

COVID-19 Day 575

Press Update

October 6, 2021

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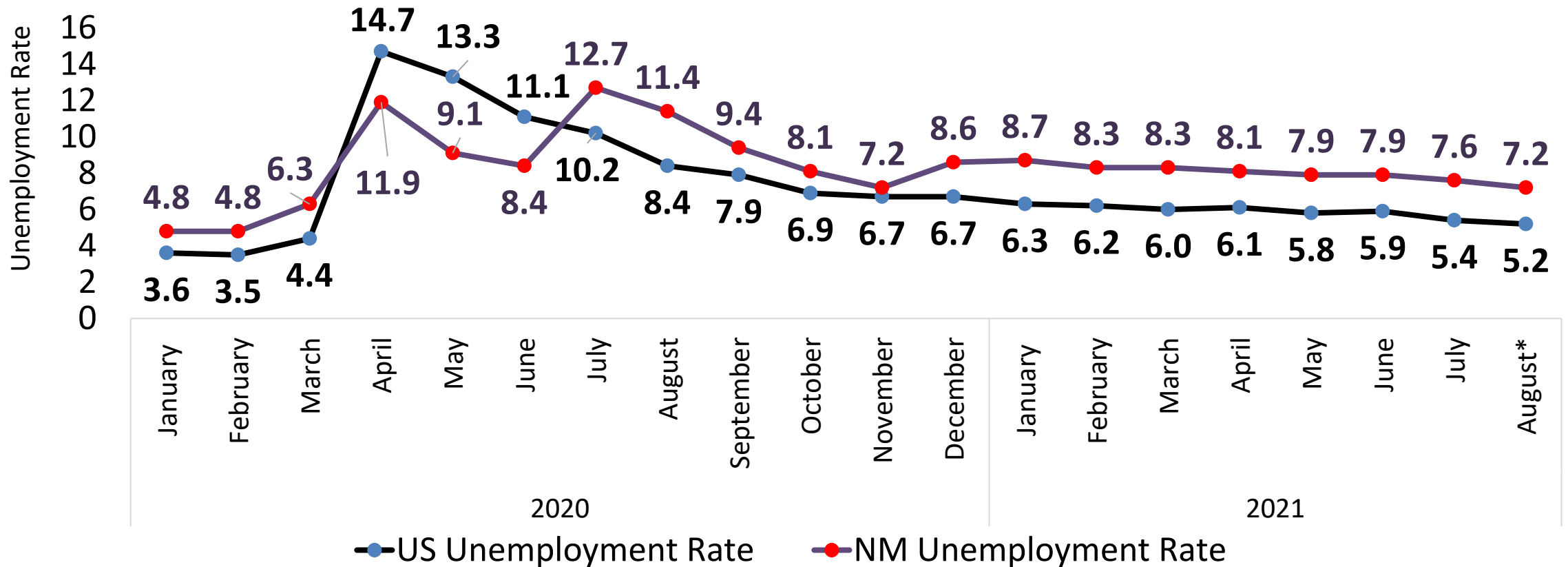
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UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

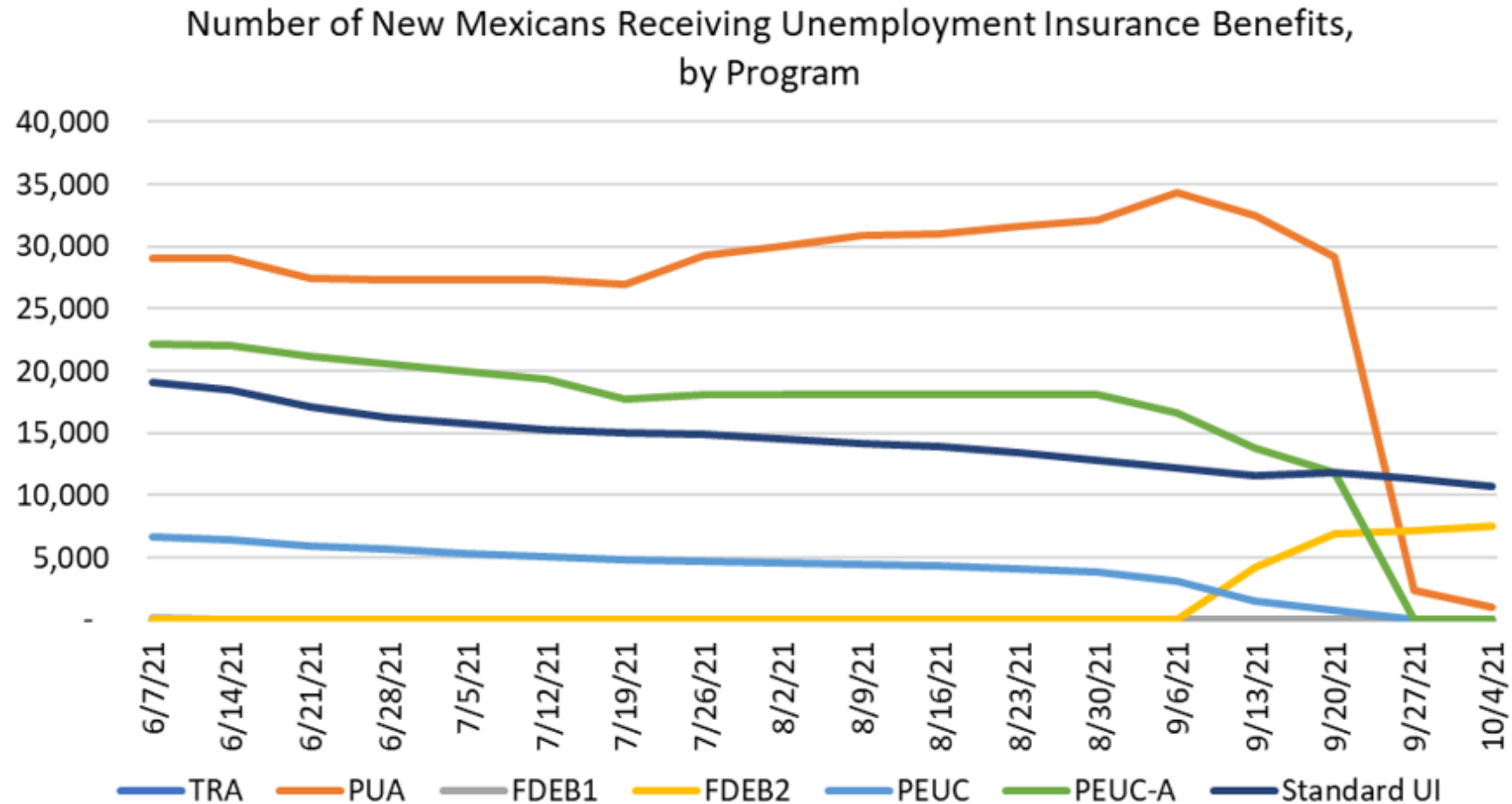
U.S. and New Mexico Unemployment Rates

Unemployment Rate in New Mexico and US, Seasonally Adjusted
January 2020 - August 2021



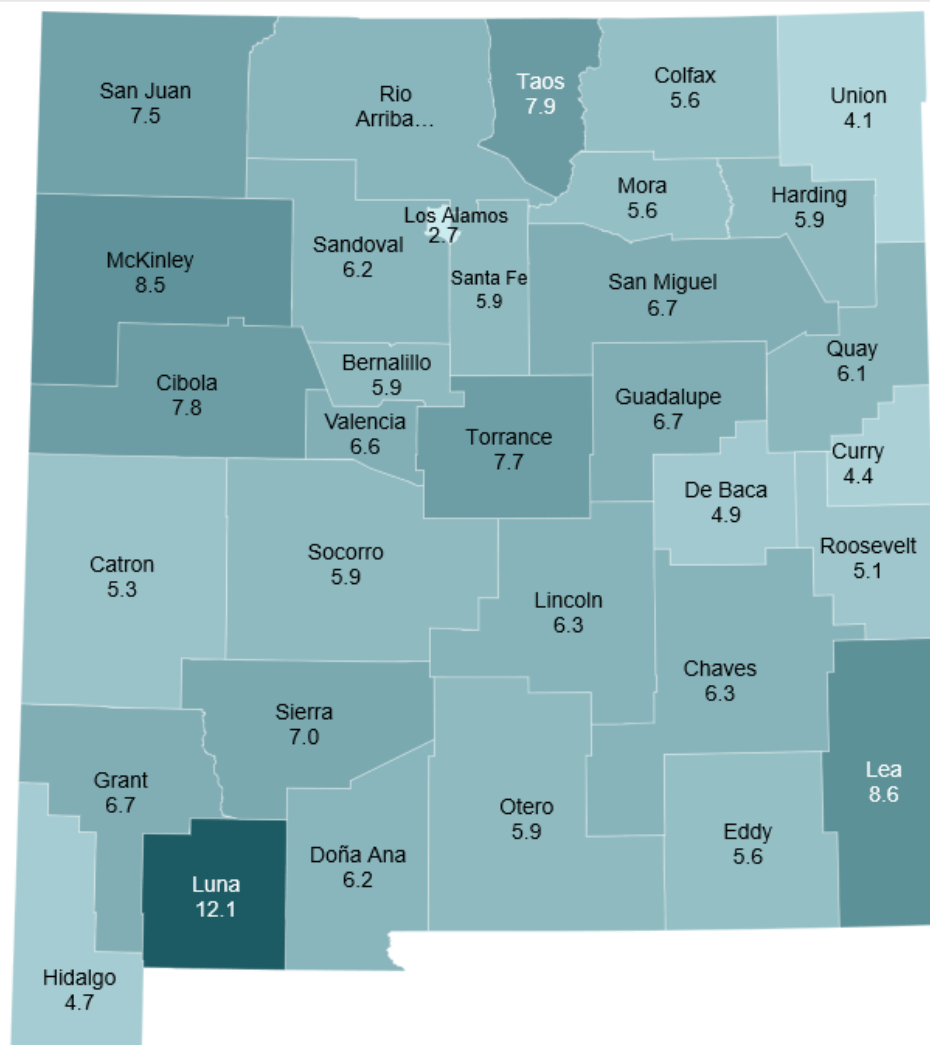
Source: State Employment and Unemployment, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, * Preliminary

Claimants Receiving Payments



Source: MTX report. Data is a running 3-week average.

Unemployment Rate by NM County

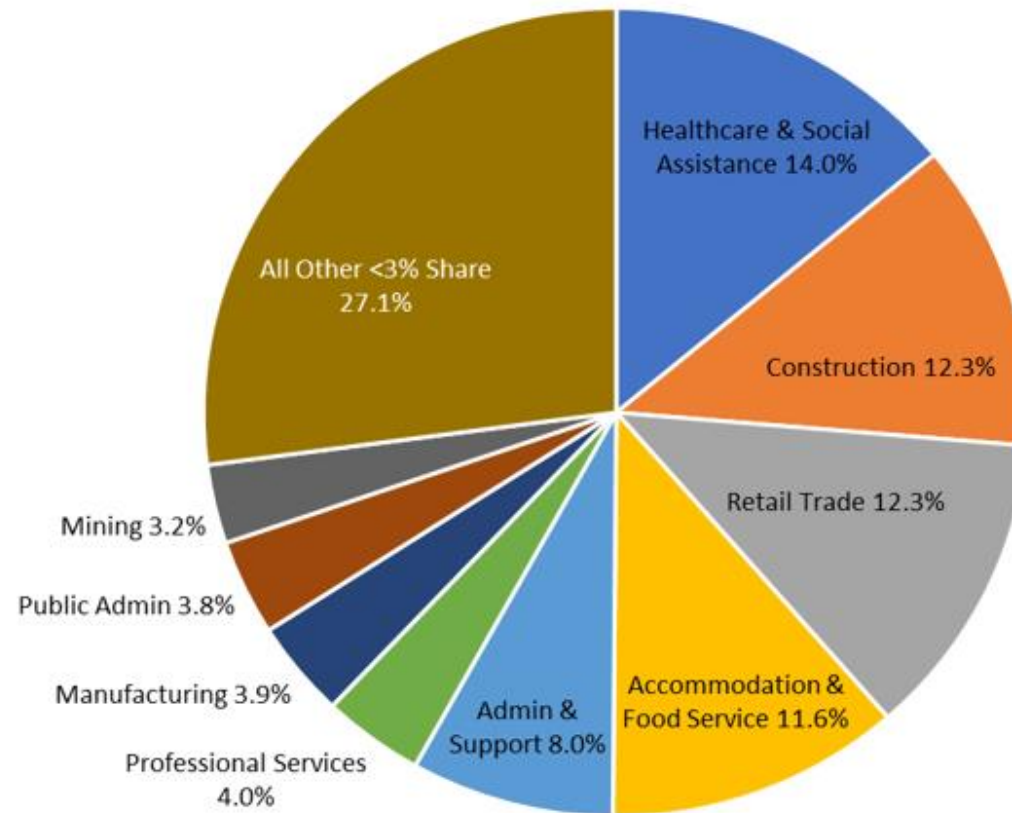


Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates

	New Mexico	U.S.
July 2021	7.6%	5.4%
August 2021	7.2%	5.2%
Monthly Change	-0.4%	-0.2%
Change over year	-2.1%	-3.2%

