



Strong Families New Mexico – Survey of Rural New Mexico

Sept 21 – Oct 9, 2023 N=1,000 (+/- 3.1%)

Q1: This survey will be focused on a range of reproductive healthcare options, not just abortion. It is important to keep in mind as you answer questions in the survey that reproductive health includes a wide range of medical treatments, including medication and procedural abortion, but also a variety of contraception (including vasectomy, Long-Acting Reversible Contraception, barrier contraception, emergency contraception, and hormonal options). Reproductive health care also includes helping families with pre-natal care and classes, gender-affirming care, infertility treatment, miscarriage management, adoption education and resources, and fundamental sex education. Do you think people in your community have access to reproductive healthcare, based on this definition?

| | |
|------------|----|
| Yes | 62 |
| No | 16 |
| Don't know | 21 |

Q2: Thinking about your past experiences with reproductive care, what are the primary challenges that have prevented or may prevent you from accessing reproductive health care? Select all that apply.

| | |
|--|----|
| The cost of accessing reproductive health | 29 |
| Transportation issues getting to a doctor's office, hospital, or clinic | 18 |
| Information on where to go for reproductive health | 22 |
| Pressure from family and friends, or faith community, about using reproductive health care | 12 |
| Language barriers | 5 |
| There isn't a clinic or health care facility close to where I live | 11 |
| Wait times | 13 |
| Immigration checkpoints | 2 |
| Other: | 2 |
| Have not needed care | 27 |
| None of these | 21 |

Q3: To the best of your knowledge, is there a doctor's office, hospital, or other health clinic that provides abortion procedures in your community?

| | |
|------------|----|
| Yes | 28 |
| No | 27 |
| Don't know | 45 |

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Q4: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Q4a. Pregnant New Mexicans and their loved ones should be able to make their own healthcare decisions, without politicians interfering

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|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 66 |
| Somewhat agree | 18 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 10 |
| Somewhat disagree | 3 |
| Strongly disagree | 3 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 83 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 6 |

Q4b. If someone I care about has made the decision to have an abortion, I want them to have support

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 51 |
| Somewhat agree | 19 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 17 |
| Somewhat disagree | 7 |
| Strongly disagree | 7 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 69 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 14 |

Q4c. New Mexicans need access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, across our state

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 47 |
| Somewhat agree | 17 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 17 |
| Somewhat disagree | 8 |
| Strongly disagree | 10 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 65 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 18 |

Q4d. I can hold my own personal views about abortion and still respect a pregnant person and their loved ones to make this decision for themselves

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 63 |
| Somewhat agree | 21 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 7 |
| Somewhat disagree | 4 |
| Strongly disagree | 4 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 84 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 8 |

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Q4e. I can hold my own personal views on abortion and still respect a pregnant person to make that decision for themselves and their families, without political interference

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 55 |
| Somewhat agree | 22 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 13 |
| Somewhat disagree | 5 |
| Strongly disagree | 6 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 77 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 11 |

Q5: Have you or your partner experienced infertility or trouble getting pregnant?

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|------------|----|
| Yes | 13 |
| No | 84 |
| Don't know | 3 |

Q6: Many people in New Mexico experience miscarriages, stillbirths, and/or difficult pregnancies. Have you or a loved one experienced this?

| | |
|------------|----|
| Yes | 36 |
| No | 60 |
| Don't know | 4 |

Q7: [If Q6=yes] Has this experience influenced your views regarding whether a person should be able to access reproductive health care?

| | |
|---|----|
| Yes, has made me realize we need more access to reproductive health care in New Mexico | 43 |
| Yes, has made me realize we need less access to reproductive health care in New Mexico | 4 |
| Yes, has made me realize we should not restrict access to reproductive healthcare in New Mexico | 19 |
| No, this experience has not had any impact on my views | 24 |
| Don't know | 10 |

Q8: Do you know of a friend or relative who has had an abortion?

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Yes | 42 |
| No | 54 |
| Prefer not to say | 4 |

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Q9: Have you or a partner ever accessed abortion care? Select all that apply.

| | |
|---|----|
| Yes, I have personally accessed abortion care | 8 |
| Yes, one or more of my partners have | 6 |
| No, neither myself nor any partner have ever accessed an abortion | 86 |

Q10: [If Q9=yes, personally accessed abortion care] Who did you turn to for emotional support? Select all that apply.

| | |
|---|----|
| Partner/Spouse | 44 |
| Family Member | 41 |
| Friends | 37 |
| Medical Provider | 7 |
| Doula/birth worker | 1 |
| Faith Leader | 4 |
| Support forums on the internet | 1 |
| I didn't have the support that I needed | 16 |
| I didn't seek or need support | 9 |

Q11: Have you or your partner ever considered having an abortion but ultimately decided not to?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | 10 |
| No | 90 |

Q12: The following question involves a sensitive topic - you can be assured this survey is confidential and your individual answers will not be seen by anyone. Unfortunately, many people here in New Mexico have experienced sexual violence at some point in their life. What about you? Have you ever been a survivor of sexual assault or violence?

