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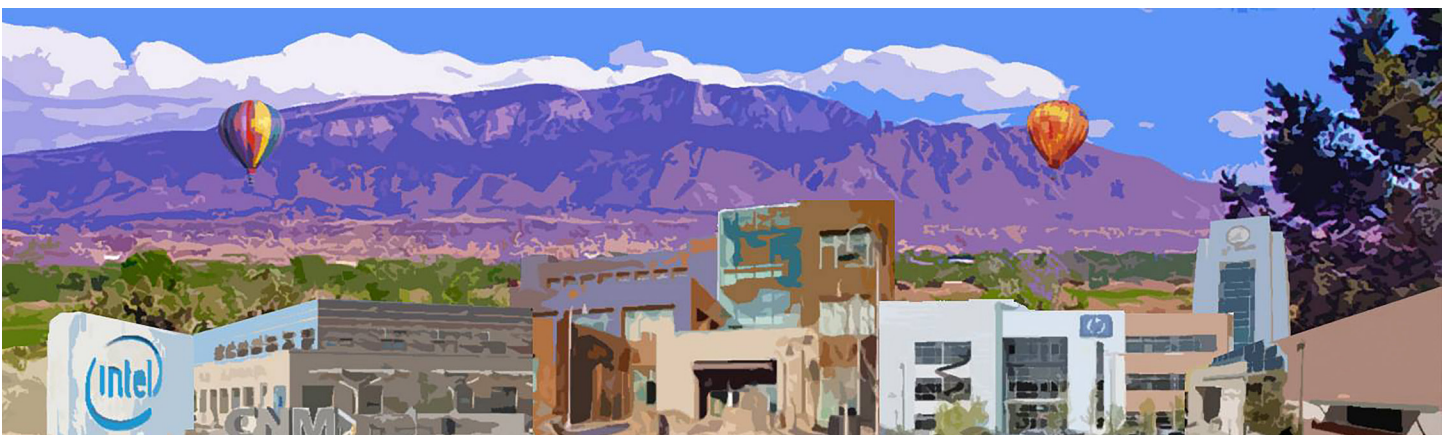


WHY CHOOSE SANDOVAL COUNTY

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SANDOVAL COUNTY

BERNALILLO • CUBA • CORRALES • JEMEZ SPRINGS
RIO RANCHO • SAN YSIDRO • 14 NATIVE AMERICAN ENTITIES

ABOUT

POPULATION

Rio Rancho 104,046
Sandoval County 148,834

*Source: US Census Bureau 2020



Sandoval County is one of the fastest growing communities in New Mexico with highly-rated schools, low crime rate, low cost of living, diverse population, competitive incentive programs, and a rich culture. Rio Rancho is the largest city and economic hub of Sandoval County. Centrally located, Rio Rancho borders Albuquerque and is an hour from Santa Fe and within 30 minutes of the Albuquerque International Sunport.

Sandoval County has proven to be a beneficial place to do business and is home to standout companies such as Intel, HP, Lectrosonics, Insight Lighting, Ideum, US Cotton, amfabsteel, Geobrigg, and MCT Industries.

LABOR FORCE

Sandoval County pulls labor from the Albuquerque MSA region, with an available labor force of 362,876 within a 30-minute drive from Rio Rancho. The average commute for a worker within the Albuquerque MSA is 30 minutes, meaning workers are willing to travel that amount of time to get to their location of work.

The workforce of Sandoval County is well educated and highly diverse. Nearly 66% of adults (25-64 years of age) have some college education. Of the total population, 42.5% of Sandoval County residents are Caucasian, 39.9% Hispanic, 14.1% Native American, and 3.5% another ethnicity.*

*Sources: JobsEQ 2021, Q3 Data – Census April 1, 2020 Data

TOP EMPLOYERS

Employer	Employees	Industry
RRPS	2,830	Education
Santa Ana Pueblo	2,500	Tribal
Intel	2,100	Technology
Presbyterian Rust Medical Center	1,200	Health Care
City of Rio Rancho	646	Government
HP	650	Prof. Services
UNM SRMC	650	Health Care
Sandoval County	580	Government
Brycon Corporation	420	Construction
Bank of America Client Services	400	Prof. Services
Sandia Pueblo	300	Tribal
US Cotton	250	Manufacturing
Chalmers Ford	220	Automotive
amfabsteel	185	Manufacturing
Bread Financial	190	Prof. Services
Lectrosonics	125	Manufacturing
Insight Lighting	100	Manufacturing

