

Comparing New Mexico to Arkansas

| DEMOGRAPHICS | Arkansas | New Mexico |
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| Population, Age and Sex | | |
| Population estimates, July 1, 2016 | 2,988,248 | 2,081,015 |
| Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016 | 2.5% | 1.1% |
| Female persons, percent, July 1, 2015 | 50.9% | 50.4% |
| Male persons, percent, July 1, 2015 | 49.1% | 49.6% |
| Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2015 | 6.4% | 6.5% |
| Persons under 18 years, percent, July 1, 2015 | 23.7% | 23.8% |
| Persons 65 years and over, percent, July 1, 2015 | 16.0% | 15.8% |
| Race and Hispanic Origin | | |
| White alone, percent, July 1, 2015 | 79.5% | 82.5% |
| Black or African American alone, percent, July 1, 2015 | 15.7% | 2.6% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, July 1, 2015 | 1.0% | 10.5% |
| Asian alone, percent, July 1, 2015 | 1.6% | 1.7% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, July 1, 2015 | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| Two or More Races, percent, July 1, 2015 | 2.0% | 2.5% |
| Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2015 | 7.2% | 48.0% |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2015 | 73.1% | 38.4% |
| Foreign born persons, percent, 2011-2015 | 4.7% | 9.8% |
| Language other than English spoken at home, % of persons age 5 years+, 2015 | 7.2% | 35.7% |
| Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Resident Pop Change, April 1, 2010 - July 1, 2016 | | |
| Total Population Change | 72,223 | 21,817 |
| Births | 238,842 | 165,723 |
| Deaths | 187,626 | 106,138 |
| Natural Increase | 51,216 | 59,585 |
| Total Net Migration | 21,775 | (37,780) |
| International | 19,238 | 15,183 |
| Domestic | 2,537 | (52,963) |
| Housing Units and Households | | |
| Housing units, July 1, 2015 | 1,347,528 | 914,952 |
| Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2011-2015 | 66.1% | 68.1% |
| Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2011-2015 | \$111,400 | \$160,300 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2011-2015 | \$1,019 | \$1,227 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2011-2015 | \$327 | \$327 |
| Median gross rent, 2011-2015 | \$677 | \$777 |
| Families and Living Arrangements | | |
| Households, 2011-2015 | 1,138,025 | 763,603 |
| Persons per household, 2011-2015 | 2.53 | 2.67 |
| Single-family housing price index, 2015 | 191.20 | 222.89 |
| Single-family housing price index, 2014 | 186.27 | 216.28 |
| Percent Change, 2014-2015 | 2.6% | 3.1% |

| INCOME | Arkansas | New Mexico |
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| Median household income (in 2015 dollars), 2011-2015 | \$41,371 | \$44,963 |
| Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2015 dollars), 2011-2015 | \$22,798 | \$24,012 |
| Population per square mile, 2016 | 57.4 | 17.2 |
| Land area in square miles, 2010 | 52,035 | 121,298 |

BUSINESS CLIMATE

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| Corporate Income Tax Rate, 2016 - Lowest | 1.0% | 4.8% |
| Corporate Income Tax Rate, 2016 - Highest | 6.5% | 6.6% |
| State Individual Income Tax Rate, 2016 - Lowest | 0.9% | 1.7% |
| State Individual Income Tax Rate, 2016 - Highest | 6.9% | 4.9% |
| State Sales Tax Rate, 2016 | 6.5% | 5.1% |
| Average Local Rate, 2016 | 2.8% | 2.4% |
| Gasoline (cents per gallon), 2016 | 21.80 | 18.88 |
| Diesel (cents per gallon), 2016 | 22.80 | 22.88 |
| Taxes & Fees on Wireless Service, Combined State/ Local Rate, 2016 | 14.7% | 11.3% |

State Sales Tax Exemptions for Business-to-Business Transactions as of July 1, 2016

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| Farm Equipment | Exempt | Taxable |
| Office Equipment | Taxable | Taxable |
| Manufacturing Machinery | Exempt | Taxable |
| Manufacturing Raw Materials | Exempt | Exempt |
| Fuel & Utilities | Taxable | Taxable |
| Business Lease & Rentals | Taxable | Taxable |
| Information Services | Exempt | Taxable |

