


Last Call for 2020 Census Response! It's critical for your community members to self-respond to the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census is set to end on **September 30**, which gives us **six** days to count everyone. Every New Mexican deserves to be counted. If New Mexicans aren't counted, it will cost our communities hundreds of millions of dollars in funding we need and deserve over the next decade. Let's break the numbers down:

- So far, **57.5%** of New Mexican households have responded and another **35.5%** have been counted by census takers for a total of **93.0%** (National average is **96.2%**)
- New Mexico receives over **\$7 billion** each year through federal programs
- If New Mexico undercounts residents by only **1%**, we would lose **\$780 million**

The funding benefits our schools, affordable housing, health system and emergency services, senior centers, highways, jobs, and more. It also determines our political representation for the next 10 years. Let's drive this over the finish line and win the gold for New Mexicans!

Stream on GMCR.org **Thursday, October 1 at 9 a.m.** to hear NMC President Otero County Assessor **Steve Boyle** banter with NMC Board member Raul Turrieta regarding legislative issues, Steve's "CCR" initiatives as President, and much more!



BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE CENSUS RESPONSE MEAL DEAL!
FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH 1-4PM
#SJCOUNTS

CENSUS RESPONSE RATE CHALLENGE



Otero County
Time is running out!! 9 days left
Otero County is officially at 52% self-response rate!!
We need **2,854 more households** to self-respond to reach our 60% goal. We really want to give away \$10,000 to our community!
We now have five tracts ready for October 1, 2020!!
4,03, 5,01, 5,02, 7,02, & 9,400

What is the Grand Prize?
Grand Prize Drawing!!

United States Census 2020 | OTERO COUNTY COUNTS! | I COUNT NM | FCU

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

- Tue. Sept. 29 Online NM EDGE Classes
- Tue. Sept. 29 LP Webinar Cyber Security—Help protect your county from cybercriminals 10 a.m.
Reg: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EE52DB87814A3A>
- Wed. Sept. 30-2 Legislative Finance Committee
- Thur. Oct. 1 Online NM EDGE Classes
- Thur. Oct. 1-2 Zoom NMC Board of Directors Legislative Review Thurs. Oct. 1, 2 p.m. & Board meeting Fri. Oct. 2, 9 a.m.
- Mon. Oct. 5 LP Webinar Effective Employee Discipline Training 10 a.m.-Noon
Reg: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF53D883854C3C>
- Thur. Oct. 22-23 Zoom Wildland Urban Fire Summit 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day
- Thur. Oct. 22-23 CNT for Patrol Officers Albuquerque (Max 5 attendees)
- Wed. Oct. 28-29 Virtual NMCIA Retreat & Board meeting starting 8:30 a.m. for approximately 4 hours each
- Tue. Nov. 3 LP Webinar Required Hot Work Permit Program 10 a.m.
Reg: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF54DC87824A3E>
- Thur. Nov. 5 Zoom NMC Executive Committee meeting 2 p.m.
- Fri. Nov. 6 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative Meeting 9 a.m. TBD
- Tue. Nov. 17 LP Webinar Permit Controlled Confined Spaces 10 a.m.
Reg: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF54DC8782493C>
- Thur. Nov. 19 LP Online Medic First Aid CPR Instructor Development Training (Max 5 attendees)
- Dec. 1,2,7,8 Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO)



The Challenge of Politics in Public Work

Politics is more divisive these days, more personal. The expansion of politics into social media, TV, friends, and family limits topics of conversation that may have been "safe" office banter or non-political water cooler talk previously. And while conversations regarding social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion are important workplace conversations, political discussions are rife with pitfalls. As supervisors and dept. directors for county governments, we must still try to keep the political out of the work-space particularly as the November elections approach. ~NACo.org

Predatory Lending: Where Employees Turn When They Have High Debt and No Savings

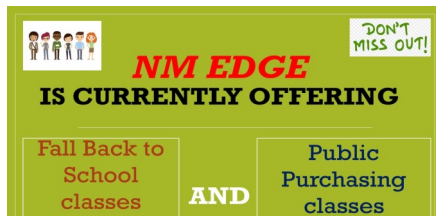
Every year, roughly 12 million Americans take payday loans out, which is the worst predatory lending practice. This type of loan is typically for a small amount, but a borrower needs to write a post-dated check for the full amount including any interest or fees. Should the loan not be repaid on time, the predatory lender will still cash the check. Employees need financial guidance and options. The **TrueConnect** loan benefit program may be the answer for your county employees. **Curry County is the 16th** county to approve this benefit for their employees. Contact smayes@nmcountries.org.



Register FREE Now!
Virtual Wildland Urban Fire Summit
Thursday, October 22, 2020 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 2020 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join your peers - Wildfire preparedness and planning
Register FREE at <https://www.nmcountries.org/calendar/>

Forest Stewards Guild | New Mexico Planting Corps | NMC | UAS | NEW MEXICO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS | SOUTHWEST FIRE SCIENCE CONSORTIUM

Click here for [NM EDGE Calendar of Events](#)



NM EDGE IS CURRENTLY OFFERING
Fall Back to School classes AND Public Purchasing classes

October is Public Purchasing month
Classes are live online

- 1) Get your initial Chief Procurement Officer certification (CPO) on **October 6-9** (six classes and test)
- 2) CPO 1st time Recertification classes on **October 14**
- 3) CPO 2nd time Continuing Recertification classes on **October 15**
- 4) Advanced Public Purchasing classes on **October 27-29**

Click here for [Fall Back to School Roadmap](#).

Post your county happenings on our FB page! www.facebook.com/pg/nmcountries33/posts
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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

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NM Small Business Innovation Research Grants Application Deadline **Monday, October 19, 2020 5 p.m.** SBIR grants are competitive federal grants supporting small businesses engaged in research and development of high potential technologies.

- Phase I grant awards up to \$25,000 match
- Phase II grant awards up to \$100,000 match

More information at <http://gonm.biz>

Coming July 2022—National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

FCC is highlighting 988, which will be the nationwide, 3-digit phone number for suicide prevention and mental health crisis services starting July 16, 2022. The transition will take place over the next two years. Stay tuned!

Wed Sept. 30 [Five Years of Stepping Up to Reduce Mental Illness in Jails](#) Noon-1:30 p.m.