

IS THE 2020 CENSUS IN THE CONSTITUTION?

Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

  [WWW.ICOUNTNM.GOV](http://www.icountnm.gov)

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 is CENSUS DAY! What kickoff event(s) is your CCC planning?

- ⇒ Film 30-second videos with local constituents and post on social media (set up a photo booth)
- ⇒ Use hashtags: #iCountNM #2020CensusNM #USCensus2020 #nmcounties33 when posting
- ⇒ Create PSAs on local radio stations (some may give you free air time)
- ⇒ Create memes
- ⇒ 8-second pitch “This date, time, with these people, stop by” or how significant and important it is to be counted
- ⇒ Partner with libraries to set up Census kiosk with a dedicated computer, flyers, stickers, etc.
- ⇒ Demonstrate how to fill out the 2020 Census form
- ⇒ Use your community trusted messengers (elected officials, peers, etc.) to help kickoff your event
- ⇒ Target local events or gathering places—restaurants, breweries, grocery stores, churches, senior centers, health centers, rodeos, school games, etc.
- ⇒ Census bingo night
- ⇒ ??? About 2020 Census, visit [iCount NM 2020](http://iCountNM2020) on FB or icountnm.gov resources page
- ⇒ 2020 Census talking points here icountnm.gov

Every picture tells a story...

Counties: Share with NMC your photos of CCC meetings, ideas, and events and we will post on our FB page for other counties to steal!

REMINDER! 2020-2021 Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program Applications Due Tues. March 31

Three Funding Categories:

- Outreach and education projects (up to \$10K)
 - CWPP updates for 5+ years (up to \$15K/project)
 - Hazardous fuel reduction projects (up to \$50K)
- Applications online at NMC Programs Page [HERE](#)

All Lands. All Neighbors
Save the Date! Wildland Urban Fire Summit
This fall (October/November)
Las Vegas, San Miguel County

Voting Problems Open the Door to Election Alternatives

The voting meltdown in Iowa has increased mistrust in the traditional American election system. Support is growing for new ways to cast ballots, including [ranked choice](#) and [approval voting](#).

- Ranked choice voting is a form of instant-runoff voting where voters express a preference not only for a first choice, but other candidates they support
 - Maine was the first state to use RCV, in 2018
 - Nevada used RCV on February 22, 2020
 - RCV winner will have gotten support from majority of voters, even if not everyone’s first choice
 - RCV seems to cut down on negative campaigning with some candidates forming alliances with others
 - Approval voting is simple, easy to understand, easy to tabulate
 - Under AP, people can support multiple candidates
 - Under AP, the highest total would win
- ~Governing.com

NACo Webinars/Conferences

Thurs. March 26 [Supreme Court Midterm Webinar for States and Local Governments](#) 11 a.m.–Noon MT
Tues. May 12–15 [2020 WIR Conference](#) Mariposa County, CA

Post your county happenings on our FB page!
www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts

Search County Employment Opportunities or enter new job posts [here](#) for up to 30 days.

New Employee? Submit [here](#) add/delete/replace to directory.

Register [HERE](#)—after session regional legislative meeting Learn what new laws affect counties and how you can become involved in the interim committee meetings for the 60-day 2021 legislative session. All meetings are scheduled from **10 a.m.–2 p.m.** and includes lunch. Please invite your Legislators. Registration **FREE!**

- **Wed. 3/18** Bernalillo County, South Valley Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW, ABQ
- **Thurs. 3/19** Doña Ana County, Government Center, Room 113, 845 N Motel Blvd, Las Cruces
- **Wed. 3/25** San Miguel County, Highlands University Student Union Rm 320, 800 National Ave, Las Vegas
- **Thurs. 3/26** Chaves County, Eastern NM University ITC Commons Area 145, 52 University Blvd, Roswell

	Link to Annual Calendar
Sat. Feb. 29–4	NACo Legislative Conference, D.C.
Wed. Mar. 18	NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office
Wed. Mar. 18	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. Bernalillo County
Thurs. Mar. 19	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. Doña Ana County
Wed. Mar. 25	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. San Miguel County
Thurs. Mar. 26	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. Chaves County
Mon. Mar. 23–27	NM EDGE Classes Albuquerque
Fri. Apr. 3	NMC Executive Committee Budget meeting Noon NMC Santa Fe office
Wed. Apr. 15	Advisory Council meeting 11 a.m. Doña Ana County
Fri. May 1	NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. McKinley County
Wed. May 6	NMCIA Board meeting NMC Santa Fe office 8:30 a.m.
Wed. May 13–15	WIR Annual Conference Mariposa County, CA
Tues. June 23–26	NMC 84th Annual Conference Doña Ana County
Mon. June 22–24	NM EDGE Classes Doña Ana County

NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to [RSVP](#)

- Mon. 3/2–3/6** CIT Crisis Intervention Silver City, by Public Safety Psychology Group
- Wed. 3/4** PREA-Regional Training Roswell, by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
- Thurs. 3/12 Webinar**—“Active Threats” Training Resources for Counties
- Tues. 3/17** NMC’s Road Ready Safe Driving Instructor Development ABQ
- Thurs. 4/2–3** OSHA 10 hour Rio Rancho
- Tues. 4/7** PREA-Regional Training ABQ by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
- Mon. 4/20–24** CIT Crisis Intervention Socorro, by Public Safety Psychology Group
- Mon. 4/27–28** CCI Civilian Crisis Intervention ABQ, by Public Safety Psychology Group
- Thurs. 5/7 Webinar** Safety Committees and Safety Culture
- Tues. 5/12** NMC’s Road Ready Safe Driving Instructor Development Santa Fe
- Wed. 5/13** PREA—Regional Training Farmington, by NM

How Social Media is Elevating Engagement for Local Government

It’s being used in increasingly powerful ways to enhance communications in hundreds of communities, helping to create trust, facilitate transparency, address residents’ concerns, and solve problems. Social media has become for many the standard currency of government communication.

Agencies can showcase what makes government tick—humans—by providing their communities with something identifiable and personalized: something fun or a sobering experience such as the aftermath of a natural disaster that evokes raw emotion.

Social media has evolved into an expected method of communication for residents, media, and other audiences elevating their connectivity to their local government. The challenge is to take it even further.
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[COPS Community Hiring Program](#)

Purpose: Provides funding to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

Eligible Applicants: State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

Funding Information: \$400,000,000 in total funds, 500 awards expected. **Deadline: March 11th, 2020**

[FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program](#)

Purpose: Supports the safety of the public and firefighters by funding the purchase of equipment and relevant training.

Eligible Applicants: Fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies.

Funding Information: \$310,500,000 in total funds, 2500 awards expected. **Deadline: March 13th, 2020**