NM Unemployment Insurance Claimants by Last Industry

Claimants Receiving UI Benefits by Industry, 10/04/2021



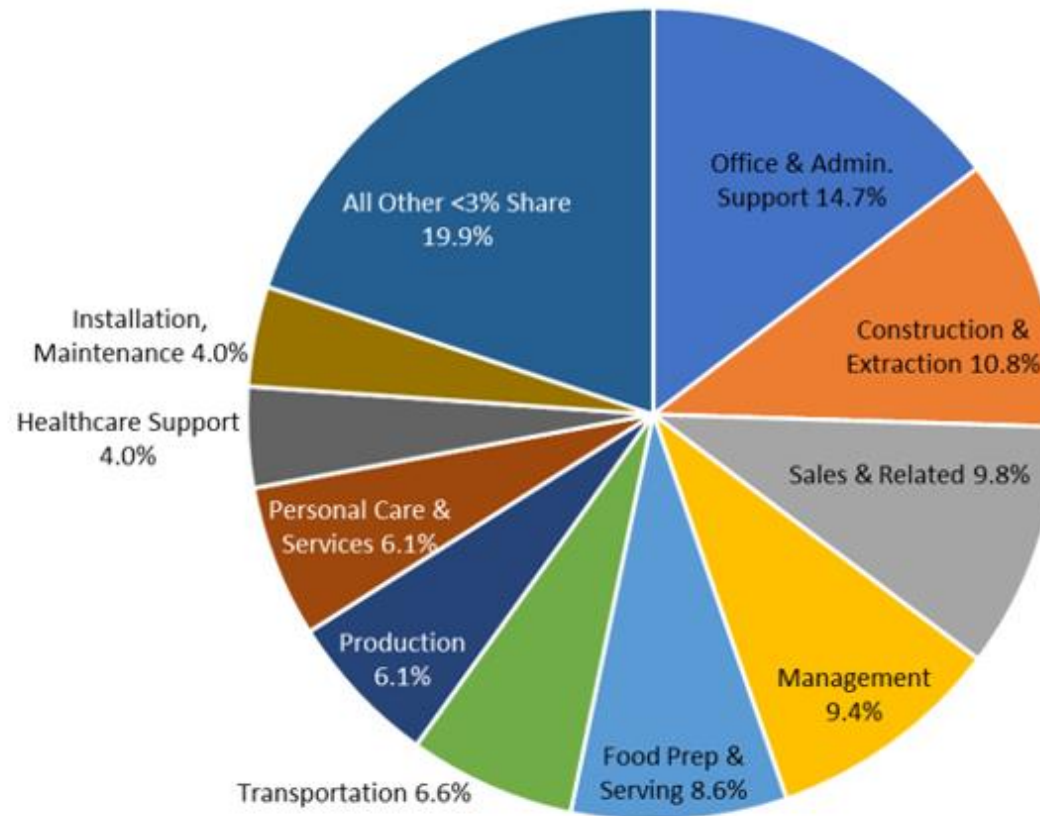
All other includes: Educational Services (2.9%); Information (2.5%); Transportation & Warehousing (2.5%); Other Services (2.4%); Finance & Insurance (2.2%); Wholesale Trade (2.0%); Agriculture (1.9%); Real Estate (1.5%); Arts & Entertainment (1.4%); Mgmt of Companies (0.2%); Utilities (0.2%); Info not available (7.3%). Source: MTX report, three-week moving average.

Industries with the largest percentage decrease of claimants receiving UI benefits from August 2, 2021 to October 4, 2021 were in:

- Arts, Accommodation and Recreation (declined 68.2 percent)
- Educational Services (declined 63.9 percent)
- Accommodation & Food Service (a drop of 62.9 percent)

NM Unemployment Insurance Claimants by Last Occupation

Claimants Receiving UI Benefits by Occupation, 10/04/2021

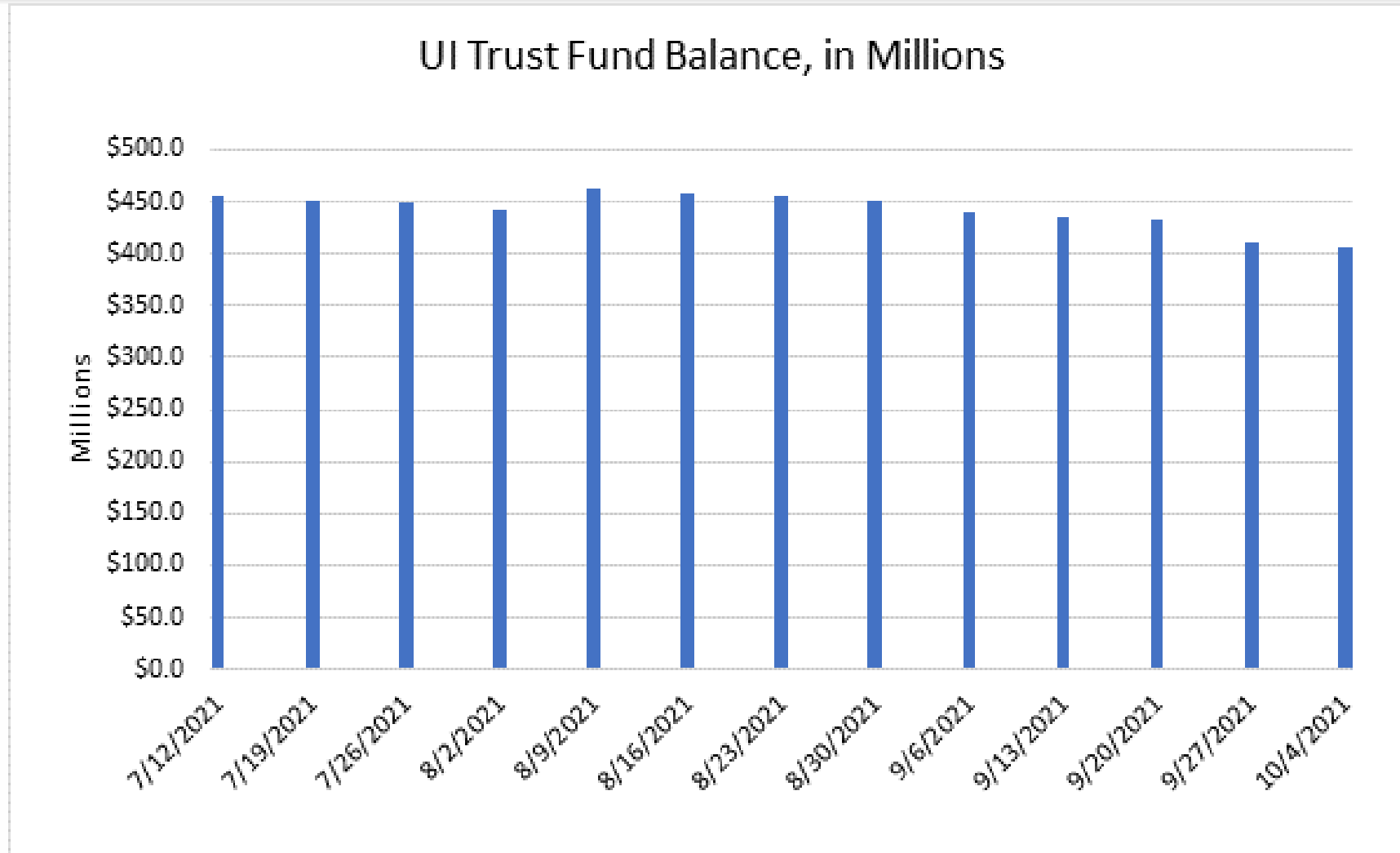


All other includes: Building & Grounds Cleaning (2.8%); Business & Financial Ops (2.5%); Healthcare Practitioner & Tech (2.3%); Education & Training (2.1%); Protective Services (1.9%); Farming (1.8%); Arts (1.6%); Community & Social Services (1.2%); Architecture & Engineering (1.2%); Computer & Math (1.0%); Life, Physical & Social Sciences (0.9%); Legal (0.4%); Military Specific (0.2%); Info not available (0.02%). Source: MTX report, three-week moving average.

Occupations with the largest percentage decrease of claimants receiving UI benefits from August 2, 2021 to October 4, 2021 were in:

- Arts and Design (86.8%)
- Education and Training (78.9%)
- Personal Care (79.4%)

Health of NM Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund



Be Alert to Unemployment Insurance Fraud

- Refusal to Work -- www.dws.state.nm.us/Report-Refusal-of-Suitable-Work
- Be aware of scams
 - Text messages, emails and calls
 - We will never ask for SS numbers, passwords or banking information
- Report UI Fraud -- www.dws.state.nm.us/IdentityTheft
 - Work Search Requirements
 - Not reporting wages
 - Identity theft

Online Job Postings, August 2021



	Aug 21	Jul 21	Aug 20	Percentage Change (%)			
				OTM	OTY	2 yr	5 yr
NM	83,089	76,676	56,934	8.4	45.9	20.3	28.5

Industry	Job Openings
Health Care and Social Assistance	13,108
Educational Services	7,875
Professional, Scientific, Tech Services	6,302
Retail Trade	4,723
Administrative and Support	4,397
Accommodation and Food Services	4,066
Public Administration	3,628
Manufacturing	2,292
Finance and Insurance	2,074
Transportation and Warehousing	1,797
Wholesale Trade	1,285
Other Services	953
Construction	797
Information	715
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	484
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	464
Management of Companies	424
Utilities	222
Mining	190
Agriculture	130

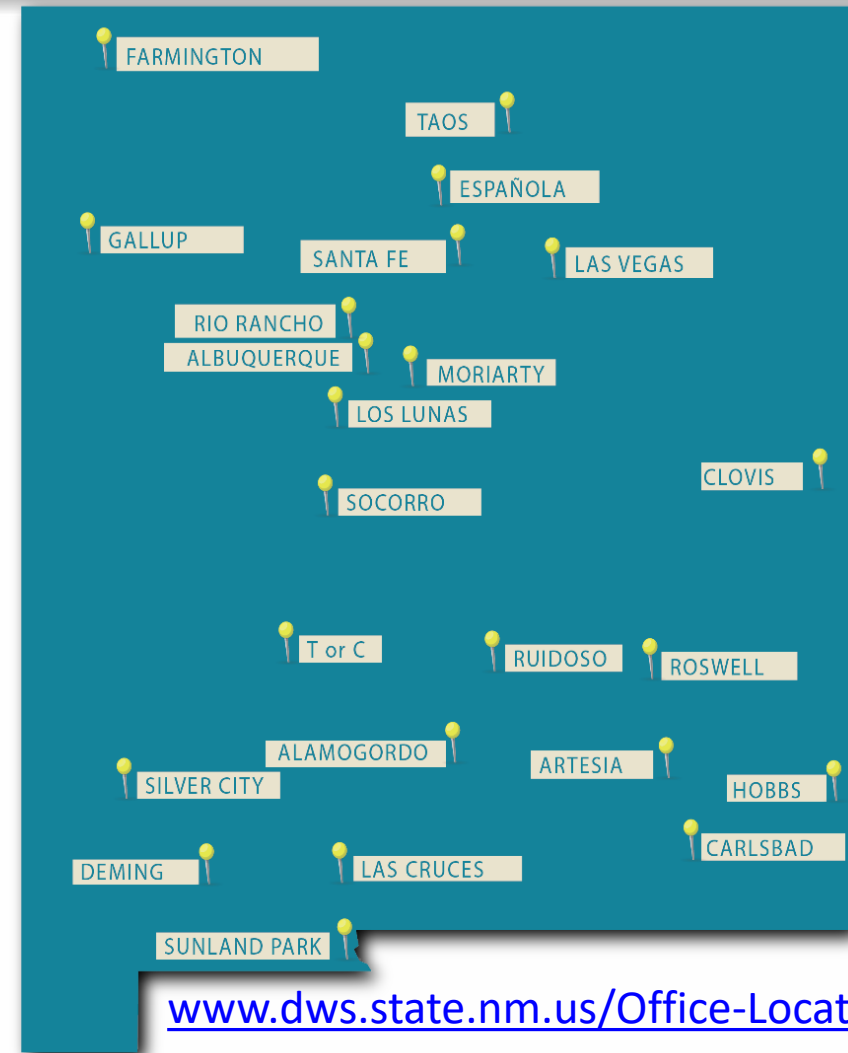
Source: WCOS. Online Job Postings by Industry excludes data for the military and industries that are undefined.

