



# Population

## Population Profile for Lea County

	2000 Census	2006 Census Update	2015 Projections
<b>Lea County</b>	55,511	58,196	64,580
<b>Hobbs Area</b>	36,631	38,518	42,824
<b>Lovington Area</b>	9,890	10,307	11,397
<b>Eunice Area</b>	2,896	3,006	3,326
<b>Jal Area</b>	2,118	2,200	2,437
<b>Tatum Area</b>	3,976	4,165	4,596

*Source: Census Update conducted by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research for the University of New Mexico*

15 minute Radius Population	36,410
30—Mile Radius Population	67,881
Greater Hobbs Retail Area	125,000

## Lea County Statistics (2006 Census)

White persons	91.9%
Black persons	5.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.3%
Asian persons	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islands	0.1%
Hispanic or Latino origin	45.6%
White persons, non-Hispanic	47.9%