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Yes | 22 |
| No | 70 |
| Prefer not to say | 7 |

Q13: [If Q12=yes] Has this experience influenced your views regarding whether a person should be able to access reproductive health care?

| | |
|---|----|
| Yes, made me realize we need more access to reproductive health care in New Mexico | 42 |
| Yes, made me realize we need less access to reproductive health care in New Mexico | 3 |
| Yes, made me realize we should not restrict access to reproductive healthcare in New Mexico | 20 |
| No, this experience has not had any impact on my views | 27 |
| Don't Know | 7 |

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Q14: Which of the following influences your views about whether people should be able to get an abortion? Select all that apply.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Friends | 24 |
| Family | 32 |
| Health care providers/doctors offices | 19 |
| Community leaders and/or elders | 6 |
| Media | 7 |
| Faith/Church/Bible/God | 25 |
| Partner | 18 |
| Elected officials | 2 |
| Other: | 4 |
| None of these | 38 |

Q15: What spirituality or religion do you practice?

| | |
|---|----|
| Catholic | 30 |
| Christian | 26 |
| Evangelical Christian | 2 |
| Protestant (Baptist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian) | 6 |
| Jewish | 0 |
| Mormon | 2 |
| Muslim | 0 |
| Traditional practices related to my culture | 3 |
| Spiritual but don't identify with a particular religion | 11 |
| Other | 4 |
| None | 16 |

Q16: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Q16a. Medical providers should not be targeted with violence or intimidation for doing their jobs

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 69 |
| Somewhat agree | 15 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 11 |
| Somewhat disagree | 2 |
| Strongly disagree | 2 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 85 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 4 |

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Q16b. Personal decisions about abortion need to remain with pregnant New Mexicans, their loved ones, and their medical providers without politicians interfering

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 63 |
| Somewhat agree | 17 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 12 |
| Somewhat disagree | 5 |
| Strongly disagree | 3 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 80 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 8 |

Q16c. Whether due to the loss of a pregnancy, abortion care, or prenatal care, pregnant New Mexicans deserve to be supported and respected and not shamed when seeking reproductive health care

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 63 |
| Somewhat agree | 19 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 13 |
| Somewhat disagree | 3 |
| Strongly disagree | 3 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 81 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 5 |

Q16d. Pregnant people experience complicated reasons for seeking abortion care later in pregnancy. These decisions should remain personal between the pregnant person, their medical provider, and their loved ones without political interference

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 63 |
| Somewhat agree | 17 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 14 |
| Somewhat disagree | 3 |
| Strongly disagree | 4 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 79 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 7 |

Q17: Have you ever voted for a political candidate because of their position on abortion care?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | 24 |
| No | 76 |

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Q18: How often do you use the following for updates on news and events:

Q18a. English language television and radio

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 39 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 30 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 12 |
| Only a few times per year | 4 |
| Rarely or never | 15 |

Q18b. Spanish language television and radio

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 12 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 13 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 8 |
| Only a few times per year | 5 |
| Rarely or never | 63 |

Q18c. News app on my phone

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 22 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 25 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 17 |
| Only a few times per year | 6 |
| Rarely or never | 30 |

Q18d. Podcasts

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 8 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 13 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 15 |
| Only a few times per year | 9 |
| Rarely or never | 55 |

Q18e. Youtube

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 26 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 21 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 13 |
| Only a few times per year | 6 |
| Rarely or never | 34 |

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Q18f. Facebook

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 32 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 20 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 10 |
| Only a few times per year | 4 |
| Rarely or never | 35 |

Q18g. Twitter/X

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 7 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 10 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 8 |
| Only a few times per year | 5 |
| Rarely or never | 70 |

Q18h. TikTok

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 19 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 10 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 7 |
| Only a few times per year | 4 |
| Rarely or never | 61 |

Q18i. Instagram

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 14 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 11 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 8 |
| Only a few times per year | 6 |
| Rarely or never | 61 |

Q18k. Snapchat

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 12 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 7 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 7 |
| Only a few times per year | 5 |
| Rarely or never | 69 |

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Q18l. Other news source

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 15 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 20 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 16 |
| Only a few times per year | 8 |
| Rarely or never | 41 |

Q18m. Google

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Several times a day | 33 |
| Once a day or a few times a week | 23 |
| Maybe a few times a month | 12 |
| Only a few times per year | 4 |
| Rarely or never | 27 |

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Q19: Which of the following are your primary sources for television news? Select up to 2.