NM Workforce Connection Centers

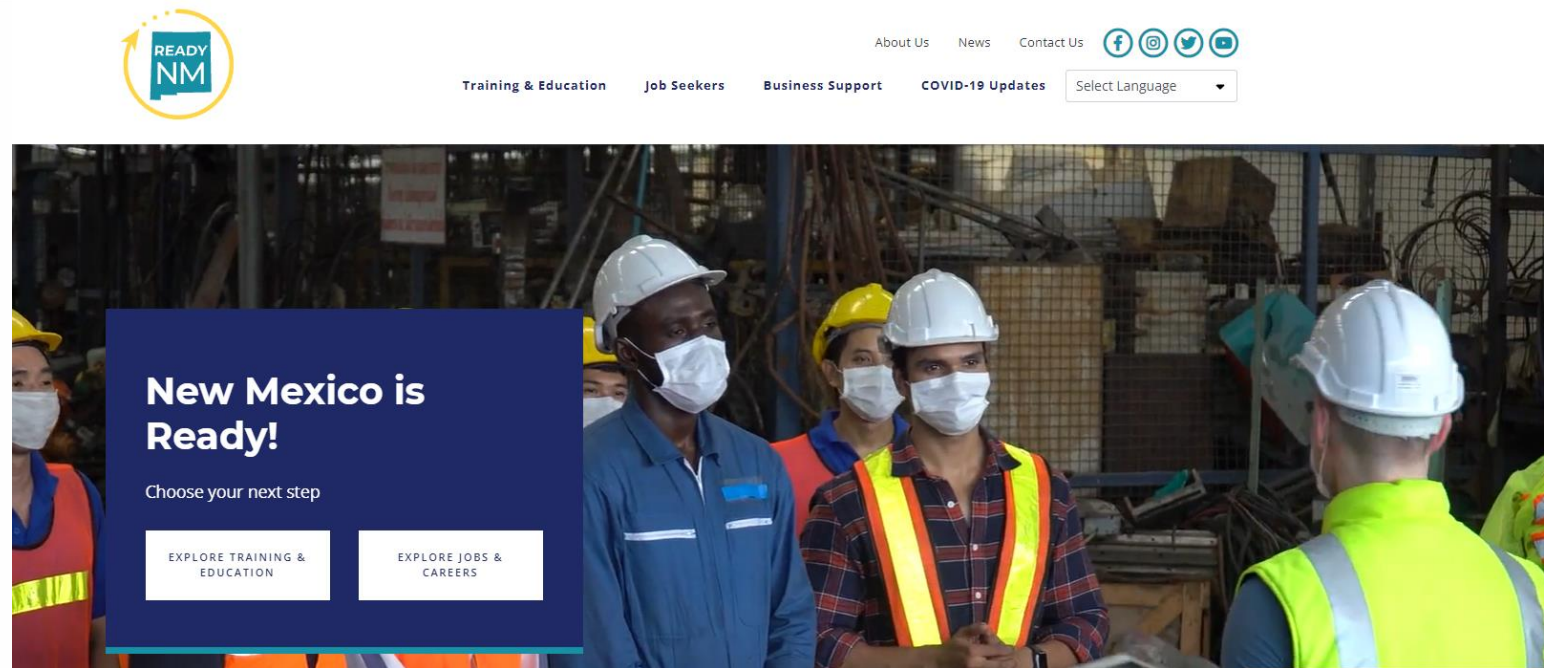
23 Centers statewide

- Direct hiring events for employers and communities
- In-person services
- Applicant recruitment and customized screening
- Workforce Connection Online System for employers and job seekers

<https://www.dws.state.nm.us/Job-Seekers>



Ready New Mexico



<https://Ready.NM.Gov>

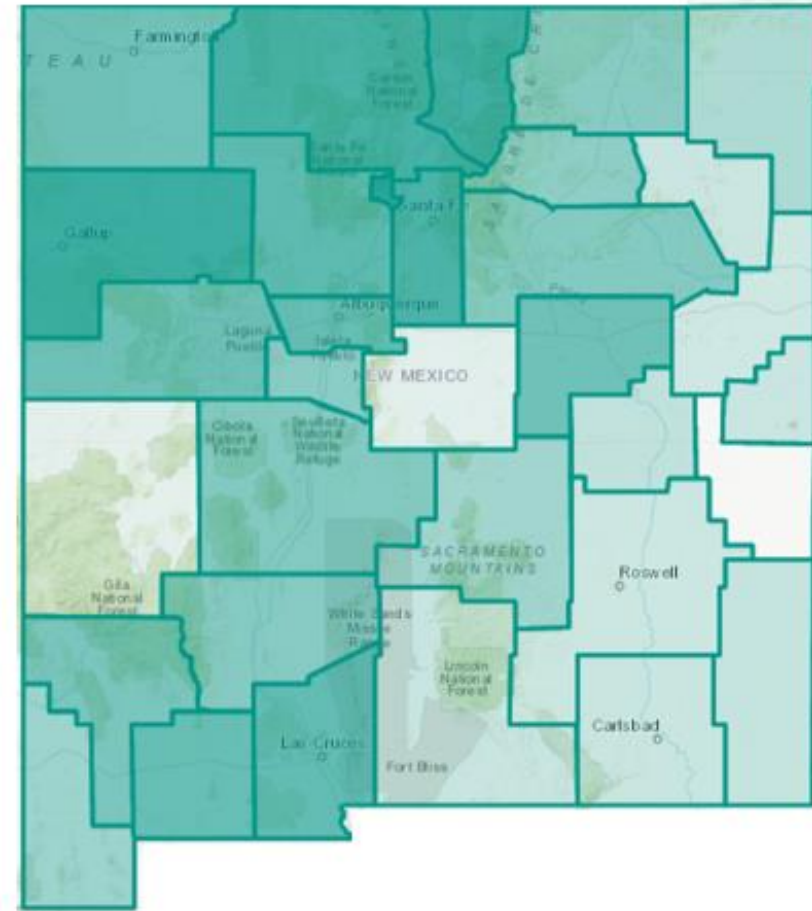
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- Job search by county
- Boot camp training opportunities
- Adult Education
- Postsecondary programs
- Financial Aid
- Apprenticeships
- Hiring Assistance
- Labor Market Information

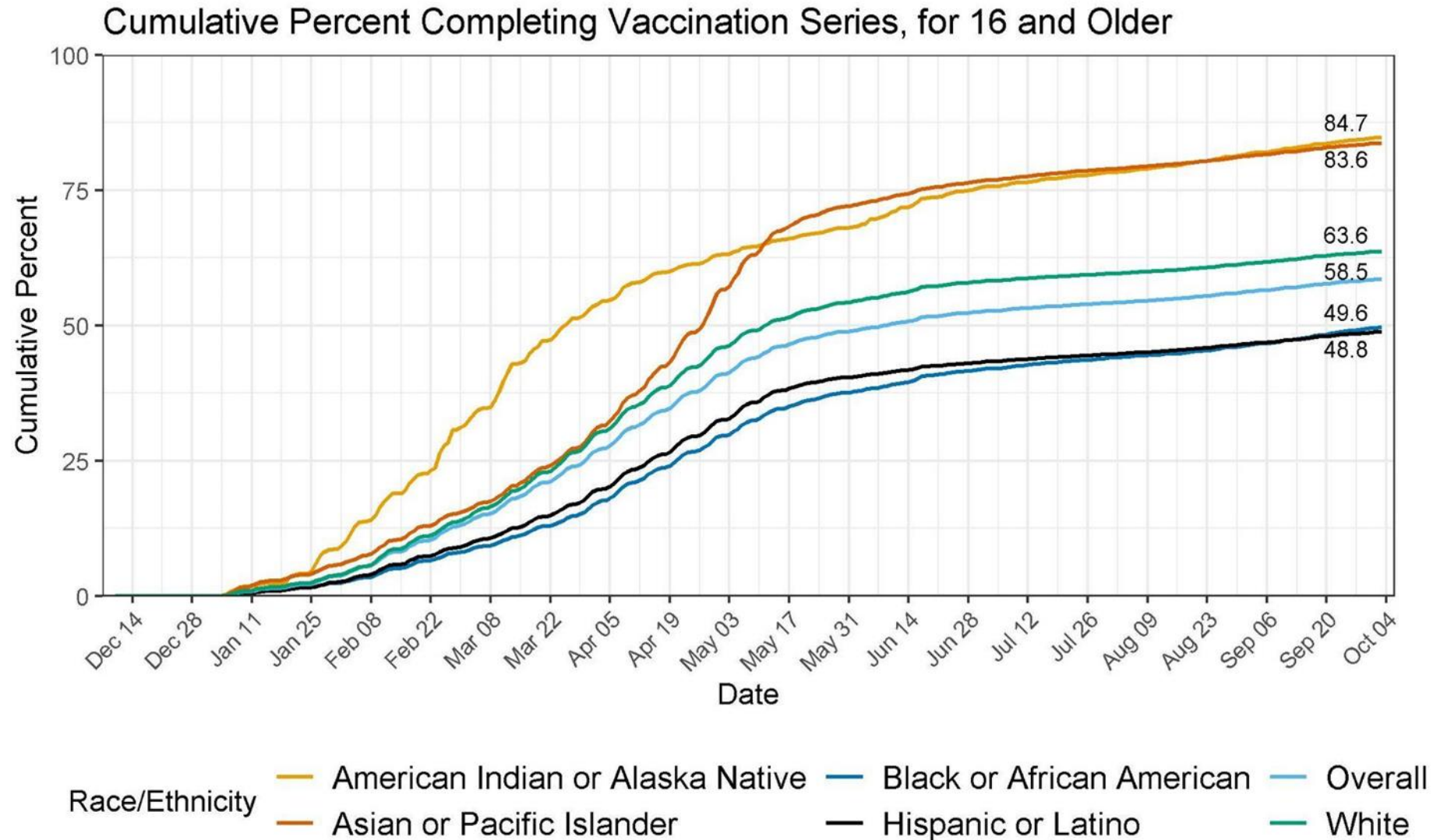
NM Vaccine Update

Vaccine progress update

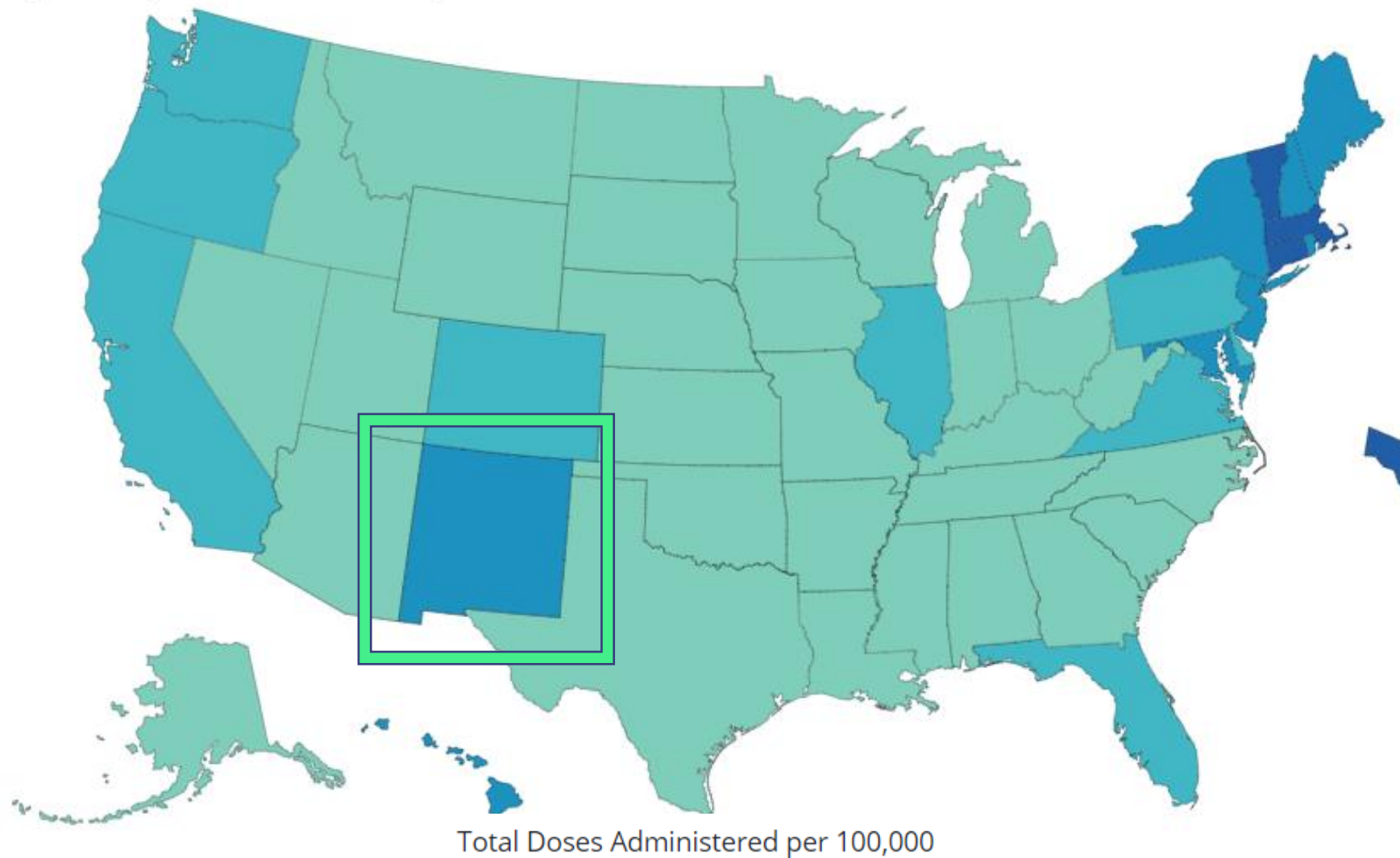
- **80.4%** of New Mexicans (18+) and 64.4% (12-17) have received at least a first dose
- **71.1%** of New Mexicans (18+) and 55.3% (12-17) are fully vaccinated



Many still not vaccinated and at risk



Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population



○ No Data ○ 0 ○ 1 - 120,000 ○ 120,001 - 130,000 ○ 130,001 - 140,000 ○ 140,001 - 150,000 ○ 150,001 +

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations_vacc-total-admin-rate-total

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Booster Dose Updates

October vaccine updates

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC):

- October 14th:
Moderna Booster
- October 15th:
J and J Booster
Mix and Match
- October 26th:
EUA for 5-11 year-olds

OCTOBER						2021
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Pfizer for children ages 5 - 11

- Per press release:
 - Pfizer submitted trial data to FDA on September 28th
 - 2,268 participants 5-11 years of age
 - Vaccine safe and effective in children
 - Likely to start late October, early November
- Actual trial data not available yet
- We are expecting longer refrigerator storage time and smaller number of vials per order



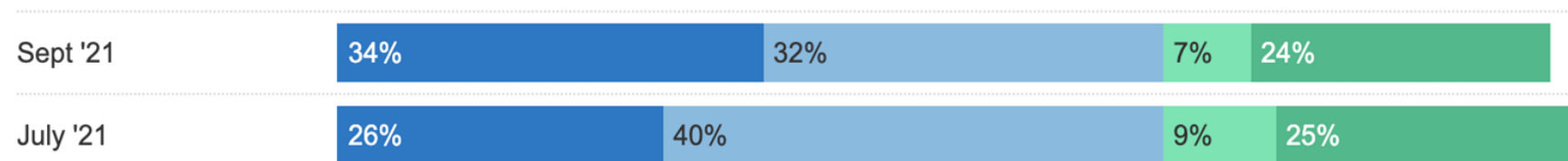
Willingness of parents to vaccinate their children

A Third Of Parents Of 5 To 11 Year Olds Say They Will Vaccinate Their Child Right Away Once A Vaccine Is Available For Their Age Group

Thinking about your...once there is a COVID-19 vaccine authorized and available for your child's age group, do you think you will get them vaccinated...?

