

QUICK FACTS: Silver City, NM

Population	<u>MSA</u>
Current Estimate ('04)	29,443
Most Recent Actual ('00)	31,002
% Bi-Lingual (Spanish)	49%
Labor Force	
Unemployment Rate (2/05)	8.3%
Income Distribution	
>\$25,000	57%
Age Groups	
% Under 19	29.1%
% 20 to 24	5.8%
% 25 to 44	23.7%
% 45 to 64	25.0%
% 65+	16.4%
Median Age	38.8
Educational Attainment	
% High School Grad.	29.1%
% Some College (No Degree)	24.3%
% Associates Degree	5.5%
% Bachelors	11.4%
Entry wage Customer Service Rep.	\$7.50
Median Household Income	\$29,134 (2000 Census)
Transportation	
Airlines	1 – Great Lakes
Highways	Hwy 180, 90;
Rail	Southwestern Railway

Area Amenities: Gila National Forest and Wilderness; voted one of: Nation's Healthiest Places to Live and Retire; Hundred Best Small Art Towns in America; Nation's 2002 Dozen Distinctive Destinations; 8 Great Towns for Art & Music Lovers; Outstanding Community of 2000; Best Small Towns in America; and 50 Most Alive Places to Live.

Right to work state? – Open shop

Incentives (state/local/county) Silver City – 5 year rent incentive based on number of employees hired; possible forgivable loan

Childcare in area? Yes – Western New Mexico University and private providers

Telecom/Telephony providers in area? Qwest, Western New Mexico Telephone Company; Zianet; CyberMesa

Major employers in area? Phelps Dodge Mining Company; Gila Regional Medical Center; Western New Mexico University; Silver Consolidated Schools; Ft. Bayard Medical Center; Wal-Mart Super Center

LARGEST UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES

University/College	Enrollment
Western New Mexico University	2,555



COMMENTS: Grant County and Silver City are actively seeking to diversify their economic base and welcome the opportunity to showcase our area and our labor force. There are over 6,000 under-employed people in the four county area looking for better jobs.