

Quarterly Economic Summary

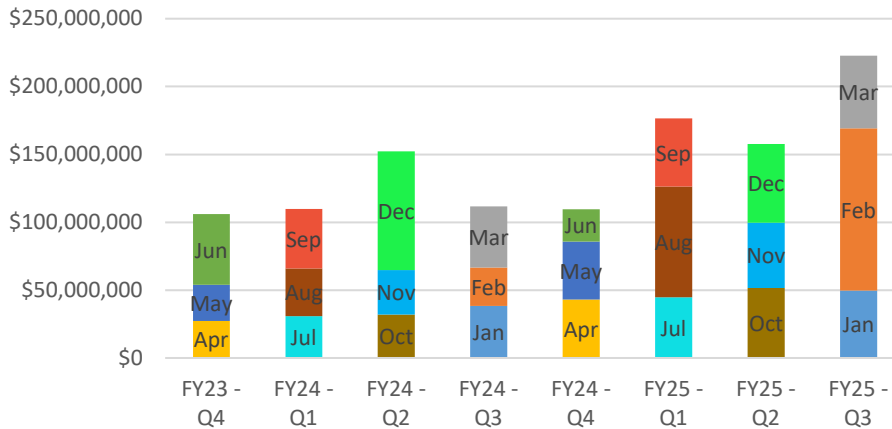
Torrance County



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Chart 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts Per Quarter

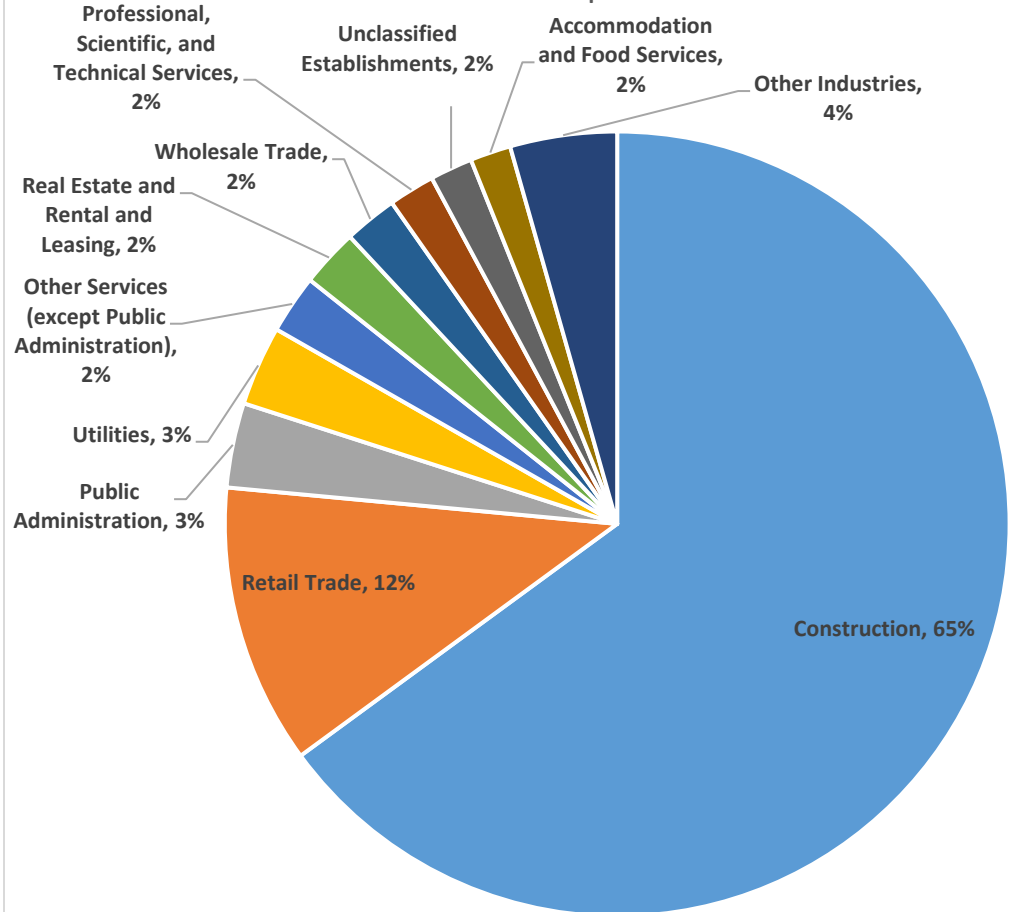


Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500)

