

Counties Matter!



Urgent: Calling All County Elected Officials!

Play a role in the 2020 Census and make it count in your community. Get a bigger slice of the federal \$\$\$ pie. Post a 1-minute video on social media or TV to get out the count! Encourage your constituents to fill out the Census form either online, by mail, or by phone. Challenge your peers to do the same.

Let's Get Out the Count, New Mexico!

As of 7/14/20, the national response rate is 62.1% and the response rate in New Mexico is 51.7%. Los Alamos County is ranked #6 in the nations with a response rate of 80.7%!

NEW! [2020 Census Total Self-Response by State/County/City Rankings](#)

[View 2020 Response Rate Dashboard](#)

[US 2020 Census Self-Response Map](#)

The Pandemic Has Permanently Changed the Way We Work

A report finds that the coronavirus-caused shift to remote work has altered the idea of a workspace. Some are uncomfortable with returning to an office and many hope to continue working from home even after offices reopen. A recent study found several key findings:

- 70% say working remotely outweighs the disadvantages, citing increased time and comfort when working from home
- Would like to work from home at least once or twice weekly
- 80% would not feel comfortable returning to their office space before a COVID-19 vaccine was available
- Three quarters say remote working has blurred the differentiation between work and personal life
- Half reported an increase in feelings of isolation and loneliness
- 32% disagreed that they were more productive while working remotely
- 31% believe virtual meetings are less effective than in-person

~Morning Consult and Governing.com

Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)

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

- Mon. Jul 20 NACo Annual Board Business, Remote
- Mon. Jul 31 LP Leadership Ethics and Positive decision Making Online Class 8 a.m. - Noon
- Fri. Aug 7 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. Otero County Virtual
- Mon. Aug 10-14 LP CIT Crisis Intervention, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Public Safety Psychology Group, Raton TBD
- Wed. Aug 19 NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office TBD
- Thur. Aug 20 LP Webinar On-the-Job Training and Field Training Officers (Detention)
- Wed. Sept. 9 Legislative Initiatives Review w/Legislative Committee 11 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office TBD
- Mon. Sept. 21-25 NM EDGE Classes Albuquerque TBD
- Thur. Oct. 1-2 NMC Board of Directors Legislative meeting 2 p.m. & Board meeting 8:30 a.m. Rio Arriba County TBD
- Thur. Oct. 22-23 Wildland Urban Fire Summit Virtual TBD
- Wed. Oct. 28-29 NMCIA Retreat & Board meeting TBD
- Thur. Nov. 5 NMC Executive Committee meeting 2 p.m.

COVID-19 Continues to Discourage Payments with Cash (~Governing.com)

As shoppers stay home and the CDC encourages the use of touchless transactions, the amount of cashless payments has seen a steady increase. About 78% of purchases are now paid through credit/debit cards. Cash withdrawals from ATMs plunged 25% nationwide in March with 27% of businesses reporting an increase in contactless payments. Banks have been slowly closing branches/ATMs, nudging us more to digital platforms. The declining market share of cash as a payment medium may be propelled by a younger generation paying for everything with digital wallets on smart phones or watches.

Deadline Tomorrow, Friday, July 17, 5 p.m. NMC Board Nominations for Officers, NACo Representative

- NMC President Elect, Vice President, and one NACo representative position to fill a remaining term
- Eligibility - Current elected official from a county in good standing
- Nomination by another county elected official
- Nominating official must complete [Officer Nomination Form](#)
- Return form to: Clarissa Baca, cbaca@nmcounties.org by 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2020
- Election at NMC Board meeting August 7



Public Finance Classes
August 3-7
Live Online

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER!!

NM EDGE LIVE ONLINE classes Tuesdays & Thursdays the rest of June, most of August, & September. [Input Survey for September here.](#)

Recertification required every two years.

1st time Recertification July 22

2nd time Recertification July 23



Click here for the [Summer Roadmap](#)

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

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

Did someone forward you this email? [Sign up.](#)

RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES



[Resurfacing program revitalizes Colorado county's gravel roads](#)

Adams County, CO found the right mix to make its road more durable. Click on the link above, Public Works Affiliate.

Northeastern Regional Community Fund 2020 Grant Cycle

Deadline 5 p.m. Jul 29
Grants from \$1,000 to \$8,000 for San Miguel, Mora, Guadalupe, Colfax, Harding, Union, and Quay Counties. Click [HERE](#) for application.

Fri. Jul 17 Deadline 10 a.m. MDT to submit voting credentials to NACo at this link: <https://portal.naco.org/vc/delegate.cfm>

Mon. Jul 20 [NACo Annual Board Business](#) Noon MDT

Wed. Jul 22 [NACo Town Hall: County Public Health Departments on the Front Lines](#) 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. MDT

Thur. Jul 23 [NACo Tech Xchange-Election Security & Ransomware](#) Noon - 1 p.m. MDT