

New Mexico 2021 Redistricting: Good Governance/Communities of Interest Plan

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This plan achieves perfect population while splitting as few counties, reservations, and municipalities as possible and maintaining communities of interest. Only Valencia and Bernalillo Counties are split, and few municipalities and reservations are as well. District 1 is centered around the Albuquerque metro, containing eastern Bernalillo and Valencia Counties. District 2 is centered on the southern part of the state and also portions of Valencia County. District 3 contains all of Santa Fe and was drawn to include as many of the northwestern Native Reservations as possible.

New Mexico is a state with high Hispanic and Native populations. As such, all three of these districts are majority-minority. District 1 is 49.8% Hispanic and 8.0% Native. District 2 is 55.1% Hispanic and 4.5% Native. District 3 is 38.3% Hispanic and 24.8% Native. District 3's Native population increases significantly in this map, thanks to the prioritization of grouping reservations together where possible to maximize Native voting power. Citizen voting age population in each district decreases the percentages significantly, however all three are still majority-minority by these metrics and there should be no conflict with the Voting Rights Act (see Planscore analysis for CVAP figures).

New Mexican law requires that districts comply with federal law, attempt to preserve communities of interest, must not use partisan data except in complying with the Voting Rights Act, and must not split precincts. This map satisfies all categories except the final one. 8 precincts are split in this map in order to achieve perfect population equality and keep Native reservations together, and therefore the map would not be compliant with that portion of state law.