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Sandoval County offers some of the best schools in New Mexico and increasingly offers a range of in-demand Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and dual enrollment with local colleges. RRPS' CTE offers a variety of programs including Health Science, Automotive, and Energy, among others. Rio Rancho High School and V. Sue Cleveland High School, part of Rio Rancho Public Schools, are currently ranked nationally on the U.S. News & World Report's list of Best High Schools.

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNM HSC) and Center of Excellence for Orthopaedic Surgery, Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), and New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) have campuses in Sandoval County. All offer career training across industry sectors and are committed to working with employers to develop certification and training programs toward industry needs, while shaping the workforce of the future.



DOING BUSINESS

TARGETED INDUSTRIES

Sandoval County's target industries include **Life Sciences** (Biomedical Testing & Labs, Medical Suppliers, and Medical Technology),

Professional Services & Support (Technology Support Centers & Datacenters), **Advanced Technology & Manufacturing** (Aerospace, Electronics & Metal Manufacturing), **Renewable Energy, Robotics, and Research.**

SITES & BUILDINGS

Sandoval County has several sites and available buildings designated toward high-technology and

industrial development. Sandoval Economic Alliance can identify and research opportunities that can meet location needs.

INCENTIVES

The State of New Mexico, Sandoval County, Rio Rancho and the Town of Bernalillo offer competitive and unique incentives to job creators to help reduce the overall cost of doing business. These include the **Local Economic Development Act (LEDA)**, **Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs)**, and the **Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP)**.

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Sandoval County is located between two national laboratories – Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Both offer licensing and technology transfer programs as well as support programs to teach skills in entrepreneurship and commercialization while identifying opportunities that lead to new technologies, products, and businesses. Additionally, both offer support to small businesses interested in working with the labs.

TOP 10 REASONS TO LOCATE IN SANDOVAL COUNTY

1. First-Rate Educational Systems
2. Top-Notch Medical Facilities
3. Outstanding Quality of Life
4. Available Labor Force
5. Excellent Public Safety
6. Central Location
7. Award-Winning Community
8. Minimal Risk of Natural Disasters
9. Affordability
10. Incentives Available

COMMUNITY ASSETS

OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE

Temperate weather, low crime, award-winning schools, and an abundance of outdoor activities provide an excellent environment to work and raise a family.

HEALTHCARE

Award-winning state-of-the-art medical facilities include the Sandoval Regional Medical Center, UNM Center of Excellence for Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation (extensive R&D including tissue 3D Printing), Presbyterian Rust Medical Center, and ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Rio Rancho.

CLIMATE

Sandoval County offers a temperate, high-desert climate where residents enjoy all four seasons and an extremely low risk of natural disasters.

Our stable climate and location ensure confidence related to weather interference with business operations.

COST OF LIVING

Sandoval County's overall Cost of Living Index rating of 93 is better than the national average and surpasses neighboring states, offering a high quality of life at a relatively affordable price point.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sandoval County and Rio Rancho are known for their low crime rates and for being among the safest places to live and do business in New Mexico. Both Corrales and Rio Rancho are consistently ranked in the top 10 safest cities in the state, while Sandoval County is ranked #2 for safest New Mexico counties.

ABOUT SEA

Sandoval Economic Alliance (SEA) is a private, not-for-profit economic development corporation established to strengthen and diversify the economic base of Sandoval County, including the municipalities of Bernalillo, Corrales, Cuba, Jemez Springs, and Rio Rancho.

SEA provides a broad range of free and confidential services to businesses and industries considering new locations for expansion, relocation, or consolidation. Services include identifying sites, facilities, incentive programs, and workforce research while cultivating local and state support. SEA also assists existing businesses through retention and expansion programs, as well as an Economic Gardening Program to foster positive growth in the business community.

Sandoval Economic Alliance

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