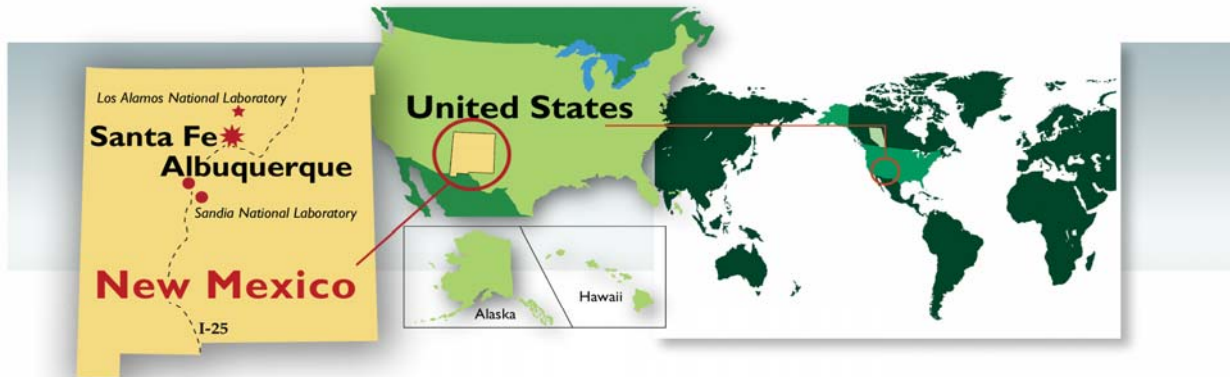


# NEW MEXICO - ALBERTA RELATIONS



## PROFILE

**Capital:** Santa Fe

**Population:** 1.9 million (2005 Estimate)

**Language:** English (Spanish)

**Government:** Bicameral state government

**Head of Government:** Governor Bill Richardson (D)  
Term expires: 2006

**Currency:** U.S. dollar  
CDN\$1 = 0.89 US (August 2006)

**GSP:** US\$59.8 billion (2005)

**Per Capita Personal Income:** US\$27,644 (2005)

**Key Industry Sectors:** Information technology, defence contracting, high-technology, agriculture and energy.

**Unemployment:** 4.3% (July 2006)

### **Main Cities:**

- Albuquerque: 494,236
- Las Cruces: 82,671
- Santa Fe: 70,631
- Rio Rancho: 66,599
- Roswell: 45,199

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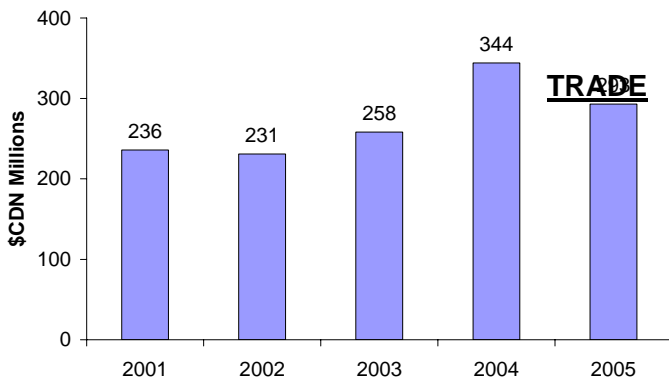
- Completed in 1581, El Camino Real (The Royal Highway) stretched from Santa Fe to Mexico City. This was the first road established by Europeans in what is now the United States.
- The world's first Atomic Bomb was detonated on July 16, 1945 on the White Sands Testing Range near Alamogordo. North of the impact point a small placard marks the area: Trinity Site.
- New Mexico is home to two of the United States' National Labs: Los Alamos and Sandia. Los Alamos is the largest employer in New Mexico, with more than 10,000 personnel. Sandia's programs include energy infrastructure security, bioscience, and nanotechnology
- Intel Corporation's world-class microchip manufacturing centre outside Albuquerque is the largest private industrial employer in New Mexico.
- New Mexico has the lowest water-to-land ratio of all 50 states, with lakes and rivers making up only .002% of the state's total surface area.

## RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- New Mexico is connected to Alberta via the I-25 highway, or Camino Real, which links to Alberta through connecting roads in Montana, and which Alberta regards as complimentary to the CANAMEX Trade Corridor.
- As 2004 Chair of the Western Governors Association, New Mexico's Governor, Bill Richardson hosted the North American Energy Summit in Albuquerque, which featured a strong Alberta presence, including a keynote by Premier Klein.

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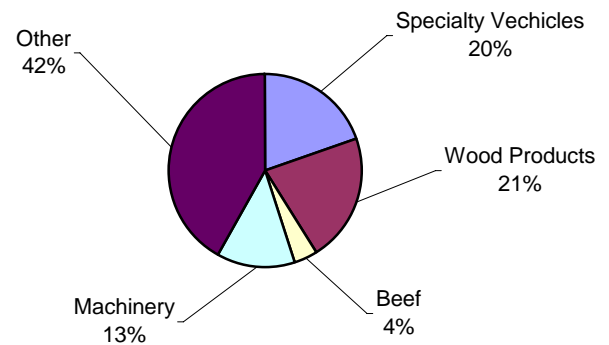


### AND INVESTMENT

- New Mexico is a significant export market for Alberta, with a five-year average of \$272 million.
- Alberta exports to New Mexico were worth \$293 million in 2005.
- Top exports to New Mexico include wood products, specialty vehicles, machinery and beef.
- Alberta imports from New Mexico totaled more than \$24 million in 2005 and included products such as silver, cereal products, machinery, wood products and petrochemicals.
- Two-way trade between Alberta and New Mexico has averaged \$297 million per year during the past five years.

### Energy

- New Mexico is a leading producer of natural gas in the US exporting it to other regions of the country.
- New Mexico is among the state leaders (along with Wyoming) in coal bed methane production – an emerging resource industry in Alberta with significant potential.
- New Mexico is also the fourth-leading state in proven oil reserves, and a net exporter of electricity.
- Governor Richardson was U.S. Energy Secretary in the Clinton Administration, and remains very interested and influential in energy issues.
- Republican Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico chairs the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.



### EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- New Mexico has a well-established high technology research and development sector, anchored by its two National Labs and Intel's large microchip plant.
- As New Mexico is a leader in US energy production, collaboration with New Mexico on energy issues may be valuable for Alberta.

### MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

- Western Governors Association (WGA)
- Council of State Governments (CSG) – West
- Rocky Mountain Trade Corridor

### RECENT VISITS

- April 2004: Premier Klein traveled to Albuquerque to participate in the North American Energy Summit, hosted by the Western Governors' Association.

### DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- Mr. Tom Huffaker is the U.S. Consul General in Calgary.
- Mr. Norris Pettis is Consul General in Dallas, whose jurisdiction covers New Mexico.