■ Right away ■ Wait and see ■ Only if required ■ Definitely not

Child ages 5-11



Child under 5 years old

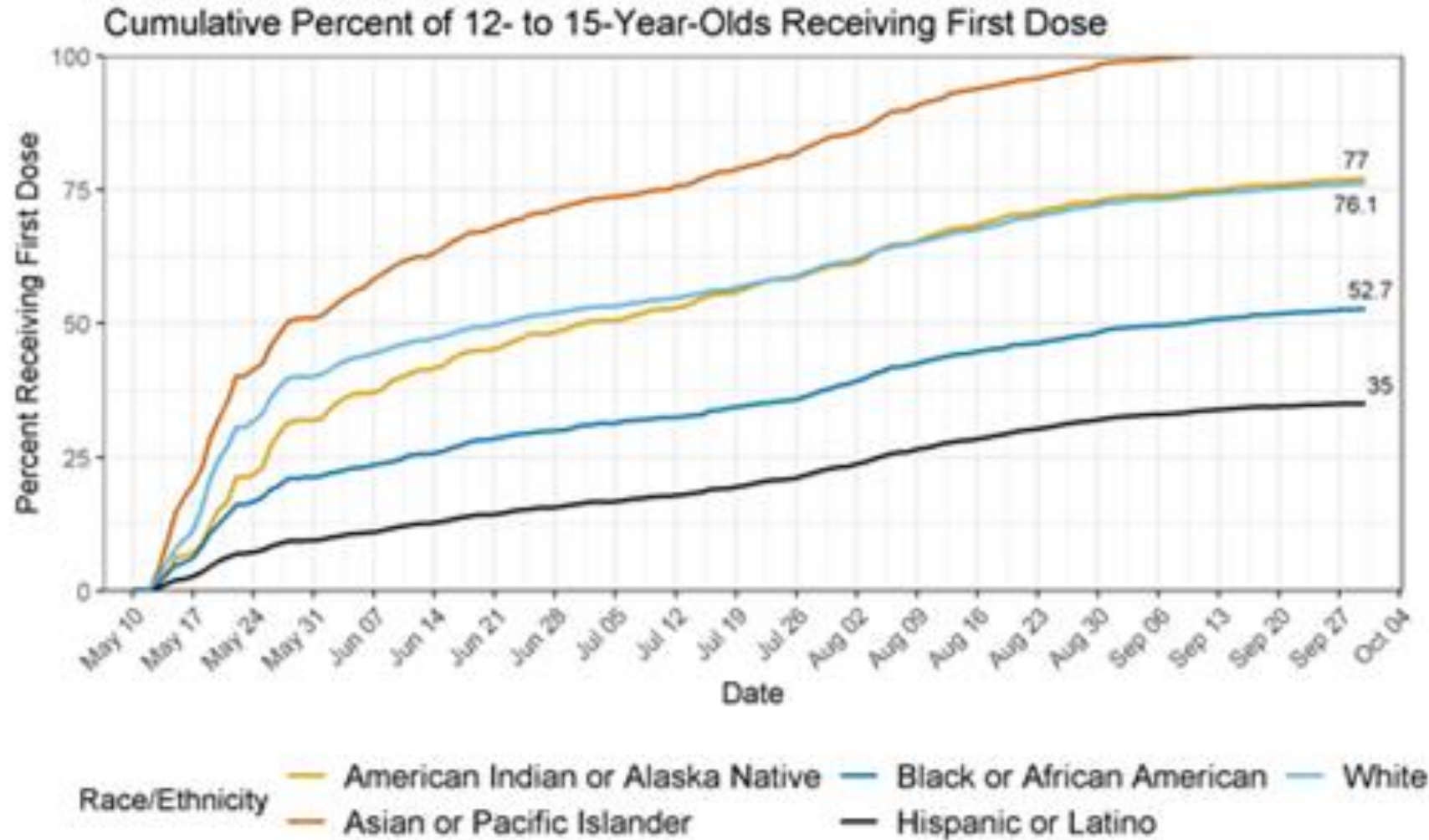


NOTE: Among parents or guardians of children ages 5-11 and parents or guardians of children under 5. See topline for full question wording.

SOURCE: KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor (Parents and the Pandemic Jul. 15-Aug. 2, 2021 and September 13-22 2021) • [Download](#)

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Unvaccinated children still at risk



Booster dose eligibility

Eligible Groups who SHOULD Get Vaccine

People 65+

Residents in Long Term Care Facilities

50-64 years old with underlying medical conditions

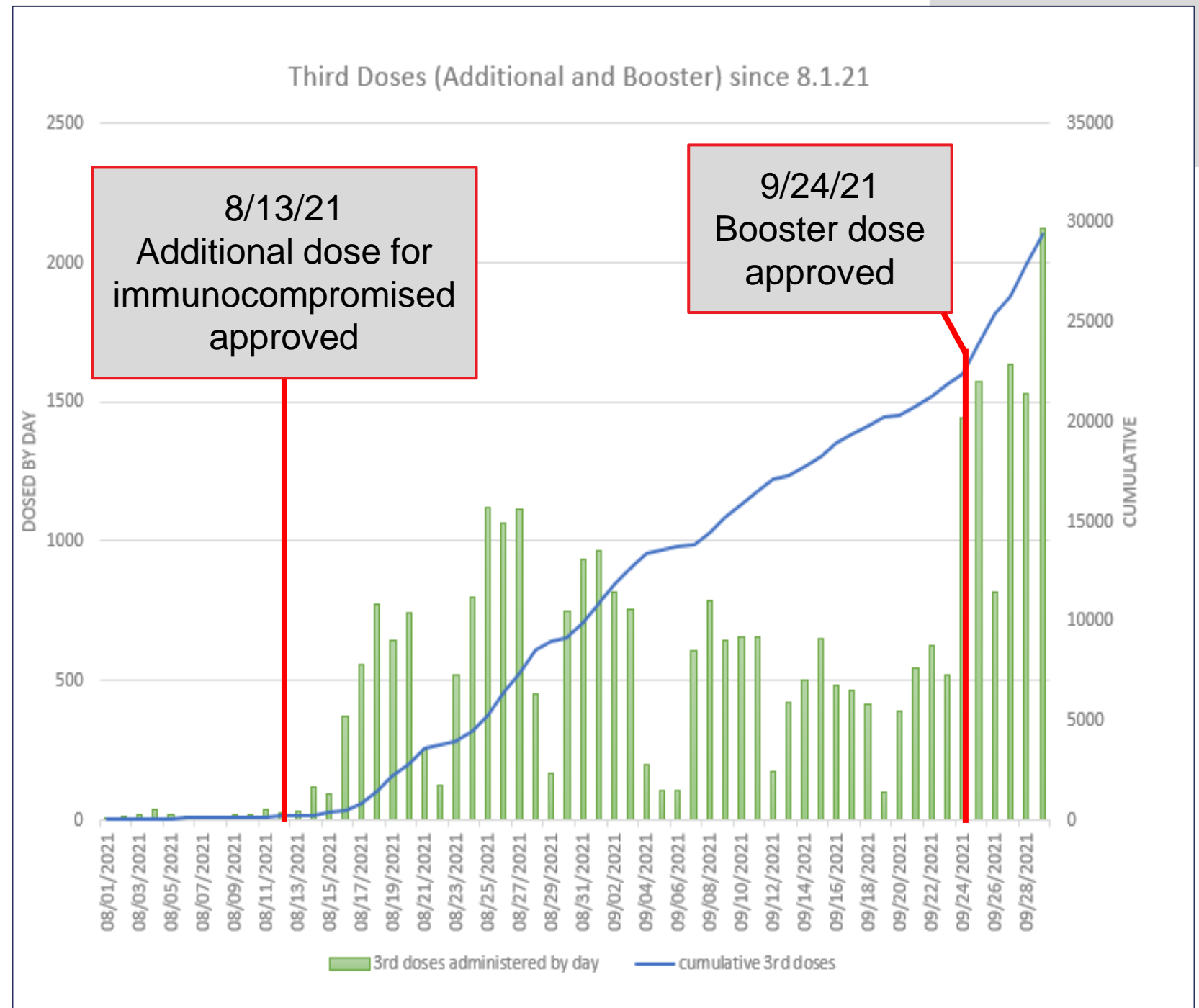
Eligible Groups who MAY Get Vaccine

18-49 years old with underlying medical conditions

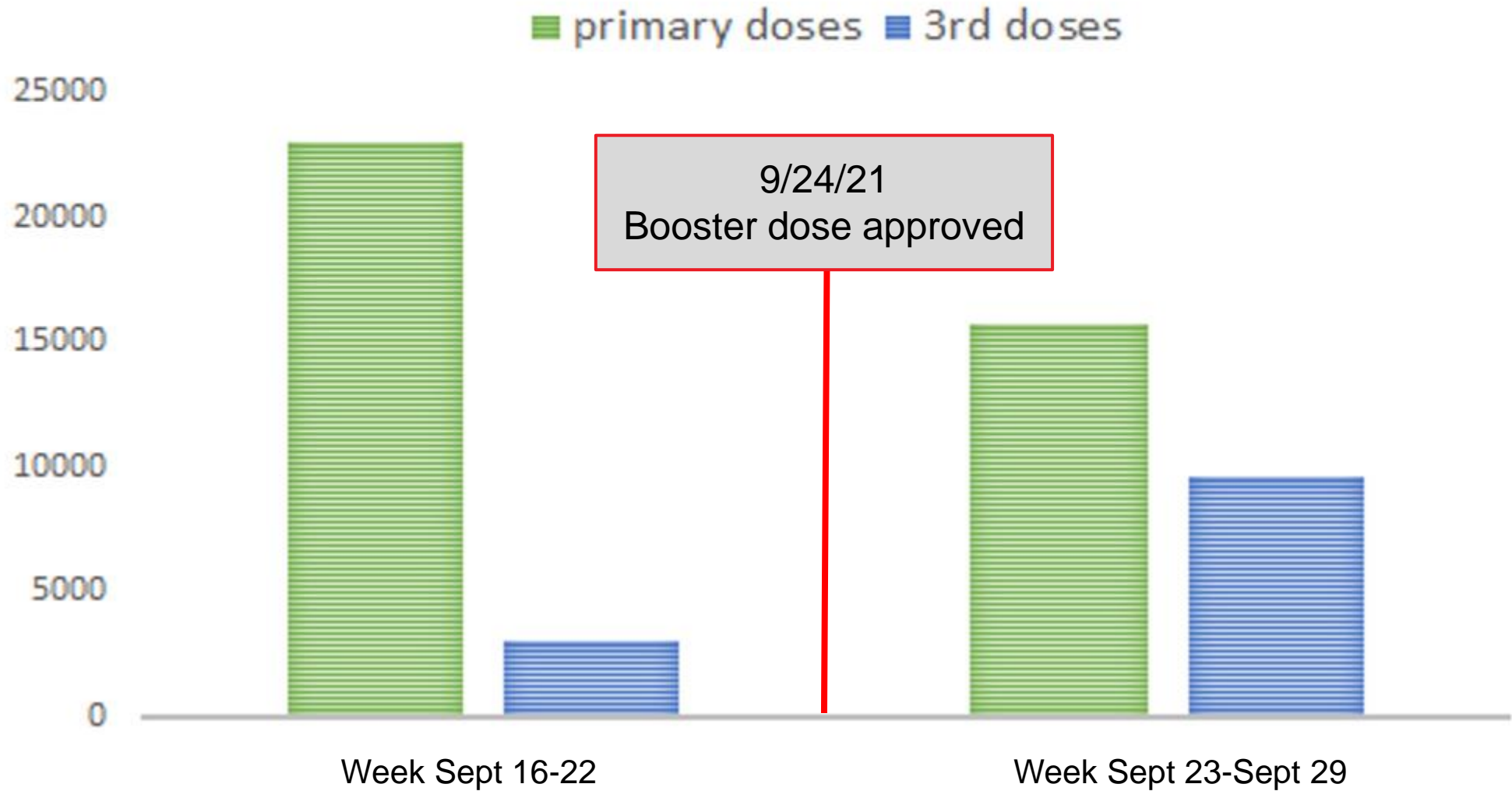
People 18-64 years old in high risk occupational and institutional settings