State Unemployment Insurance Tax Rates in Effect on July 1, 2016

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| Minimum Rate | 0.50% | 0.33% |
| Maximum Rate | 14.40% | 6.40% |
| Taxable Wage Base | \$12,000 | \$24,100 |
| Most Favorable Schedule - Minimum Rate | 0% | 0.03% |
| Most Favorable Schedule - Maximum Rate | 6.00% | 6.40% |
| Least Favorable Schedule - Minimum Rate | 0.10% | 2.70% |
| Least Favorable Schedule - Maximum Rate | 14.00% | 6.40% |

Worker's Compensation Premium Rate

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| Index Rate, 2016 | 1.06 | 1.92 |
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State Property Tax Rates and Capital Stock Tax Rates (as of July 1, 2016)

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| Property Tax Collections Per Capita | \$659 | \$685 |
| Property Tax as a Percentage of Personal Income | 1.80% | 1.94% |
| Capital Stock Tax Rate | 0.3% | None |
| Capital Stock Max Payment | Unlimited | n.a. |
| Payment Options for CST and CIT | Pay both | n.a. |

| State Property Tax Bases (as of July 1, 2016) | Arkansas | New Mexico |
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| Intangible Property Tax | No | No |
| Inventory Tax | Yes | No |
| Real Estate Transfer Tax | Yes | No |
| Estate Tax | No | No |
| Inheritance Tax | No | No |
| Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax | No | No |
| Gift Tax | No | No |

WORKFORCE

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| Civilian Labor Force, 2015 | 1,330,099 | 919,889 |
| Civilian Labor Force, 2014 | 1,304,141 | 921,380 |
| Employment, 2015 | 1,260,615 | 859,242 |
| Employment, 2014 | 1,224,398 | 859,305 |
| Unemployment, 2015 | 69,484 | 60,647 |
| Unemployment, 2014 | 79,743 | 62,075 |
| Unemployment Rate, 2015 | 5.2% | 6.6% |
| Unemployment Rate, 2014 | 6.1% | 6.7% |
| Average Earnings per Job, 2015 | \$44,978 | \$47,290 |
| Average Earnings per Job, 2011 | \$40,575 | \$45,802 |
| Percent Change, 2011-2015 | 10.9% | 3.2% |

Transportation

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| Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2011-2015 | 21.6 | 21.6 |
| Right-to-Work State | Yes | No |

Union Affiliation of Employed Wage & Salary Workers, 2016

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| Members of Unions, Percent of Employed | 3.9% | 6.3% |
| Represented by Unions, Percent of Employed | 5.0% | 8.2% |

EDUCATION

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| Mean SAT scores of college-bound seniors and percentage of graduates taking SAT, 2014-15 | | |
| Critical reading score | 568 | 551 |
| Mathematics score | 569 | 544 |
| Writing score | 551 | 528 |
| Percent taking SAT, 2014-2015 | 4.1% | 12.1% |

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2015

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| Average Mathematics Scale Score, grade 8 for all students, 2015 | 275 | 271 |
| Average Reading Scale Score, grade 8 for all students, 2015 | 259 | 253 |
| Average Science Scale Score, grade 8 for all students, 2015 | 148 | 143 |
| Pupil/teacher ratio, 2014-2015 | 14.0 | 15.3 |

| Educational Attainment, 2015, 1 year estimates | Arkansas | New Mexico |
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| High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015 | 85.4% | 84.6% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015 | 21.8% | 26.5% |
| Graduate or professional degree, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015 | 2.3% | 3.7% |

UTILITIES

Electricity prices - cents per kilowatthour

Average retail price of electricity, 2015

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| Residential | 9.82 | 12.47 |
| Commercial | 8.32 | 10.30 |
| Industrial | 6.23 | 6.33 |

Average retail price of electricity, 2014

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| Residential | 9.51 | 12.28 |
| Commercial | 8.05 | 10.27 |
| Industrial | 6.02 | 6.61 |

Natural gas prices - Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet

Average annual price of natural gas (2015)

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| Residential | 11.58 | 8.63 |
| Commercial | 8.43 | 6.32 |
| Industrial | 6.91 | 4.62 |

Average annual price of natural gas (2014)

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| Residential | 10.39 | 10.13 |
| Commercial | 7.88 | 7.87 |
| Industrial | 6.99 | 6.18 |