

Martin Heinrich has held office for 20 years, and on his watch, New Mexico has remained the worst state for education, with some of the highest crime and one of the weakest economies in the country.

Heinrich has been serving in elected office for twenty years.

- Heinrich was first elected to a four-year City Council term in 2003, which included serving as Council President in 2006. “Heinrich won election to a four-year term in 2003, representing Albuquerque’s Southeast Heights, and served as council president in 2006.” (Michael Coleman, “Rep. Martin Heinrich To Run For U.S. Senate,” [Albuquerque Journal](#), 4/2/11)
- In November 2008, Martin Heinrich defeated Darren White for U.S House of Representative for New Mexico District 1. (New Mexico Secretary Of State, “[Canvass Of Returns Of General Election Held On November 4, 2008 – State Of New Mexico](#),” Accessed 3/26/18)
- In November 2010, Martin Heinrich defeated Jonathan Barela for U.S. House Of Representatives for New Mexico District 1. (New Mexico Secretary Of State, “[Canvass Of Returns Of General Elections Held On November 2, 2010 – State Of New Mexico](#),” Accessed 3/26/18)
- In November 2012, Martin Heinrich defeated Heather Wilson 50.3% to 44.7% for U.S. Senate representing New Mexico. (New Mexico Secretary Of State, “[Canvass Of Returns Of General Election Held On November 6, 2012 – State Of New Mexico](#),” Accessed 3/26/18)
- In November 2018, Martin Heinrich defeated Mick Rich 54% to 31% for U.S. Senate representing New Mexico. ([New Mexico Secretary Of State](#), Accessed 9/12/23)

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- New Mexico ranked last in the nation for education and child well-being in the 2023 Kids Count Data Book from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. “The 2023 Kids County Data Book shows New Mexico ranks last in the nation for child well-being. New Mexico was ranked on 16 different indicators for the well-being of children. The report shows New Mexico ranks 49th in economic well-being, with 24% of children living in poverty. New Mexico also ranked last in education, and 45th in health, with 6% of children uninsured. The state also ranked 48th in family and community.” (Genevieve Glass, “New Mexico ranks as the worst state for child well-being,” [KOAT](#), 6/14/23; New Mexico, 2023 Kids Count Data Profile, [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#), Accessed 2/8/24))
- According to the National Center for Education Statistics’ 2022 Report Card, New Mexico ranked as the worst state in the nation for math and reading scores at grades 4 and 8. (State Performance Compared to the Nation, [The Nation’s Report Card](#), Accessed 2/8/24)

- **In January 2024, a *Forbes* analysis ranked New Mexico’s public education performance as second worst in the nation.** “New Mexico ranks among the worst states in the country for public education despite substantial spending increases in recent years. Rankings released by Forbes Magazine this week put New Mexico second-to-last in terms of its public education performance; Oklahoma was the only state to fare worse. ‘New Mexico ranked second-to-last in terms of standardized testing performance, with just 19.12% of fourth graders demonstrating proficiency or higher in reading and 20.97% achieving the same in reading,’ the report said. ‘Performance rates through the eighth grade dropped by 6.43% in math and 2.54% in reading. Students in New Mexico received the lowest average SAT scores of any state. However, their average ACT and MCAT scores were comparable to students in Mississippi, Alabama, and West Virginia.’” (Tom Joyce, “New Mexico has the nation’s 2nd worst public schools,” [The Center Square](#), 1/9/24)
- **A 2023 study by WalletHub ranked New Mexico 47th out of 50 states for Education & Health.** (Adam McCann, “Best States to Live In,” [WalletHub](#), 8/14/23)

New Mexico is consistently rated one of, if not the worst state for crime and public safety in the country.

- **A 2023 study based on FBI crime data ranked New Mexico the second-most dangerous state in the country.** “Innerbody Research conducted a study using data from the FBI’s National Incident-Based Reporting System to analyze the number of violent crimes against people, and it named Nevada the most dangerous state in the U.S. The FBI’s data comes from both Summary Reporting System (SRS) and National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) reports, which are derived from individual police department data that is voluntarily submitted. To generate the overall scores for its report, Innerbody first determined the prevalence of each crime per 10,000 residents by state, then multiplied each incidence by its weighted value and summed the totals. Ultimately, the higher the score, the higher the prevalence of crime in that state, according to that report... Using Innerbody’s weighted metrics, Nevada came in as the top state for most crimes committed against people. New Mexico was second, with Arkansas third.” (C.C. McCandless, “Study ranks Nevada #1 most dangerous state for crime,” [Fox 5 Vegas](#), 8/11/23)
- **A 2023 study by WalletHub ranked New Mexico dead last out of 50 states for Safety.** (Adam McCann, “Best States to Live In,” [WalletHub](#), 8/14/23)
- **In 2022, the rate of per capita violent crime in New Mexico was more than twice the national rate.** “The rate of violent crime by population in New Mexico was more than twice the nationwide rate in 2022, according to FBI crime data released a few weeks ago.” (Tommy Lopez, “New Mexicans react to bad state rankings,” [KOB 4](#), 11/6/23)

- **According to the CDC, New Mexico had the fourth-worst death rate from homicide in the country.** (Homicide Mortality by State, [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), Accessed 2/8/24)
- **In 2020, New Mexico reported the second-highest violent crime rate in the nation.** “A new analysis of crime statistics has revealed that New Mexico has the second-highest rate of violent crime of any state based on the most recent data available from 2020. The research, conducted by an Austin-based law firm, revealed that New Mexico had approximately 778 violent crimes per 100,000 residents. That mark was only surpassed by Alaska, which witnessed almost 838 violent crimes per 100,000 residents of the state in 2020.” (Trevor Thompson, “Study: New Mexico has second-highest rate of violent crime,” [KTSM](#), 10/18/22)

New Mexico is consistently rated one of the worst states for economic prosperity in the country.

- **U.S. News ranks New Mexico’s economy 44th out of 50 states.** (New Mexico, [U.S. News & World Report](#), Accessed 2/8/24)
 - **New Mexico ranked 47th in Labor Force Participation.** (Employment, [U.S. News & World Report](#), Accessed 2/8/24)
- **In 2023, the American Legislative Exchange Council ranked New Mexico 42nd out of 50 states for Economic Performance.** “New Mexico is currently ranked 42nd in the United States for its economic performance. This rank is a backward-looking measure based on the state’s performance (equal-weighted average) in three important performance variables shown below. These variables are highly influenced by state policy.” (New Mexico, [Rich States Poor States](#), Accessed 2/8/24)
- **In 2023, CNBC ranked New Mexico 44th out of 50 states for Business Friendliness, 45th for Infrastructure, and 47th for Access to Capital.** (“Top States for Business,” [CNBC](#), 7/11/23)