NM booster data

- 31,546 doses (additional and booster) given since 8/1/21
- 21,081 doses third doses given since 9/24/21



PRIMARY DOSES VS THIRD DOSES



Third dose has a similar side effect profile as the second dose

- Second dose side effects can be more intense
- Third dose side effects are similar to second
- Sign that your body is building protection
- Goes away in a few days

Common Side Effects

On the arm where you got the shot:



- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of your body:



- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

Effectiveness of booster doses

Dr. Fauci says booster shots provide further protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection for people at increased risk of severe COVID-19 disease, commenting that *“Twelve days or more after the booster dose, the rate of confirmed infection was lower in the booster group than in the non-booster group by a factor of 11.3 and the rate of severe illness lower by a factor of 19.5.”*



Full vaccination is still NM's first priority

COVID-19 vaccine saves lives, prevents hospitalizations, and reduces infection in seniors

Prior to vaccines, 85% of people who died of COVID-19 in the U.S. were 65+

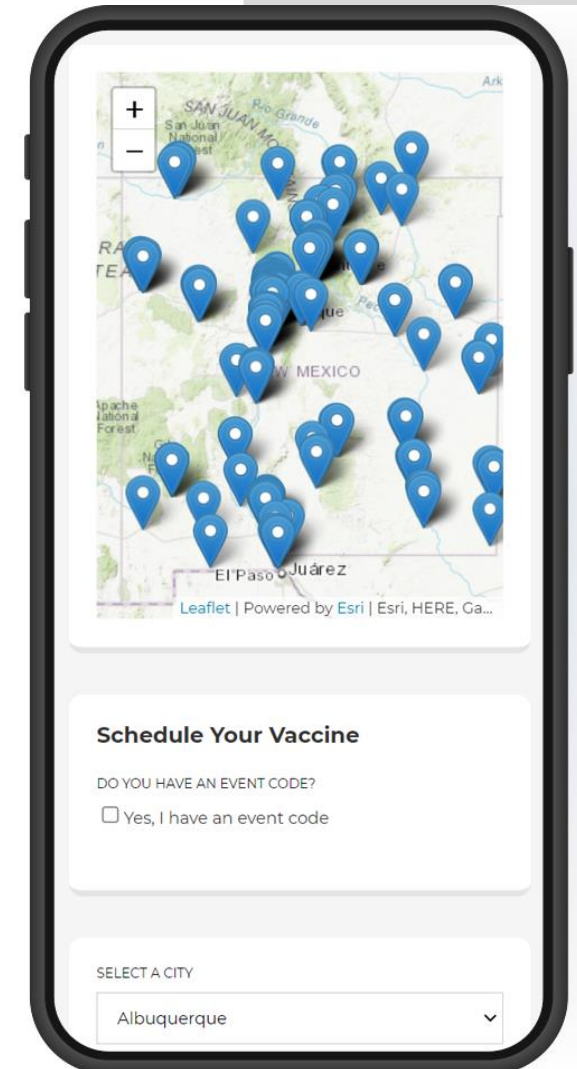
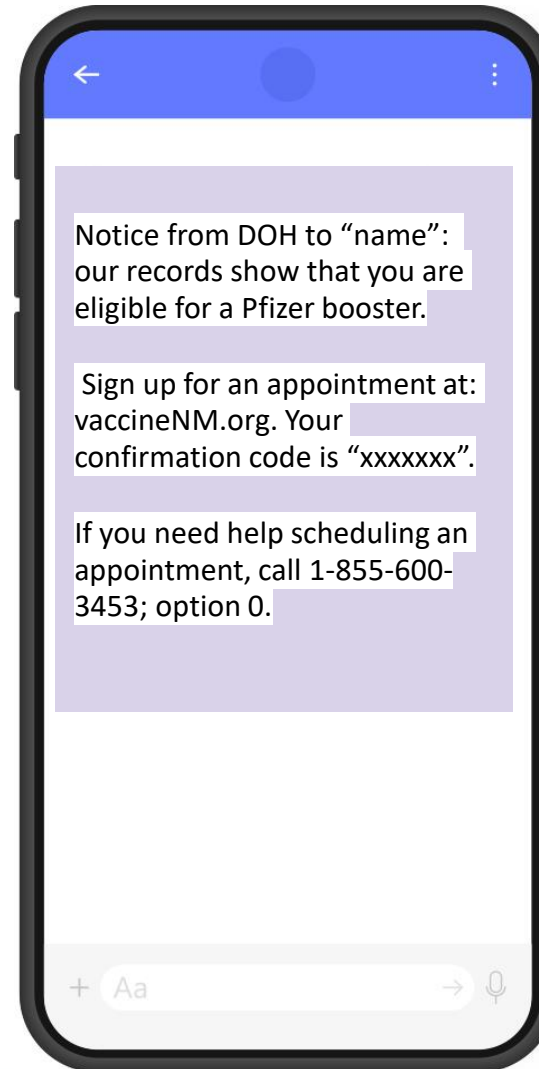
Seniors with Medicare

Vaccinations linked to: REDUCTION

- Over a quarter million COVID-19 cases
- 100,000 Hospitalizations
- 39,000 Deaths among Seniors

Schedule your vaccine appointment at [VaccineNM.org](https://vaccineNM.org) today

- Talk to your provider if you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine or your eligibility for a booster dose
- Schedule your COVID-19 vaccine appointment with your provider, pharmacy, or on the app
- **Schedule at the same time as your flu shot**



NMDOH Call Center is here for New Mexicans without access to website

- **Call Center Purpose:** To advance equity by supporting people without internet or capacity to schedule online
- Option 3 or 9 takes callers directly to Spanish speaker
- **8 AM to 8 PM, Monday-Sunday**



I want to schedule an appointment by phone

To schedule your appointment by phone, call 1-855-600-3453, option 3 any day



Quiero programar una cita por teléfono

Para programar su cita por teléfono, llame al 1-855-600-3453, opción 3 cualquier día

Providers, please offer the COVID-19 vaccine in your offices

- Good timing to give both the flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine together (and in same arm, if necessary)
- Medical providers are the #1 trusted source for vaccine advice
- Now is the time to become a provider:
Smaller packages, up to 10 weeks in refrigerator

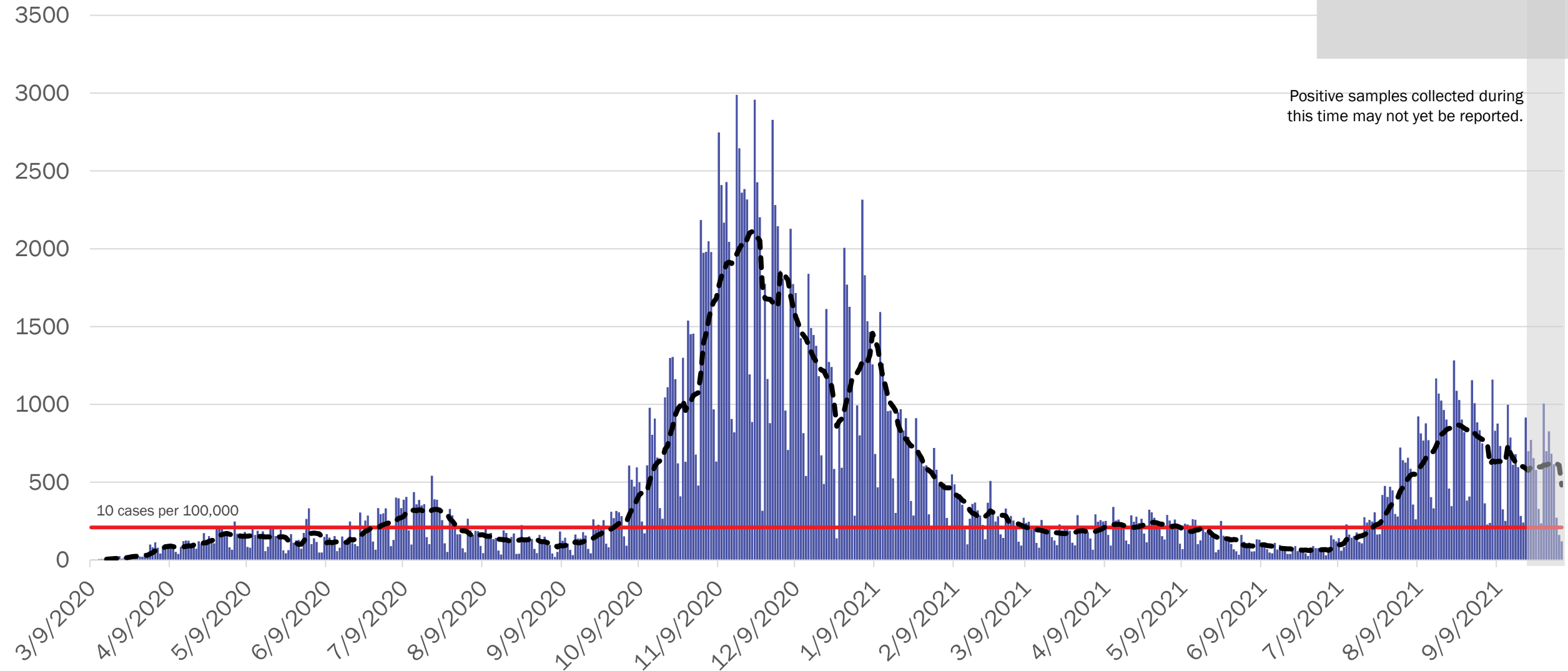
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NM COVID-19 Cases

New Mexico COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

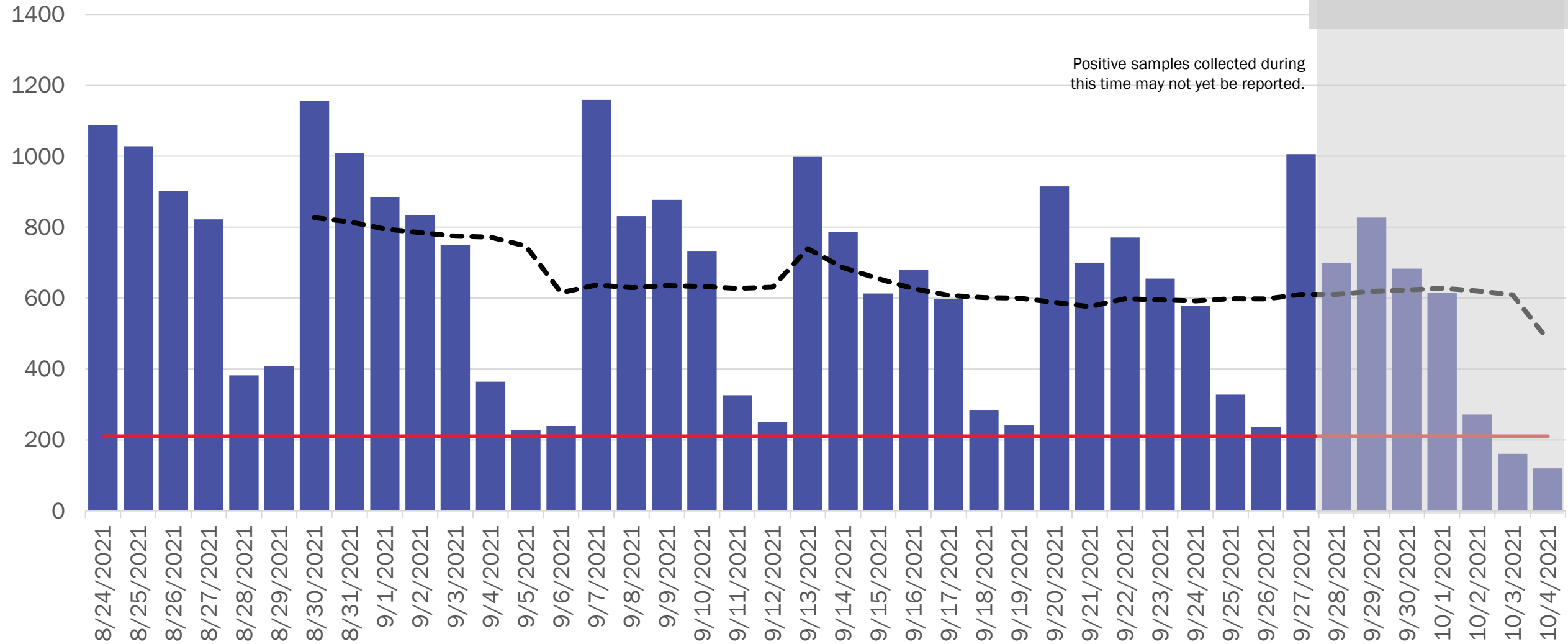
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Recent 6 Week View

