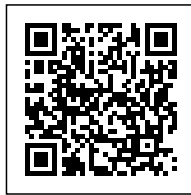


NEW MEXICO

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New Mexico is a constituent state located in the Southwestern United States. Because of its scenic beauty and rich history, New Mexico is also known as *The Land of Enchantment*. The nickname was officially announced in 1999.

In search of gold, the Spanish adventurer Francisco Vázquez de Coronado arrived in the region in 1540. Although he couldn't find any gold, Spain colonized the region over the coming century. The territory became part of Mexico after Mexico declared independence from Spain in 1821. However, after America's victory in the Mexican-American War in 1848, New Mexico became a part of the United States. On January 6, 1912, it became the forty-seventh state to join the Union.

New Mexico is bordered on the north by Colorado, to the northeast by Oklahoma, to the east by Texas, to the south by the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Sonora, and to the west by Arizona. Its northwest corner borders Arizona, Utah, and Colorado, making it the only place in the U.S. where four states meet.

Santa Fe is the state capital, and Albuquerque is the largest city.

New Mexico is the fifth largest state in terms of land area, with 121,590sq mi (314,917 sq km). According to the United States Census 2020, the state has a total population of 2,117,522. The state ranks thirty-sixth in population and forty-sixth in population density.

The International Balloon Fiesta, an annual mass ascension of hot air balloons, is an event that makes Albuquerque, New Mexico, recognized as "The Balloon Capitol of the World." In 2005, the hot air balloon was designated the official state aircraft of New Mexico.

The founder of Amazon.com, Jeff Bezos, and famous artist Georgia O'Keeffe are all well-known New Mexicans.

The phrase "Everybody is somebody in New Mexico" was adopted by the state of New Mexico in 1975 as its official state slogan for trade, commerce, and industry.

The fun fact is the famous International UFO Museum and Research Center that is located in Roswell, New Mexico – close to a location where some claim a UFO crashed in 1947. Some claimed the found wreckage was from the flying saucer however, some authorities insisted it was wreckage from the weather balloon. Since then, the truth about the found pieces of unusual metal remains a mystery.

In 1963, the Black bear was named the official state animal of New Mexico. In 1949, the Greater roadrunner was declared the state bird. A cartoon roadrunner was also designated as the official state litter-control mascot in New Mexico.

In 1917, New Mexico declared "O Fair New Mexico" its official state song. The Latin phrase "Crescit eundo," which translates as "It grows as it goes," is New Mexico's official state motto. The Latin motto "Crescit eundo" appears on the state seal as well.

The state has no official language. The commonly spoken languages are English, Spanish, Navajo, Keres, and Zuni.

