New Mexico is home to the highest per capita usage of private prisons in the whole nation.

43% of NM detainees are in private prisons.

The national rate of prisoners in private prisons is 8.5%. In 2016, there were 3,040 incarcerated individuals in NM private prisons, a number 41% larger than in 2000. New Mexico also remains one of the poorest and least educated states in the nation. In 2016 in NM, black people are incarcerated at 6.4 times the rate of white people and Hispanic people and Indigenous communities are incarcerated at twice the rate of white people.

There are 6 private detention centers in New Mexico

- **Guadalupe County Correctional Facility**
  Santa Rosa, NM, since 1999
- **Lea County Correctional Facility**
  Hobbs, NM, since 1998
- **Northeast New Mexico Detention**
  Clayton, NM, since 2008
- **Cibola County Correctional Facility**
  Grants, NM, ICE Facility since 2017
  Detains immigrants & asylum seekers
- **Northwest New Mexico Detention**
  Grants, NM, since 2008
- **Management and Training Co.**
  Otero County Prison
  Chapparal, NM

These centers have been cited many times for health and labor violations. Quality of life is often atrocious in these detention centers, some of which detain asylum seekers who have committed no crime.