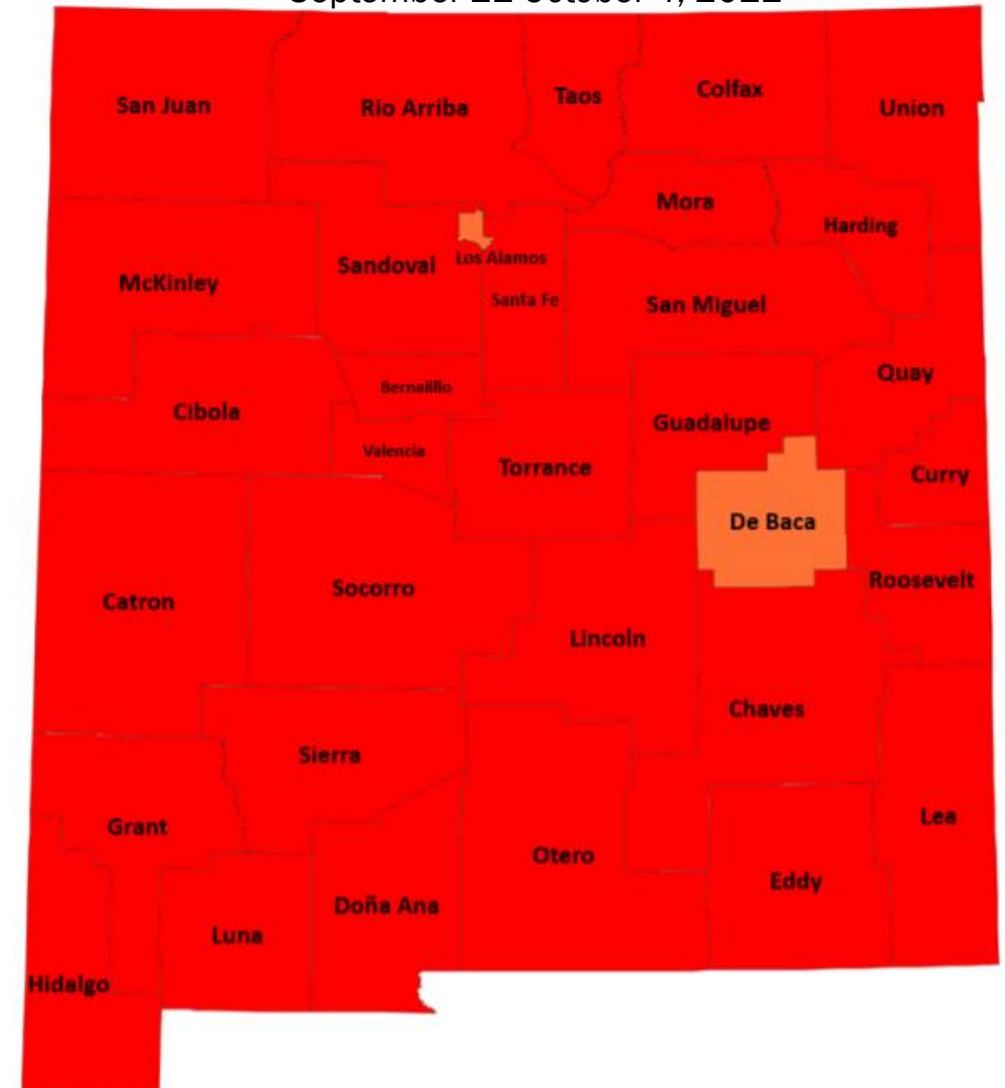
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Level of community transmission of COVID-19 remains high in most counties

County	Population Count	Number of Cases (14 days)	Number of Cases + Negative Tests (14 days)	Total New Cases per 100,000 persons	Percentage of Tests that are Positive During the Past 14 days
De Baca	1840	3	114	11.6	2.63%
Los Alamos	18856	35	1181	13.3	2.96%
Socorro	17193	35	1114	14.5	3.14%
Taos	32513	66	1639	14.5	4.03%
Grant	27862	109	2387	27.9	4.57%
Santa Fe	149635	370	7842	17.7	4.72%
Sierra	11076	37	725	23.9	5.10%
Union	4090	16	307	27.9	5.21%
San Miguel	27969	137	2573	35.0	5.32%
Doña Ana	218836	560	10053	18.3	5.57%
Roosevelt	19901	58	1037	20.8	5.59%
Sandoval	146415	534	9390	26.1	5.69%
Hidalgo	4242	10	175	16.8	5.71%
Curry	49915	189	3049	27.0	6.20%
Rio Arriba	38716	148	2341	27.3	6.32%
Luna	24444	76	1201	22.2	6.33%
Bernalillo	679590	2399	37658	25.2	6.37%
Cibola	26801	134	2019	35.7	6.64%
Catron	3533	9	125	18.2	7.20%
Otero	67700	397	4304	41.9	9.22%
Valencia	75427	398	4014	37.7	9.92%
Guadalupe	4419	28	272	45.3	10.29%
Lincoln	19860	142	1368	51.1	10.38%
Quay	8396	83	781	70.6	10.63%
San Juan	126122	919	8351	52.0	11.00%
McKinley	70330	381	3399	38.7	11.21%
Lea	71570	409	3605	40.8	11.35%
Colfax	11903	85	729	51.0	11.66%
Eddy	58252	448	3741	54.9	11.98%
Torrance	15923	96	738	43.1	13.01%
Chaves	64104	472	3576	52.6	13.20%
Mora	4566	53	277	82.9	19.13%
Harding	657	12	51	130.5	23.53%

Levels of Community Transmission by County, September 21-October 4, 2021



NM COVID-19 Testing Update

New Mexico Test positivity 7-Day Rolling Average, March 17, 2020-October 4, 2021



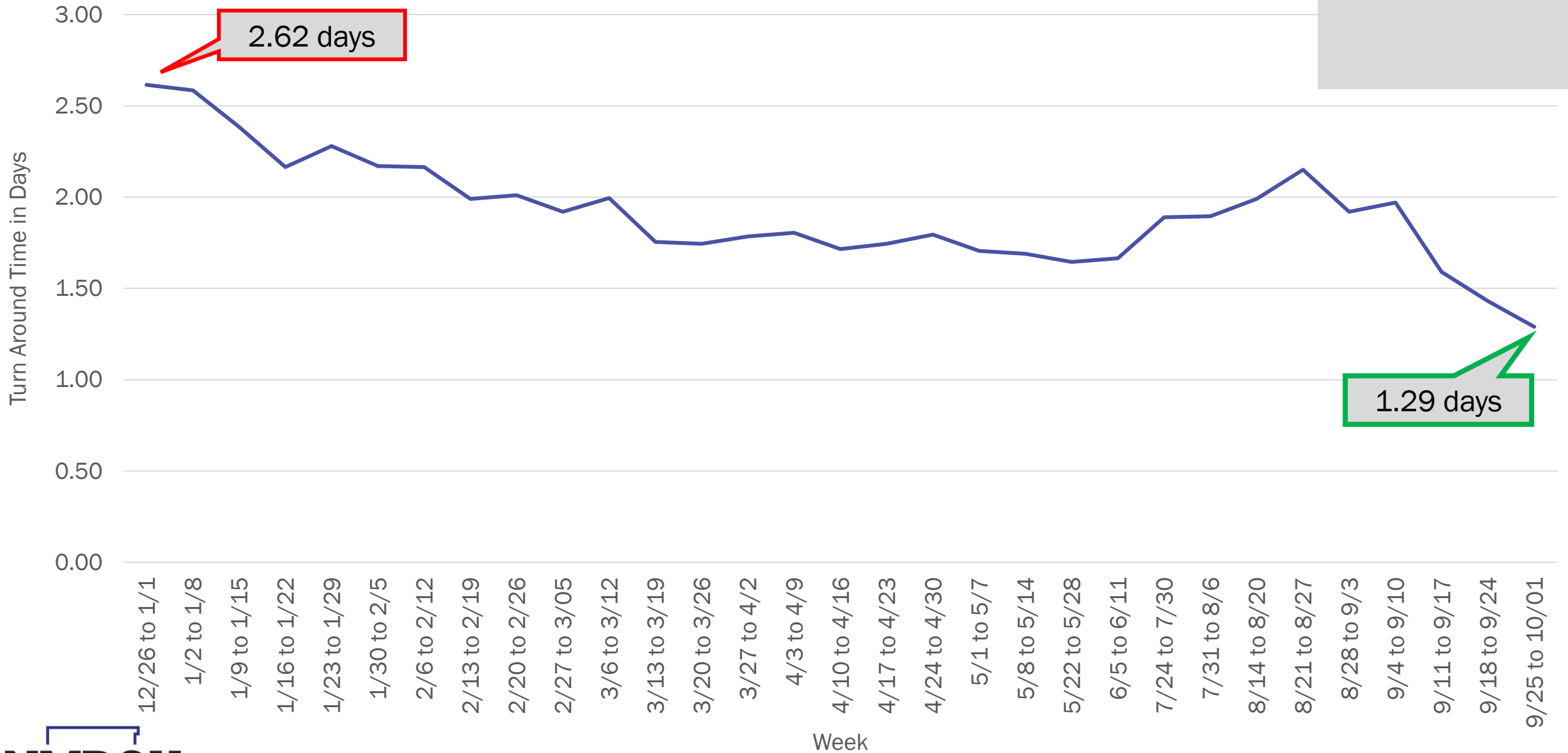
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New Mexico testing turnaround time

Reporting Laboratory	Test Results, 09/25/2021- 10/04/2021	Percent of Total Test Results, 09/25/2021- 10/04/2021	Median Turn Around Time in Days, 09/25/2021- 10/04/2021	Cumulative Test Results, 03/11/2020- 10/04/2021
Curative	22,345	32.7%	1.17	720,394
LabCorp	6,770	9.9%	1.90	358,126
Pathology Consultants	1,107	1.6%	2.30	98,161
Quest	1,733	2.5%	1.95	259,454
SLD	3,454	5.1%	1.29	729,663
Southwest Labs	924	1.4%	0.12	48,103
TriCore	9,652	14.1%	0.96	1,024,932
Vault	6,430	9.4%	4.36	148,679
Other	15,893	23.3%	1.28	1,212,901
TOTAL	68,308	-	1.29	4,600,413

NM Cumulative Median Lab Turnaround Time by Week



New Mexicans: Get tested for COVID-19 if...

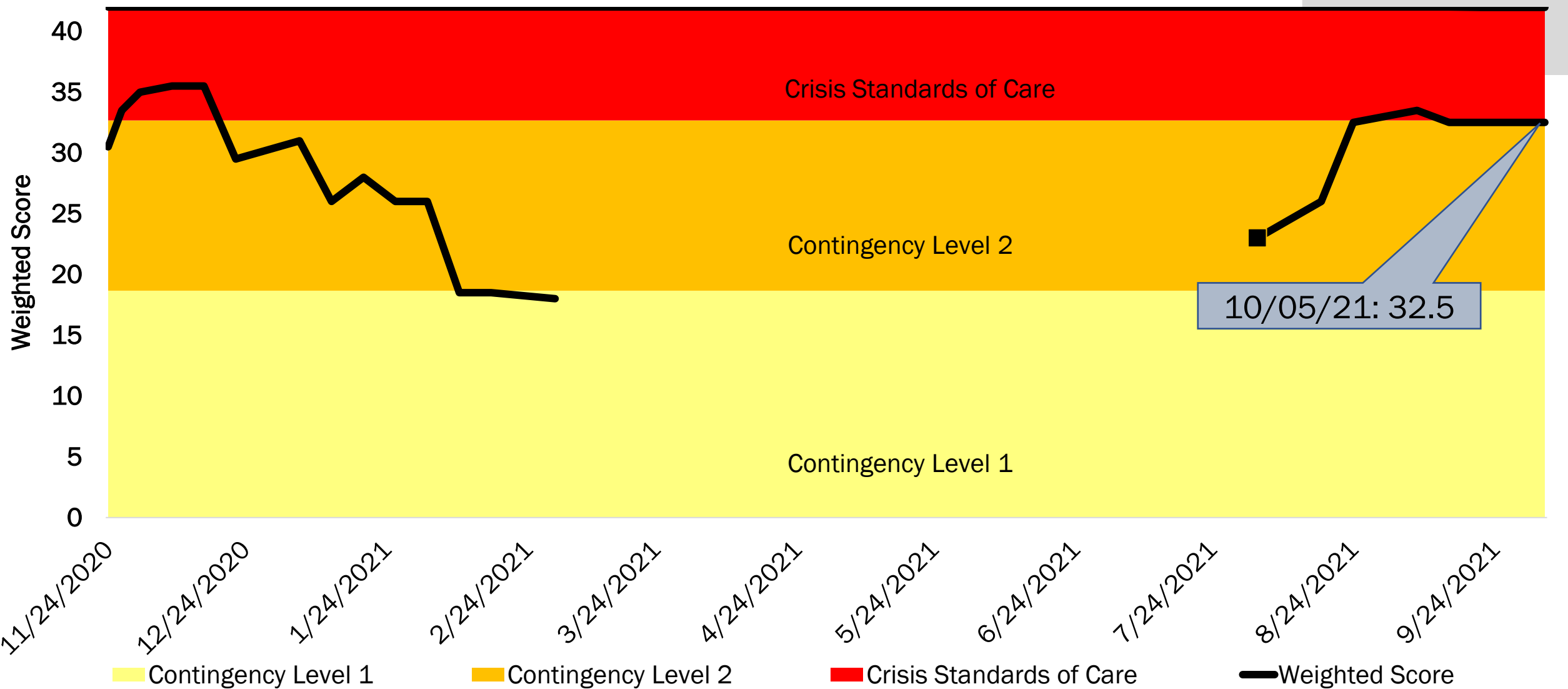
- ...you have COVID-19 symptoms;
- ...you don't have symptoms but were in close contact to a positive case;
- ...you don't have symptoms but live or work in a high-risk congregate setting; or
- ...you are a patient scheduled for surgery or hospital admission

Regardless of vaccination status!