In the third quarter of FY25, 26 out of 33 counties reported positive year-over-year (YOY) economic growth compared to Q3 FY24, with a statewide 5.9% increase in matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR). Statewide growth was observed across most industry sectors, with construction and unclassified establishments leading the way. Employment, wages, and the number of establishments also increased YOY in New Mexico in Q2 FY25.

Torrance County's MTGR increased by \$65.1M, or 41.3%, from Q2 FY25 to Q3 FY25, as seen in Chart 1. The amount reported in Q3 FY25 (\$223M) was the highest in the past eight quarters, led by the \$119M MTGR in February. As seen in Chart 2, the largest industry as a percentage of MTGR was the construction industry, which accounted for 65% of the total MTGR during Q3 FY25. Last quarter, construction accounted for 45%, followed by retail trade at 17%.

Chart 2. FY25 - Q3 Industry Size by Matched Taxable Gross Receipts



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Matched Taxable Gross Receipts (MTGR) provide the most accurate tax data for assessing underlying economic activity. The data collection process involves matching tax payments with reported receipts for each taxpayer by industry.

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Table 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry

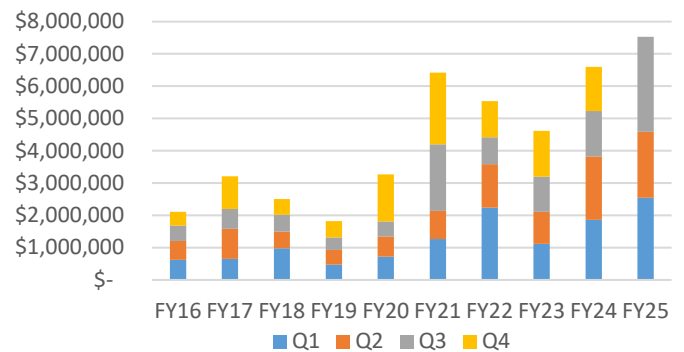
| Industries | FY24 - Q3 | FY25 - Q3 | Growth | Year over year Change |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Accommodation and Food Services | \$ 3,411,618 | \$ 3,714,456 | \$ 302,838 | 9% |
| Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation | \$ 853,009 | \$ 1,090,738 | \$ 237,730 | 28% |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting | \$ 204,373 | \$ 176,337 | \$ (28,036) | -14% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | \$ 40,706 | \$ 60,869 | \$ 20,163 | 50% |
| Construction | \$ 38,693,220 | \$ 143,616,381 | \$ 104,923,161 | 271% |
| Educational Services | \$ 94,273 | \$ 112,616 | \$ 18,344 | 19% |
| Finance and Insurance | \$ 165,965 | \$ 104,017 | \$ (61,948) | -37% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | \$ 1,023,636 | \$ 819,283 | \$ (204,353) | -20% |
| Information | \$ 2,367,273 | \$ 3,357,746 | \$ 990,473 | 42% |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | \$ 1,892 | \$ - | \$ (1,892) | -100% |
| Manufacturing | \$ 2,805,888 | \$ 2,607,391 | \$ (198,497) | -7% |
| Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction | \$ 1,392,607 | \$ 159,052 | \$ (1,233,555) | -89% |
| Other Services (except Public Administration) | \$ 6,276,384 | \$ 5,357,939 | \$ (918,445) | -15% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | \$ 6,205,942 | \$ 4,216,555 | \$ (1,989,387) | -32% |
| Public Administration | \$ - | \$ 7,716,740 | \$ 7,716,740 | N/A |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | \$ 2,857,209 | \$ 5,288,147 | \$ 2,430,937 | 85% |
| Retail Trade | \$ 23,371,662 | \$ 25,531,992 | \$ 2,160,330 | 9% |
| Transportation and Warehousing | \$ 1,024,393 | \$ 1,242,746 | \$ 218,353 | 21% |
| Unclassified Establishments | \$ 1,952,233 | \$ 3,877,434 | \$ 1,925,201 | 99% |
| Utilities | \$ 6,414,875 | \$ 7,262,960 | \$ 848,085 | 13% |
| Wholesale Trade | \$ 3,851,067 | \$ 4,842,068 | \$ 991,001 | 26% |
| All Industries | \$ 111,672,419 | \$ 222,768,173 | \$ 111,095,754 | 99% |

Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500) and EDD Calculations

Table 1 shows that all but 9 industries reported a YOY increase in MTGR. The largest increase came from the construction industry, which posted a YOY increase of nearly \$105M. The largest decline came from the professional, scientific, and technical services industry, which posted a YOY decrease of \$2M.

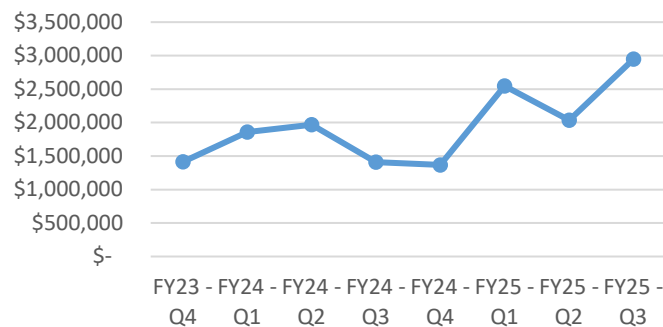
Chart 3 shows that total gross receipts tax (GRT) revenue collections through Q3 in FY25 have already outpaced the annual GRT revenue collections of previous fiscal years. While average employment in Q2 FY25 slightly increased by 1.2% YOY, average weekly wages remained the same (Chart 5).

Chart 3. Annual Total GRT Revenue Collections



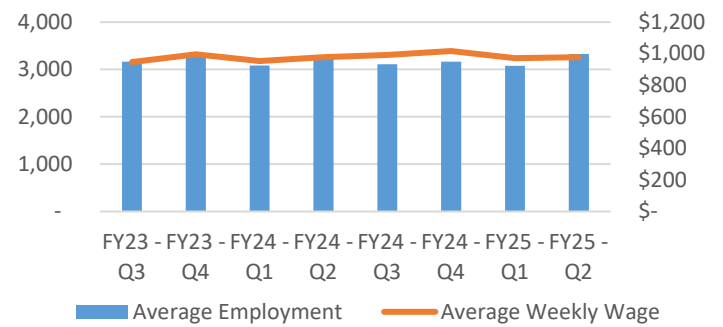
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Chart 4. Quarterly GRT Revenue Collections



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Chart 5. Total Employment & Weekly Wage



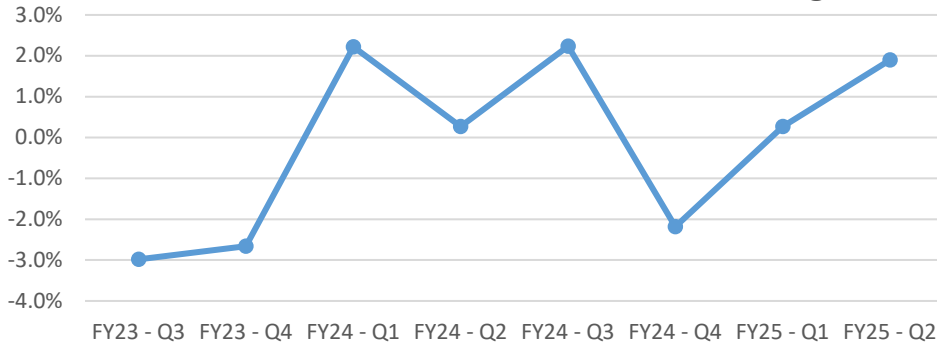
Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

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Chart 6. Establishment Year Over Year % Change



An **establishment**, as defined by the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) and referenced in Chart 6, is an economic unit, such as a farm, factory, or store, located at a single physical address and engaged in one type of economic activity.

Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages and EDD Calculations

The **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)**, used in Charts 5-6 and Table 2, produces comprehensive data on the number of establishments, monthly employment, and quarterly wages for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program. These data are aggregated to many different levels, starting at the 6-digit NAICS industry level, to higher industry levels (NAICS industry groups, sectors, and supersectors), and to higher geographic levels (MSA, state, and national).

Data are based on information reported by New Mexico employers, covering 97% of nonfarm wage and salary workers. Data are published every quarter. Considered the gold standard for its reliability of industry data, the QCEW data are the most complete universe of monthly employment and quarterly wage information by detailed industry.

Table 2. FY25 - Q2 Employment Data and Establishments by Industry

| Industry | Average Employment | YOY Change in Average Employment | Average Weekly Wage | YOY change in Average Weekly Wage | Number of Establishments | YOY Change in Establishments |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Accommodation and Food Services | 162 | -0.6% | \$ 432 | 13.4% | 24 | 20.0% |
| Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation | 235 | -12.3% | \$ 1,091 | -14.6% | 12 | 9.1% |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting | 193 | 0.0% | \$ 454 | 8.6% | 17 | 0.0% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 20 | 5.3% | \$ 1,202 | 10.0% | 7 | 0.0% |
| Construction | 205 | 19.9% | \$ 1,178 | 20.8% | 39 | 0.0% |
| Educational Services | 697 | 1.9% | \$ 915 | -7.2% | 11 | 10.0% |
| Finance and Insurance | 25 | -24.2% | \$ 1,125 | 19.2% | 11 | -8.3% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 346 | 8.5% | \$ 821 | 9.2% | 70 | -1.4% |
| Information | 42 | 2.4% | \$ 809 | -9.5% | 7 | -12.5% |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | * | * | * | * | 3 | 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 119 | -12.5% | \$ 2,510 | 4.3% | 14 | 7.7% |
| Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction | * | * | * | * | 2 | -50.0% |
| Other Services (except Public Administration) | 62 | 5.1% | \$ 1,297 | 0.9% | 18 | 5.9% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 92 | -5.2% | \$ 1,848 | 13.4% | 23 | 0.0% |
| Public Administration | 259 | 7.5% | \$ 1,000 | -3.2% | 28 | 0.0% |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | * | * | * | * | 1 | 0.0% |
| Retail Trade | 526 | 0.4% | \$ 711 | -2.2% | 44 | 0.0% |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 72 | 7.5% | \$ 983 | -0.7% | 23 | 0.0% |
| Utilities | 103 | 9.6% | \$ 1,281 | 2.9% | 10 | 25.0% |
| Wholesale Trade | 151 | -13.2% | \$ 1,167 | 14.7% | 12 | 20.0% |
| All Industries | 3,327 | 1.2% | \$ 977 | 0.0% | 376 | 1.9% |

Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages and EDD Calculations *Some data may be withheld to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

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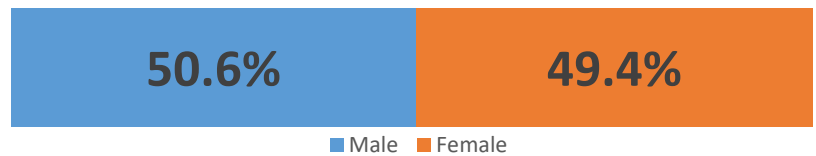


Population

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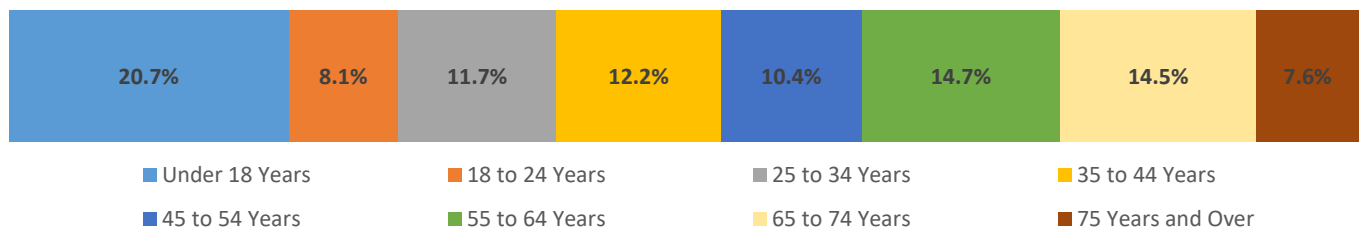
Source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey (ACS) 2023, 5-year estimates

