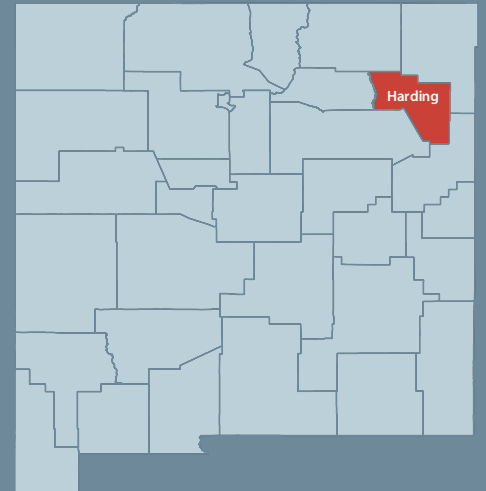


PUBLIC HEALTH IN HARDING COUNTY

Harding County is located in northeastern New Mexico, adjacent to Union, Colfax, Mora, San Miguel, and Quay counties. On March 4th, 1921 Harding County was created by the New Mexico Legislature. It was formed from parts of eastern Mora County and southern Union County. Today, the county encompasses 2,138 square miles of beautiful prairie land embracing its agricultural communities. As of the 2015 census, the population was 692, making it the least populous county in the state of New Mexico. Harding County includes the communities of Roy, Mosquero, Mills, and Solano. Interestingly, New Mexico's "Home on the Range" was named for United States President Warren G. Harding in the year 1921.



ACCESS TO CARE

Harding County has almost **700 RESIDENTS**, and **NOT A SINGLE FULL-TIME PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, DENTIST, OR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER.**

WHAT IS BEING DONE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS HEALTH ISSUE?

- The Harding County Health Council (HCHC) convenes 2 health fairs a year in Roy and Mosquero. At these health fairs, residents are able to access routine clinical services such as immunizations, mammograms, bone density scans, etc., which are otherwise unavailable in Harding County.
- The NMDOH Community Health Promotion Team partnered with the Harding County Sheriff and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to host the county's first Drug Take Back event on November 1, 2016. The take back event resulted in the collection of 25 pounds of unused medication. Education on proper medication handling and storage was also provided to community members by the DEA.
- Within the last year, approximately 60 immunizations were provided to Harding County residents by the Raton Public Health Office Staff.



..... TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ELDERLY



42% of Harding County households **HAVE 1 OR MORE PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS.**

And, approximately **34%** of persons 65 years or older **LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL.**

WHAT IS BEING DONE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS HEALTH ISSUE?

- HCHC members in collaboration with the Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Council have created a grassroots effort to address transportation shortages. The DWI Council used their DWI van to transport residents – especially those older residents who cannot drive themselves – to their medical appointments. When the van was no longer operating, HCHC members used their personal vehicles to transport residents to medical appointments. This grassroots effort has resulted in approximately 20 trips within the last 2 years.

..... VETERANS SERVICES

16% of the civilian population above age 18 **HAS VETERAN STATUS.**

WHAT IS BEING DONE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS POPULATION?

- The HCHC and the NMDOH Community Health Promotion Team partnered with Senator Martin Heinrich's office to bring health care services for veterans via a Telehealth Veteran's Affairs facility in Mosquero. This facility will serve up to 75 veterans in Harding County and is expected to open in the spring of 2017.



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