NM COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Deaths

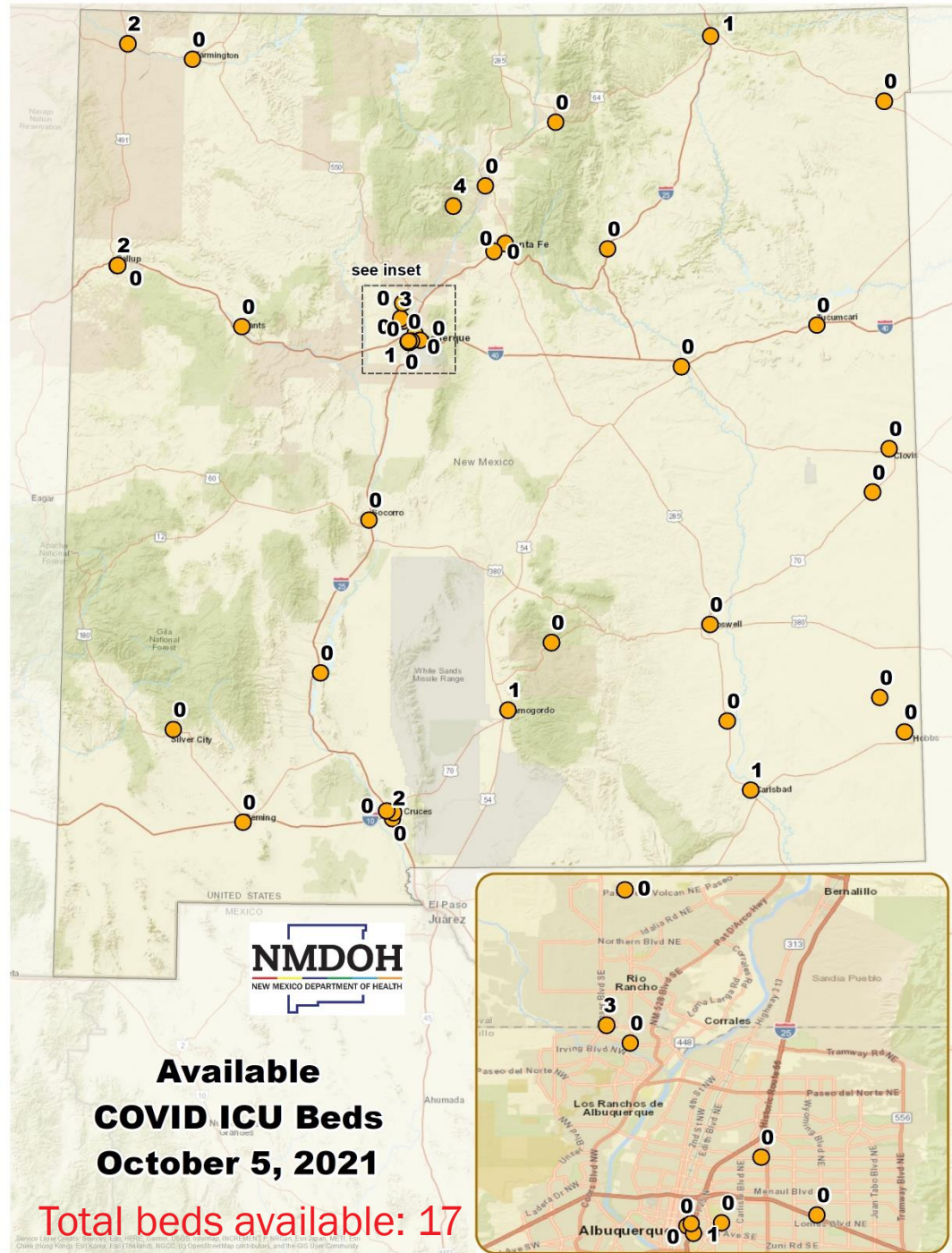
NM Hospital Systems Capacity Self-Evaluation



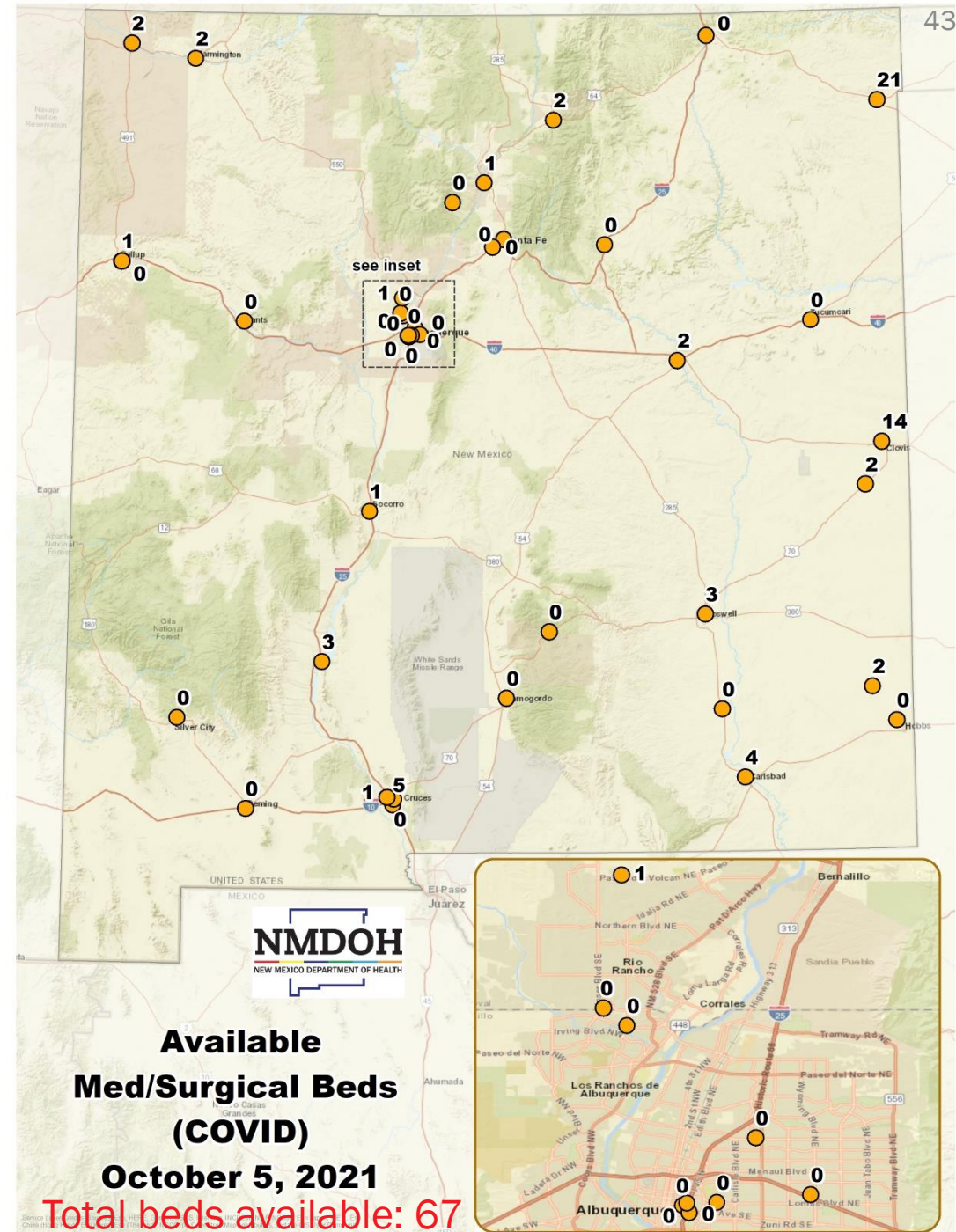
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Self-evaluation data not collected between 3/3/21 and 8/17/21.

ICU Beds



Med/Surgical Beds



NM continues to be a net exporter of hospitalizations

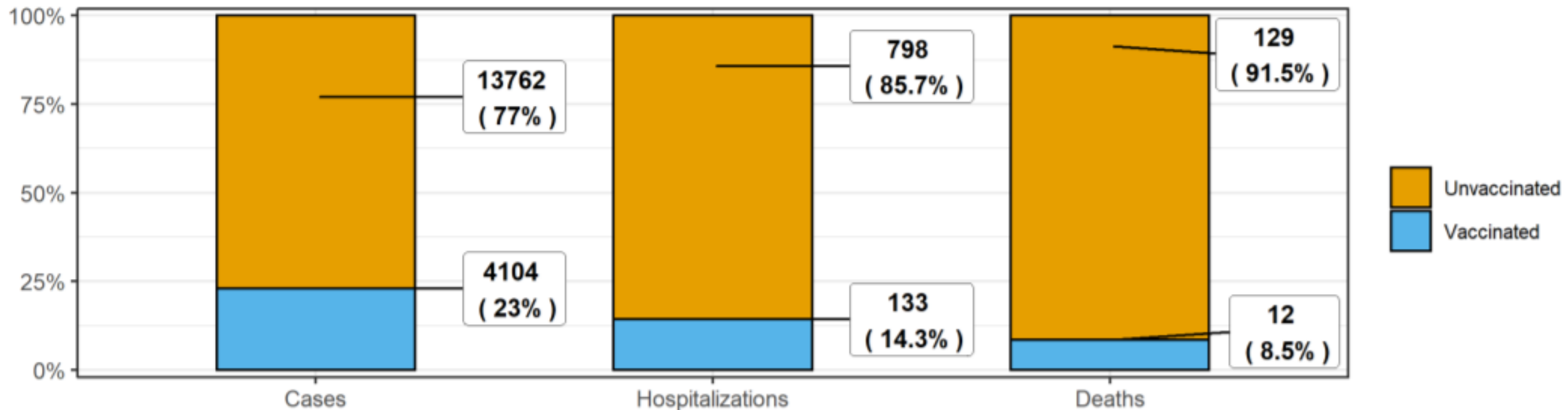
- In the last week:
 - 81 patients transferred out of state for hospitalization
 - 2 patients from out of state hospitalized in NM
 - Net = 79 patients “exported”

Exported Patients 10/04/21	
Texas	50
Other States (AZ, CO)	31
Total Exported Patients	81

Out of State Admissions 10/04/21	
Texas	2
Total Out of State Admissions	2

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent hospitalization or death

Percent of Cases Hospitalizations and Deaths by Vaccine Status
06 September, 2021 - 04 October, 2021



Protect yourself, your community, and your hospital: Get vaccinated!

