



A COMMUNITY VISION AND ASSESSMENT 2017-2022



Community Vision Statement:

Since the foundation of the Socorro Public Library, it has been our vision to create a sustainable hub of resources for the community. Our vision is to continue providing access and equity to resources, cultivating learning and literacy, and engaging the entire community.

Community Assessment

- How many people live in your community? (If your library serves a significant number of people in neighboring communities, you may wish to keep two sets of population numbers here, one that includes only those within your legal service area and another that includes people in neighboring communities.): **9,051**

How is this projected to be different in 5 years? **Socorro is projected to lose -0.16% of its population by 2022.**

- People living in your community, what percent are:

Age	5 years ago	Now	In 5 years
Less than 5 years old	13%	7%	10%
5-13	10%	13%	15%
14-18	12%	10%	10%
19-21	16%	12%	18%
22-65	47%	49%	32%
65 and older	2%	9%	15%

- Single Family Households: How Many?

Five years ago:	1,085
Now:	1,070
Projected in five years:	1,062

- What languages are spoken in the homes of the people in your community? **English, Spanish, Dene, Mandarin, Hindu.**
- What ethnic groups are represented in your community? Races: **White, Black, American Indian, Hispanic, Asian.**
- Who are your community's three largest employers? What do they do? How many people do they employ? How is this likely to be different in 5 years?

1st Largest:		
New Mexico Tech	Employs how many people:	893
	What do they	University



	make/do?	
	In five years:	900
2nd Largest:		
City of Socorro	Employs how many people:	180
	What do they make/do?	Municipality
	In five years:	180
Socorro Count	Employs how many people:	130
3rd Largest:		
Wal Mart	Employs how many people:	179
	What do they make/do?	Grocery Store
	In five years:	180

8. What are the major industries in your community (if different from major employers listed above)? What do they do? How many people do they employ? How is this likely to be different in 5 years?

Name:		
NRAO/VLA	Employees how many people:	570/800
	What do they make/do?	Radio/Satellite Observatories
	In 5 years:	800+
Name:		
EMRTC	Employees how many people:	500
	What do they make/do?	Energetic Materials and Testing Center
	In 5 years:	500

9. What percentage of your community is unemployed? **7.7%**
10. What is the median family income in your community? **\$33,359**
11. What percent of the families in your community have incomes that are below the poverty line? **30.2%**
12. Does your community’s population change widely during different seasons? If yes, describe those shifts. **Possible changes during college semesters.**

What seasons: **Summer**

+/- how many people: **-500**



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13. Where do people in your community get their information? Place a check mark by each source of information available locally. Then indicate how many of each of the information sources are available.

Information Source	Available Locally	How Many
Local Newspapers	X	1
Local Radio Stations	X	3
Local Television Stations		0
Bookstores		0
Video Stores		0
Music Stores		0
Local Community Access Cable		0
Internet Service Providers (ISPs)	X	3
Other (community organizations, etc.)	X	2

14. Which of the above provide information in languages other than English? **Chamber of Commerce, and Radio Stations.**

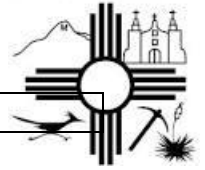
15. What other libraries are there in your community? Place a check mark by each type of library in your community and indicate how many of that type of library there are.

Check	Type of Library	How Many
X	Elementary School	2
X	Junior High/Middle School	1
X	High School	1
	Vocational Technical	
	Community College	
X	College or University	1
	Hospital/Medical	
	Law	
	Special	
	Other	

16. How many public and private schools are in your community? List the number of each type of school.

Type of School	Public	Private
Preschools	1	2
Elementary Schools	3	
Middle/Junior High Schools	1	
High Schools	1	
Vocational/technical		
Community Colleges		

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Colleges/Universities	1
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- 17. Approximately how many home schooling families are there in your community? **30**
- 18. What percent of the people in your community age 25 and older have at least a high school diploma or a GED? (Note: this includes all technical school and college graduates as well.) **33.4%**
- 19. How many social service providers are located in your community? **3 Social Service Providers, and additional services providers listed below:**

Service	Number
Nursing homes (extended care)	1
Day-care centers	3
Shelters/halfway houses/drug treatment centers	1
Youth and recreation centers	3
Others	2

- 20. List (for small library communities or estimate the number (for larger communities) and types of the organizations in your community (service groups, clubs, etc.)

Organization Type	Number in Community
Masons	1
Rotary Club	1
Chamber of Commerce	1

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