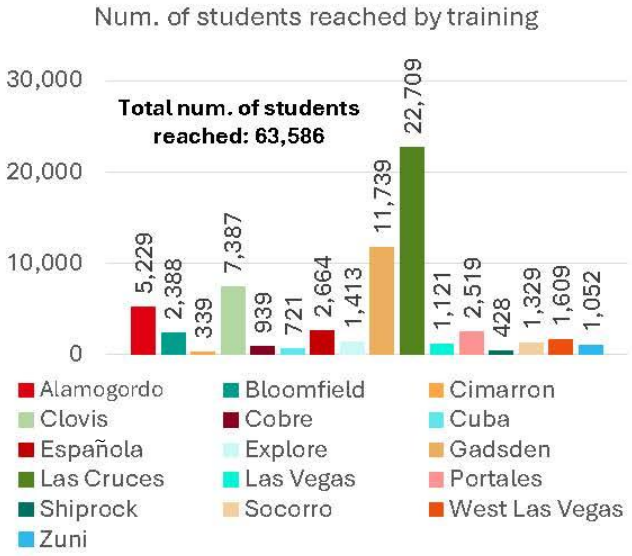
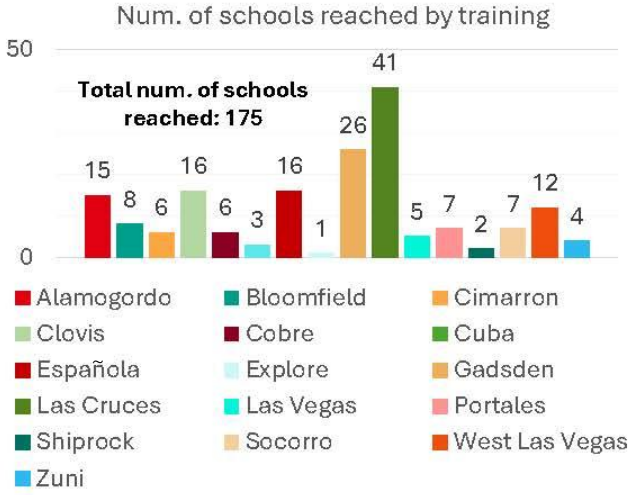
Healthy Universal School Meals (HUSM) by the Numbers





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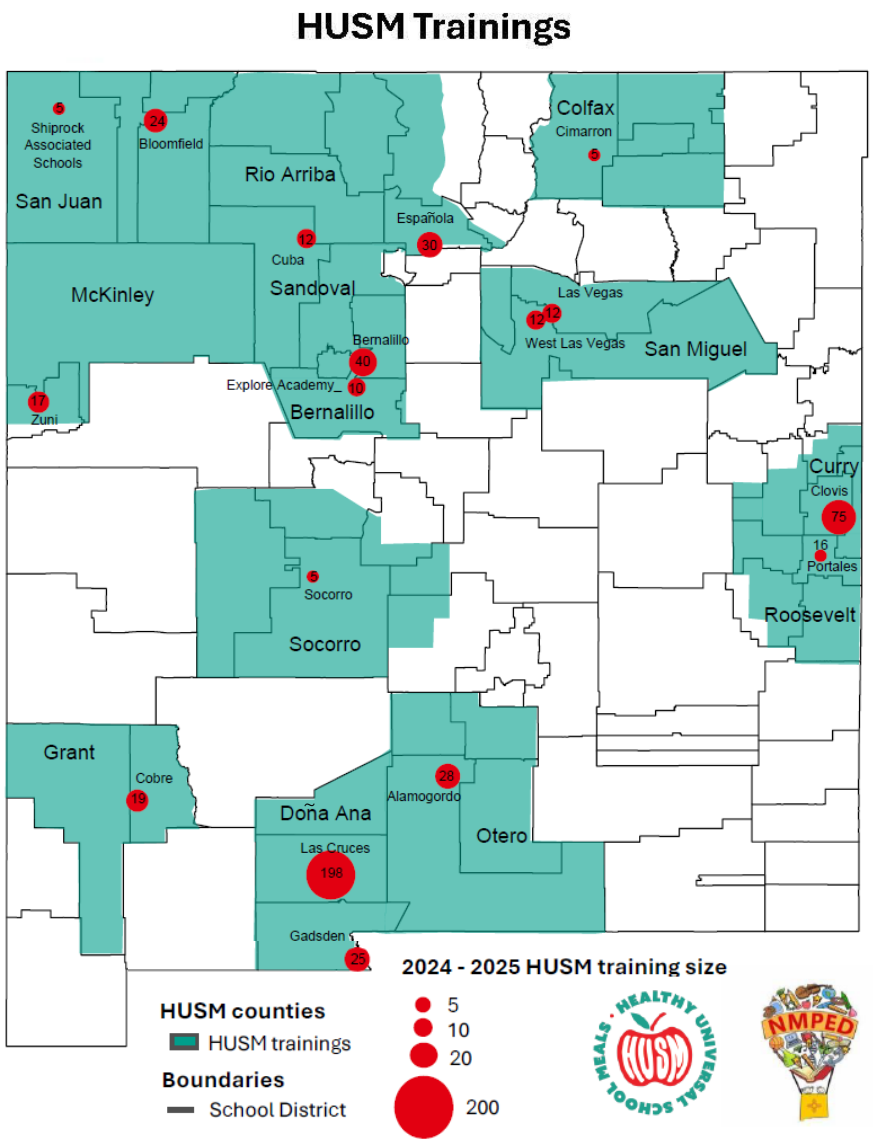

