

"Building New Mexico into a high-tech jobs leader is a cornerstone of our efforts to grow and diversify our economy."

> - Gov. Susana Martinez, Nov. 9, 2015, announcing the expansion of Albuquerque-based Skorpios Technologies Inc., and the creation of 300 new jobs

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**Pop. growth 2013–2018:** 2.5%

Median age: 37.2 Right-to-work state: No.

# New Mexico

#### **Legislative Update**

- · Legislators committed \$50 million to the Economic Development Department's LEDA (Local Economic Development Act) capital fund, dedicated to jobcreating projects in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. A minimum of \$2.5 million is designated for rural communities.
- Gov. Martinez also approved \$1 million for the Economic Development Department's New Mexico MainStreet Program. This funding will assist in the creation of a "Frontier Communities" program, provide support for MainStreet emerging and startup communities, the Arts and Cultural Districts and continuation of MainStreet's work to develop economically feasible business environments through revitalization, redevelopment, preservation and marketing of historical and cultural locations.

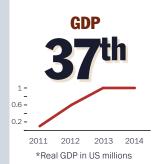
#### **Rankings that Matter**

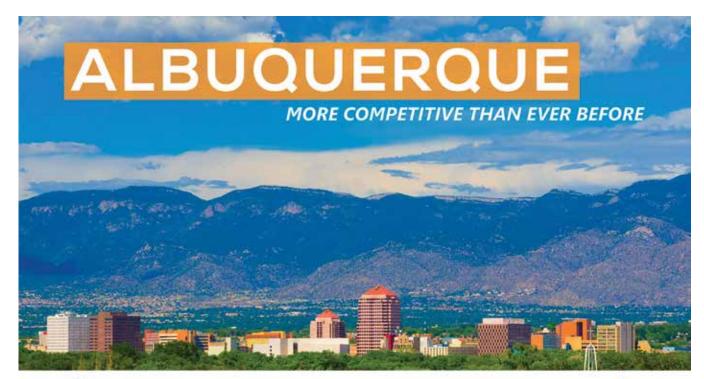
**Pop. (2014):** 2,105,290

**Credit Rating:** AA+/Negative

Median household income: \$46.686

Business Tax Climate
Legal Climate
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure 35 (412,428)
ACT Career Readiness Certificates 16 (24,115)
Lowest Electric Power Cost
Fiscal Solvency36
College Attainment 40 (34.9%)









Dramatic improvements to New Mexico's business climate have made Albuquerque an even better choice for companies considering expansion. Coupled with the city's highly regarded workforce, low-risk environment, cost of living and rich incentives, it's easy to see why Albuquerque has emerged as a must-consider location for business investment. Find out what Albuquerque can do for you!

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