- In September, an Oklahoma man vacationing in Taos had a heart attack
- COVID-19 cases were surging in NM and hospital capacity was stretched thin around the state
- Local and surrounding state hospitals were unable to find a bed quick enough, and the gentleman died in NM
- “If you care about your neighbor, if you care about your parents, your grandparents. Please just get vaccinated,” urges Elizabeth Kolliopoulos, daughter of the deceased

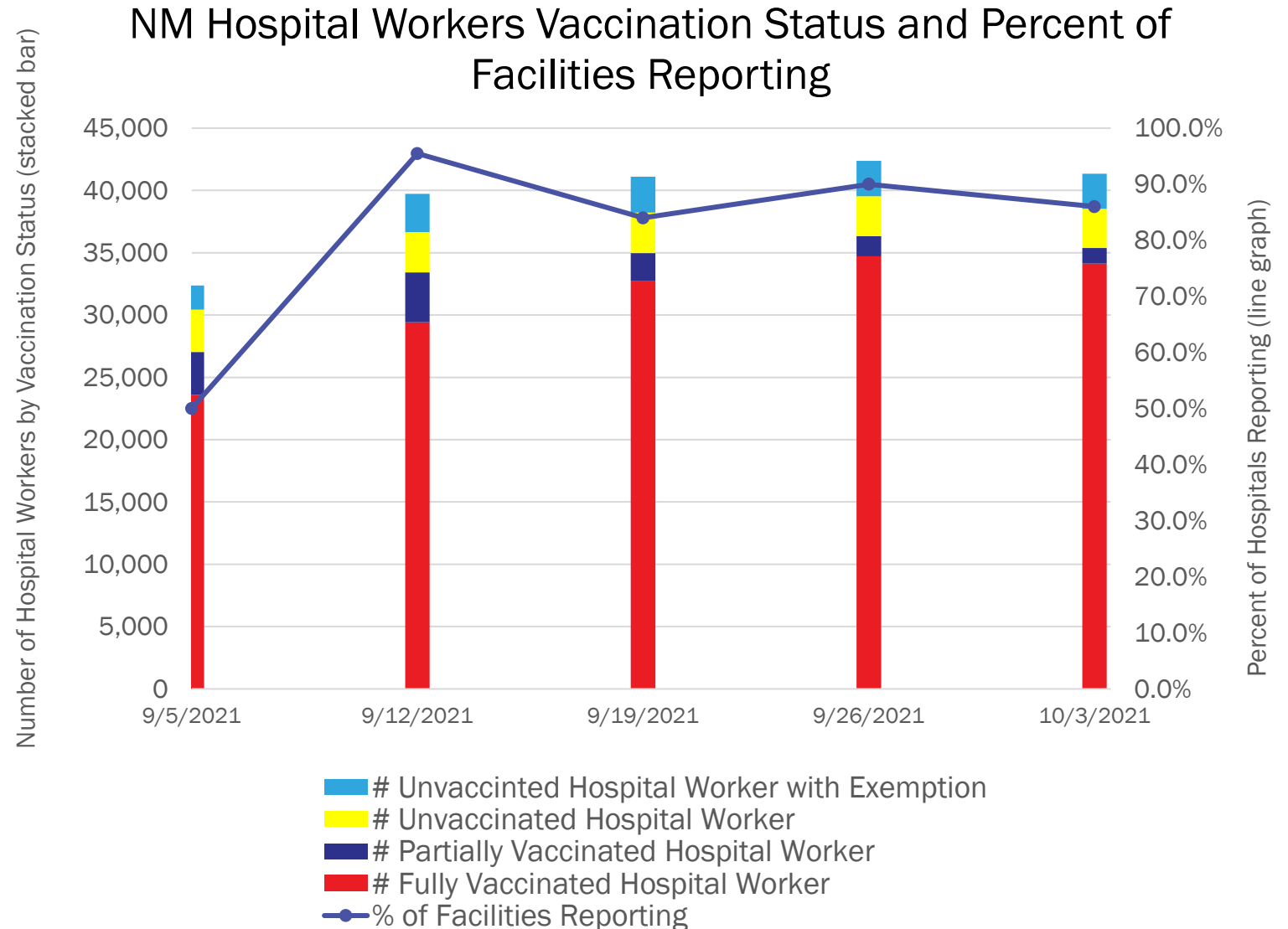


Elizabeth Kolliopoulos and her father, Ken Early

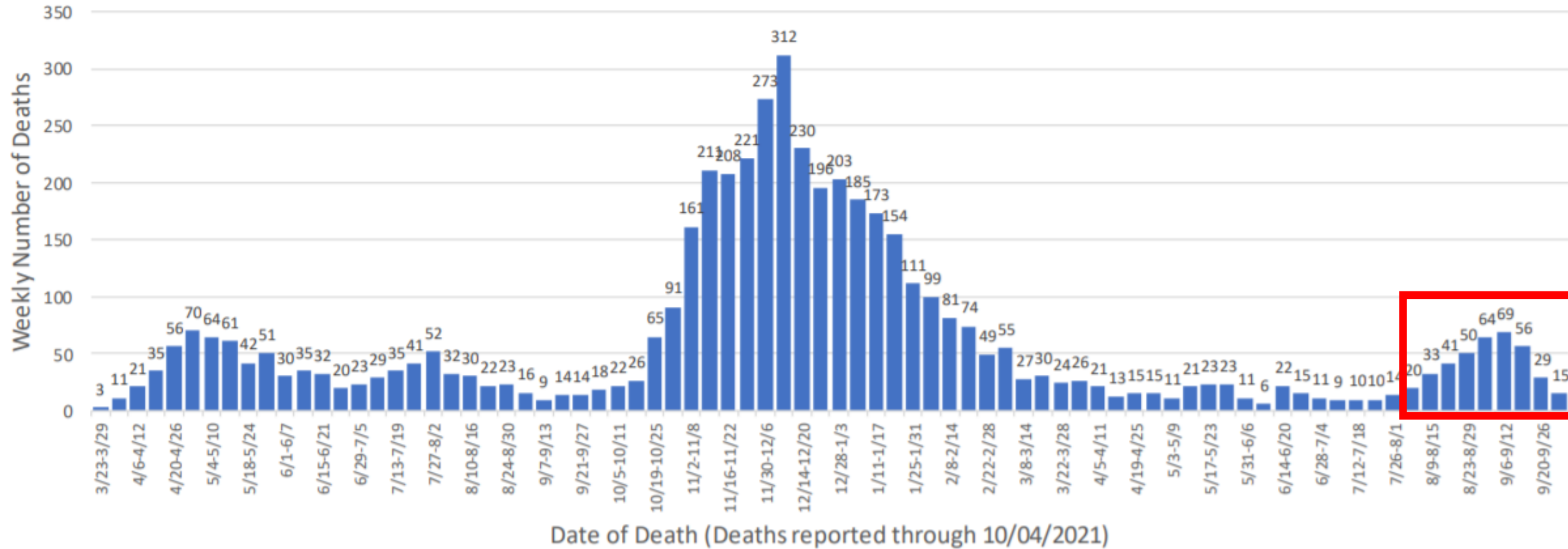
NM hospital employee vaccination rates

As of October 5, 2021:

- 89% of New Mexico's hospital employees are fully vaccinated
- 3% are partially vaccinated
- 7% have an approved exemption
- 1% remain unvaccinated
- After a 6 week "grace period," non-reporters now being fined



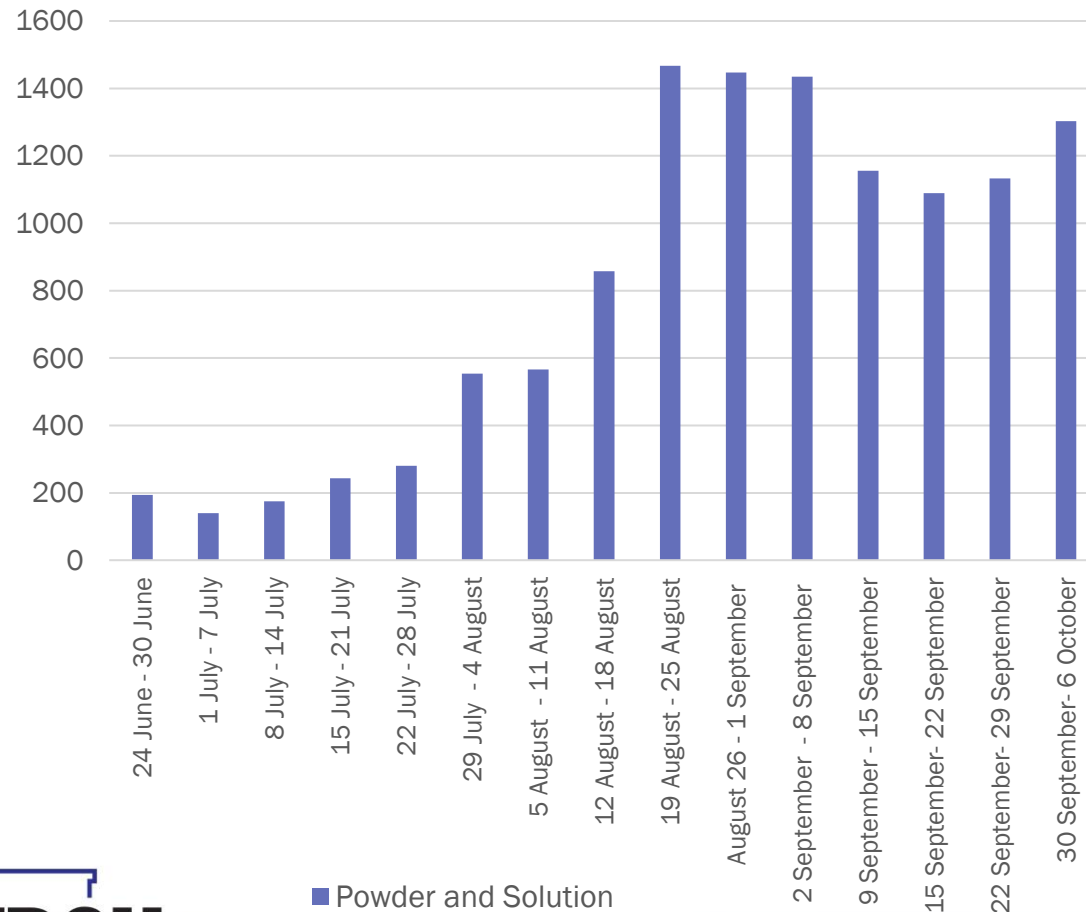
As predicted, we continue to see an increase in COVID-19 deaths



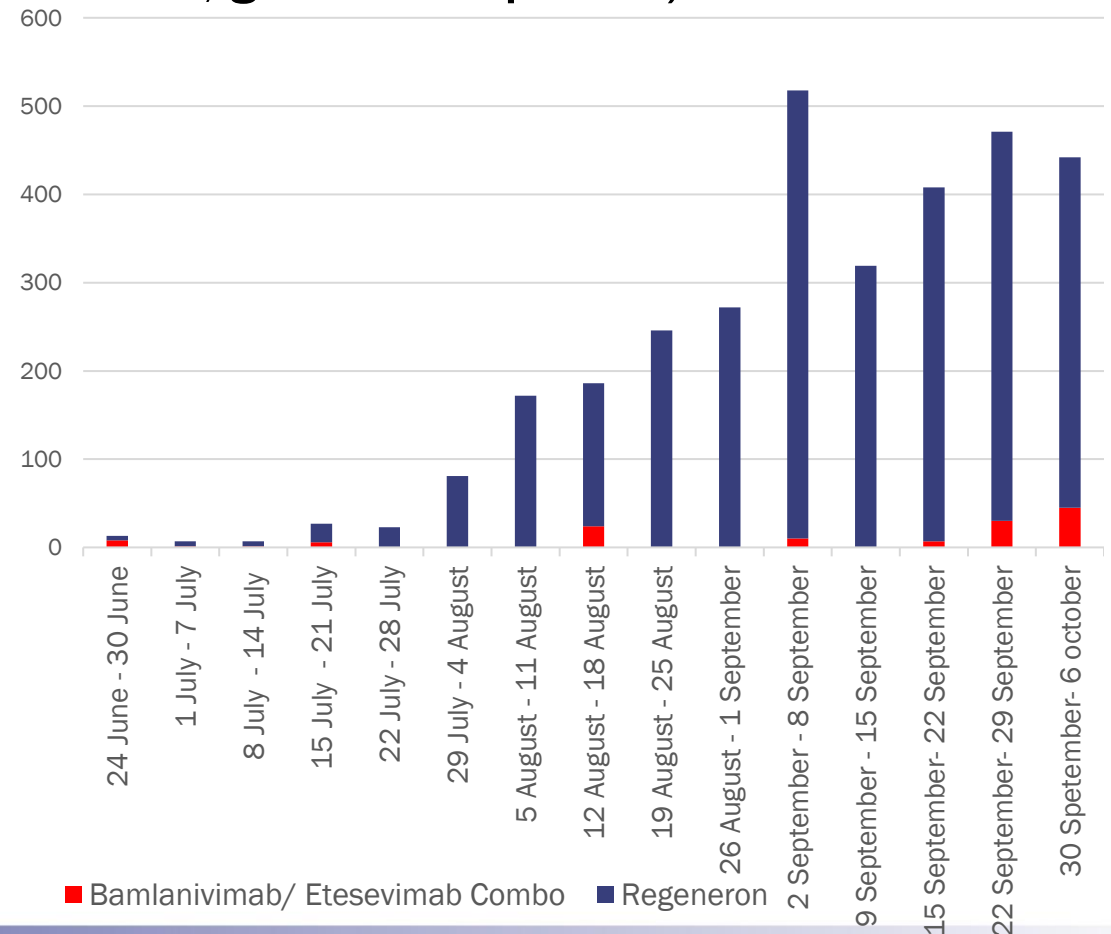
COVID-19 Treatments

There has been a significant increase in inpatient and outpatient mAbs treatments, but not enough!

Remdesivir (moderately ill, given in hospital)



mAbs (symptoms + >64, obese, OR one risk factor, given as outpatient)



mAbs provider spotlights

Below are the top outpatient mAbs providers over the last week. “Thank you!” to these facilities and all other NM mAbs providers.

- Presbyterian Healthcare System – 122
- Nor Lea Hospital – 60
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center – 35



New pill for COVID infection?

- Molnupiravir, comes in pill form
- In phase three trials (the last phase)
- Manufacturer claims hospitalization and death risk reduced about 50% for mild to moderate COVID infection
- Emergency Use Authorization submission planned
- This would be the first oral antiviral medication for COVID



Delta is >2x more infectious; we need to be >2x more careful

- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- If you have a COVID-19 positive test, symptoms and risk factors, seek out monoclonal antibody treatment.
- Be especially careful indoors no matter where you live in NM.

CASE COUNTS REMAIN TOO HIGH. WE ALL STILL MUST FIGHT THE VIRUS.

- Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue/elbow.
- Everyone mask up and maintain social distancing (minimum 6').
- Get needed preventive healthcare.
- Get vaccinated!

