

New Mexico

- Chief election official: Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, elected in 2022 for a four-year term
- Who runs elections locally: County Clerk, Board of Registration
- Number of jurisdictions: 33
- State website: www.sos.nm.gov/voting-and-elections/

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State primary type Closed Primaries range from fully open to fully closed	Post-election tabulation audits	Uses post-election audits	48 states and D.C. require post-election audits
	State primary type	Closed	Primaries range from fully open to fully closed

^{*} Other states accept ballots postmarked by Election Day.

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^{**} Counties that receive less than 10,000 absentee ballots may begin processing five days before Election Day.