Population Sex



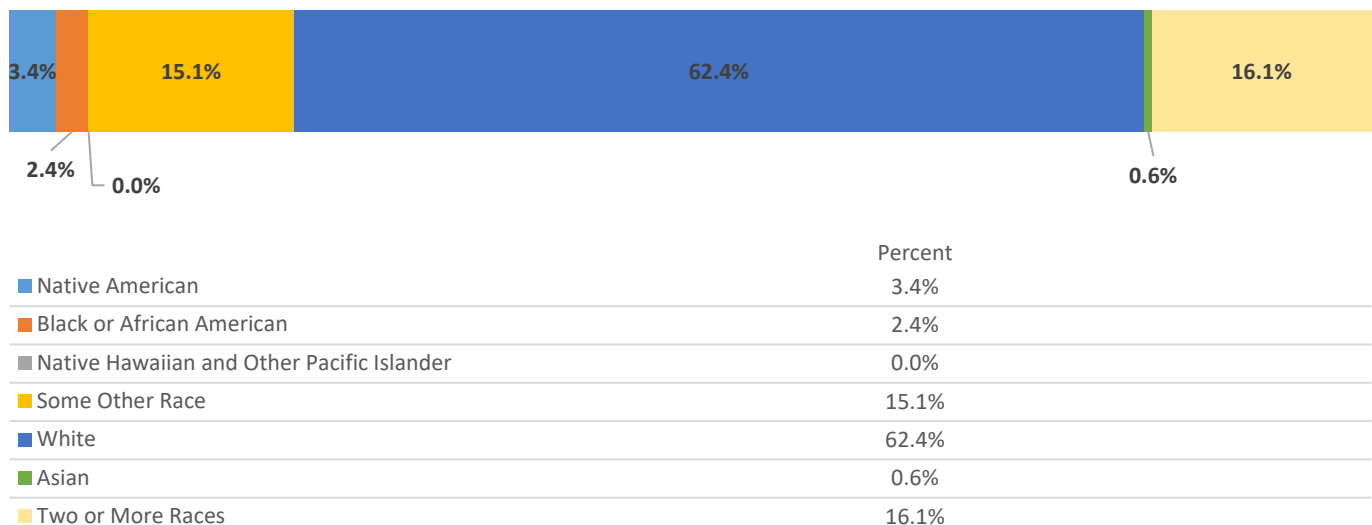
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Population Age



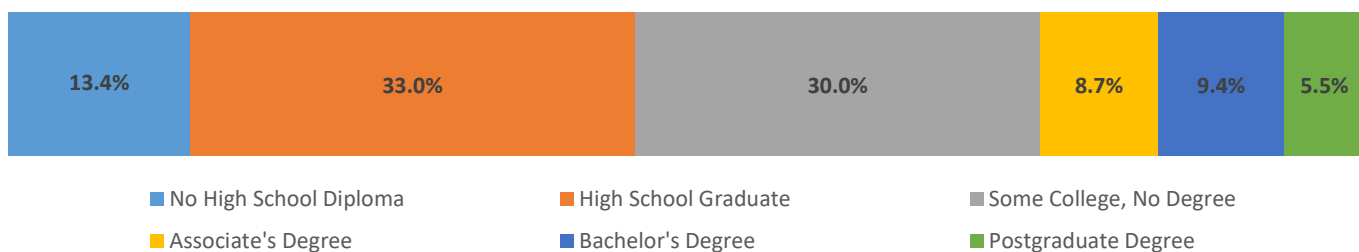
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Race



Source: U.S. Census Bureau - ACS 2023, 5-year estimates

Educational Attainment, Age 25-64



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