# Lea County Profile

## Population and Demographics:
- **2015 population:** 71,180
- **Age:**
  - Person’s under 18 years: 30.4%
  - Persons 18-64 years: 59.2%
  - Persons 65 years and over: 10.4%
- **Gender**
  - Female: 48.5%
  - Male: 51.5%
- **Marital Status:**
  - Married: 53.3%
  - Separated: 2.2%
  - Divorced: 10.4%
  - Widowed: 4.9%
- **Unemployed**
  - Unemployed: 4.3%
  - Not in labor force: 46.0%
- **Race**
  - White: 91.1%
  - Black: 4.5%
  - American Indian/Alaska Native: 1.9%
  - Asian: 0.7%
  - Other: 1.6%
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 56.6%
- **Language other than English spoken at home:** 43.8%
- **High school gradate or higher:** 71.4%
- **Bachelor’s degree or higher:** 12.6%
- **Number of households:** 21,331
- **Persons per household:** 3.04
- **Per capita money income in the past 12 months:** $22,962
- **Median household income:** $55,248
- **Persons below poverty level:** 16.6%

## Law Enforcement Agencies:
- Lea County Sheriff;
- New Mexico State Police Hobbs District 3 Office
- Police Departments in Eunice, Hobbs, Jal, & Lovington

## Courts:
- 7th Judicial District Court, Lovington
- Lea County Magistrate Courts in Eunice, Hobbs, Jal, and Lovington
- Municipal Courts in Eunice, Hobbs, Jal, Lovington, and Tatum

## Crime Statistics
- **Homicide Rate (per 100,000):**
  - County: Not enough data
  - New Mexico: 12
- **Violent Crime Rate (per 100,000):**
  - County: 481
  - New Mexico: 571

## Domestic Violence Incidents, Arrests, & Convictions

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## Medical and Victims’ Service Providers

### Hospitals:
- Lea Regional Medical Center: 201 beds, 24 hour ER
- Nor-Lea General Hospital: 25 beds, 24 hour ER

### Ratio population to mental health provider:
- **921:1**

### Nearest Domestic Violence Service Provider:
- Option, Inc.

### Nearest Batterer Intervention Program:
- Option, Inc.

### Rape Crisis Services Provider:
- Arise Sexual Assault Services (in Portales, Roosevelt County)

### Nearest SANE Unit:
- Portales

## Youth Services:
- Guidance Center of Lea County, Inc.; Child and Family Service, Inc. of Lea County; Juvenile Intervention Services; Lea County Court Appointed Special Advocates; Raindancer Youth Services, Inc.; TARS—Hobbs Municipal Schools

## Substance Abuse Support Groups:
- Number of AA meetings per week: 37
- Number of NA meetings per week: 2

## Outpatient Substance Abuse Services:
- Guidance Center of Lea County, Inc. (Hobbs); Nor-Lea Behavioral Health (Lovington); Palmer Drug Abuse Program (Hobbs)

## Inpatient Substance Abuse Services:
- Lea Regional Medical Center 13 bed behavioral health

## School Based Health Centers:
- Lovington High School Health Center

## Veteran Services:
- VA Outpatient Clinic (Hobbs)

## Sources:
- http://quickfacts.census.gov/
- 2016 New Mexico Data from County Health Rankings and Roadmaps: http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/rankings/data/nm
- http://www.nmadv.org/
- http://nmcsap.org/programs/
- https://newmexicolegalaid.org/content/nmla-offices

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