1,386	167
Extended	72	75	221	190
Totals	948	162	1607	357
Grand Total	3074			

[WNMU Quick Facts](#)

Business Development Services Fact Book Incentives

The State of New Mexico has generous and creative incentives for businesses wishing to relocate. Along with some of the lowest property taxes in the nation, New Mexico created incentives for the movie industry that were unequaled. Contact the New Mexico Economic Development Department for more information. [Taxation Incentives](http://www.edd.state.nm.us/PROGRAMS/incentives.html)
<http://www.edd.state.nm.us/PROGRAMS/incentives.html>

The Town of Silver City has given a rent incentive and would consider other types of incentives for a business wishing to relocate. Also, Grant County is working on an airport industrial park plan and will consider incentives to help a business wishing to relocate here.

Incentive Overview for Businesses in New Mexico

- Job Training Incentive Program
- High Wage Jobs Tax Credit
- Rural Jobs Tax Credit
- Industrial Revenue Bonds
- Manufacturers Investment Tax Credit

For more information please contact:

Silver City / Grant County Economic Development Corporation (SIGRED)

P.O. Box 2672

Silver City, New Mexico

505-538-6320

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time

e-mail; silvercity-business.com

Website: silvercity-business.com

Labor Force Statistics

As of June 2005 (note these numbers are updated monthly)

Civilian Labor Force	12,410
Employed	11,506
Unemployed	904
Rate of unemployment	7.3%