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Fox News | 20 |
| CNN | 14 |
| MSNBC | 8 |
| NBC | 6 |
| ABC | 7 |
| CBS | 8 |
| PBS | 3 |
| KOB-4 | 13 |
| KRQE-13 | 19 |
| KOAT-7 | 15 |
| KVIA-7 | 2 |
| KFOX-14 | 4 |
| KTSM-9 | 0 |
| KDBC-4 | 1 |
| Telemundo | 11 |
| Univision | 8 |
| Other local station | 3 |
| Social media | 11 |
| Other: | 3 |
| None of these | 11 |



Q20: Which newspaper do you read MOST frequently?

| | |
|---|----|
| Albuquerque Journal | 12 |
| Santa Fe New Mexican | 2 |
| Las Cruces Sun News | 3 |
| Roswell Daily Record | 4 |
| The Daily Times | 9 |
| The Gallup Independent | 2 |
| Carlsbad Current-Argus | 1 |
| Alamogordo Daily News | 2 |
| Silver City Daily Press and Independent | 1 |
| Navajo Times | 1 |
| NY Times | 4 |
| Other: | 6 |
| Don't read the newspaper | 54 |

Q21: Which social media platform PRIMARILY provides your news?

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Facebook | 29 |
| Twitter/X | 5 |
| Instagram | 4 |
| TikTok | 6 |
| Snapchat | 1 |
| Google | 16 |
| Other: | 5 |
| Don't use social media for news | 29 |
| Don't Know | 7 |

Q21b: Of all the sources for news and information about politics, where do you get your news and information? Select all that apply.

| | |
|---|----|
| Television | 61 |
| Newspaper | 14 |
| Blogs/Websites/Podcasts | 16 |
| Radio | 14 |
| Facebook/Instagram/Twitter/X/TikTok or other social media feeds | 31 |
| I don't follow the news | 11 |

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Q22: What language is usually spoken at your home? Select all that apply.

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| English | 89 |
| Spanish | 23 |
| Native/Tribal language | 3 |
| Other: | 1 |

Q23: Which of the following languages do you generally consume your news in? Select all that apply.

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| English | 91 |
| Spanish | 19 |
| Native/Tribal language | 2 |
| Other: | 0 |

Q24: Have you ever served in the U.S. military or the military reserves?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | 11 |
| No | 89 |

Q25: Are you currently on active duty?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | 10 |
| No | 90 |

Q26: Do you agree or disagree with the following?

Q26a. I can have my own views on transgender people and want families here in NM to raise their children who identify as transgender with support and resources for their family

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 36 |
| Somewhat agree | 20 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 25 |
| Somewhat disagree | 7 |
| Strongly disagree | 12 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 56 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 19 |



Q26b. For the health and safety of all New Mexicans, it is important for each of us to work our best to support and protect from harm, transgender people, and their families

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Strongly agree | 41 |
| Somewhat agree | 21 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 22 |
| Somewhat disagree | 6 |
| Strongly disagree | 9 |
| TOTAL AGREE | 62 |
| TOTAL DISAGREE | 15 |

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

D1: What is your age?

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 18 to 29 years | 21% |
| 30 to 39 years | 17% |
| 40 to 49 years | 16% |
| 50 to 59 years | 15% |
| 60 years or above | 31% |

D2: To make sure we have a representative sample of people across New Mexico, in which county do you reside? (sorted highest to lowest)

| | |
|------------|-----|
| San Juan | 14% |
| Dona Ana | 10% |
| Valencia | 9% |
| Sandoval | 8% |
| Chaves | 7% |
| Otero | 6% |
| Lea | 5% |
| Curry | 4% |
| Luna | 4% |
| Eddy | 3% |
| McKinley | 3% |
| Grant | 3% |
| San Miguel | 3% |
| Roosevelt | 2% |
| Taos | 2% |

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| | |
|------------|----|
| Rio Arriba | 2% |
| Socorro | 2% |
| Lincoln | 2% |
| Cibola | 2% |
| Quay | 1% |
| Torrance | 1% |
| Colfax | 1% |
| Sierra | 1% |
| Catron | 1% |
| Guadalupe | 1% |
| De Baca | 0% |
| Mora | 0% |
| Los Alamos | 0% |
| Hidalgo | 0% |
| Union | 0% |
| Harding | 0% |
| Bernalillo | 0% |
| Santa Fe | 0% |

D3: What is your race or ethnicity?