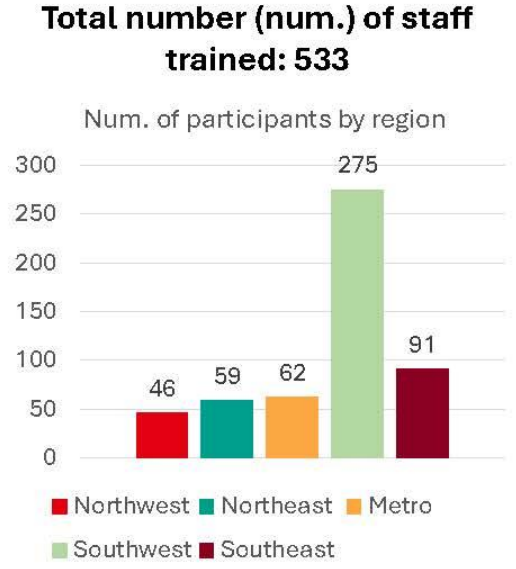

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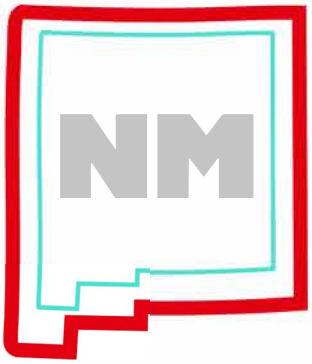
2024 - 2025 HUSM training size

HEALTHY UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS

Nutritious, scratch-cooked breakfast and lunch at a school cafeteria near you



NEW MEXICO IS AHEAD OF THE CURVE

New Mexico is the fifth state to offer both breakfast and lunch at no cost to all students through Healthy Universal School Meals, a program launched in 2023. Food fuels our future leaders and sets them up for success at school—that's why Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham championed the initiative, and why the legislature voted unanimously to make the program permanent. Now, schools are making changes in their cafeterias and students can expect to see more wholesome, scratch-cooked meals on their plates. Public & charter schools that serve both breakfast and lunch are participating in Healthy Universal School Meals. Bureau of Indian Education or tribally controlled and private schools can opt-in each school year.

QUALITY, WHOLE FOODS BENEFIT STUDENTS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

Healthy Universal School Meals is unique by prioritizing high quality ingredients in scratch-cooked meals. Schools are encouraged and supported in choosing local, homegrown foods which means less processed and more desirable foods and flavors in the cafeteria. Nourishing students is the number one goal, but the list of benefits also includes economic support for local farmers and food suppliers, and the cherry on top is no-cost meals for all students put dollars back where they belong—in families' pockets.

THE FUTURE IS LOOKING WHOLESOME

Schools and districts are making big changes to cafeteria plates near you and we want to know how it's going. To share your good, bad, and the could-be-better experiences with no-cost meals at your school, scan the QR Code below. Together, we can create a stronger, healthier future for New Mexico.

56,139,940

no-cost meals were served in the 2023 - 2024 school year, with meals served continuing to increase

Scan the QR code and share your experience with Healthy Universal School Meals

Healthy Universal School Meals (HUSM) is made possible by New Mexico Public Education Department with federal and state funding which reimburses schools for each no-cost meal served.