

POPULATION : NEW MEXICO

NUMBER OF INHABITANTS, BY COUNTIES AND MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS

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TOTAL POPULATION, INCREASE, AND DISTRIBUTION.

Population of the state.—The territory of New Mexico was organized in 1850 from the area now comprising the greater parts of the states of New Mexico and Arizona, together with small portions of Colorado and Nevada. In 1863, with the organization of Arizona territory, the boundaries of New Mexico were established as at present; and in January, 1912, New Mexico was admitted to the Union as the forty-seventh state. According to the Fourteenth Census, taken as of January 1, 1920, its population is 360,350, which represents an increase of 33,049, or 10.1 per

cent, as compared with 1910. During the same period the population of the United States increased by 14.9 per cent.

The following summary shows the population of New Mexico from 1850 to 1920, inclusive, together with the number and per cent of increase for each decade, in comparison with the per cent of increase for the United States as a whole. The decrease during the decade 1860–1870 was due to reductions in area resulting principally from the organization of Arizona territory from a part of New Mexico in 1863.

POPULATION OF NEW MEXICO: 1850 TO 1920.

[A minus sign (–) denotes decrease.]

CENSUS YEAR.	Population.	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS.		Per cent of increase for the United States.
		Number.	Per cent.	
1920.....	360,350	33,049	10.1	14.9
1910.....	327,301	131,991	67.6	21.0
1900.....	195,310	35,028	21.9	20.7
1890.....	160,282	40,717	34.1	25.5
1880.....	119,565	27,691	30.1	30.1
1870.....	91,874	¹ –1,642	¹ –1.8	22.6
1860.....	¹ 93,516	31,969	51.9	35.6
1850.....	61,547			

¹ Total for 1860 includes population (6,482) of Arizona County, organized as the territory of Arizona in 1863. The population of the remainder of New Mexico territory in 1860 was thus 87,034. Making allowance for this reduction in area, the total for 1870 would represent an increase of 4,840, or 5.6 per cent, as compared with 1860. No population was returned for Arizona County in 1850.