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| White, non-Hispanic | 44% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 42% |
| Black/African American | 3% |
| Asian | 1% |
| American Indian or Native Alaskan | 15% |
| Middle Eastern or North African | 0% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0% |
| Other | 2% |

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D4: What is your gender?

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Man | 48% |
| Woman | 52% |
| Gender non-conforming/Non-Binary | 0% |
| Transgender | 0% |
| I identify another way | 0% |

D5: Where were you born?

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| United States (mainland US) | 89% |
| Island of Puerto Rico | 0% |
| Another country | 11% |

D6: What is the highest level of education you have completed?

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Did not complete high school | 10% |
| High school graduate or GED | 35% |
| Vocational or technical school | 5% |
| Some college, but no degree yet | 21% |
| 2-year degree / Associate's degree | 8% |
| 4-year degree / Bachelor's degree | 14% |
| Post-graduate degree | 7% |

D7: When it comes to politics, generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Definitely consider myself a Democrat | 21% |
| I lean more toward Democrats | 14% |
| Independent, neither of the two major parties | 24% |
| I lean more toward Republicans | 12% |
| Definitely consider myself a Republican | 14% |
| Neither / other political party | 15% |

D8: Are you currently registered to vote, or like many people, are you not a registered voter?

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, I am registered to vote | 78% |
| No, I am not registered to vote | 18% |
| I am not eligible to vote | 4% |

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D9: Thinking about your overall views on issues, do you consider yourself to be:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Very conservative | 14% |
| Somewhat conservative | 22% |
| Moderate | 35% |
| Somewhat liberal or progressive | 9% |
| Very liberal or progressive | 8% |
| None of these | 12% |

D10: Are you currently married?

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Yes | 47% |
| No | 50% |
| Prefer not to say | 3% |

D11: [If Hispanic] Which term do you prefer to describe your ethnicity?

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Hispanic | 80% |
| Latina or Latino | 14% |
| Latinx | 0% |
| Latine | 0% |
| No preference | 6% |
| Something else | 0% |

D12: [If Hispanic] Hispanics/Latinos have their roots in many different parts of Latin America. To what country or place in Latin America do you or your family trace your ancestry? (sorted highest to lowest)

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Mexico | 74% |
| Spain/Spanish | 16% |
| Other country | 3% |
| Honduras | 1% |
| Puerto Rico | 1% |
| Cuba | 1% |
| El Salvador | 1% |
| Colombia | 1% |
| Peru | 0% |
| Nicaragua | 0% |
| Venezuela | 0% |
| Dominican Republic | 0% |
| Guatemala | 0% |
| Brazil | 0% |
| Costa Rica | 0% |

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D13: [If Hispanic] How often do you speak Spanish at home or with family or friends?

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Every day | 54% |
| A few times a week | 16% |
| Maybe once a week | 6% |
| A few times a month | 5% |
| Only a few times a year | 5% |
| Never | 13% |

D14: If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Less than \$20,000 | 22% |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999 | 20% |
| \$40,000 to \$59,999 | 19% |
| \$60,000 to \$79,999 | 10% |
| \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 8% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 7% |
| \$150,000 or higher | 3% |
| Prefer not to say | 11% |

D15: Are you a parent or legal guardian?

| | |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 63% |
| No | 37% |

D16: Whether you are a parent or legal guardian, how many children, age 18 or younger do you have?

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| None | 64% |
| One | 16% |
| Two | 12% |
| Three | 4% |
| Four | 2% |
| Five or more | 2% |



D17: [If have children <=18years] How many of those children are currently living with you in your home?

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| None | 16% |
| One | 39% |
| Two | 29% |
| Three | 9% |
| Four | 4% |
| Five or more | 2% |

D18: If you had to estimate, how much do you currently have in savings that can be used for emergencies?

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Less than \$100 | 31% |
| Between \$100 and \$500 | 12% |
| Between \$500 and \$1000 | 12% |
| Between \$1000 and \$3000 | 10% |
| Between \$3000 and \$5000 | 6% |
| Between \$5000 and \$10,000 | 6% |
| More than \$10,000 | 8% |
| Prefer not to say | 15% |