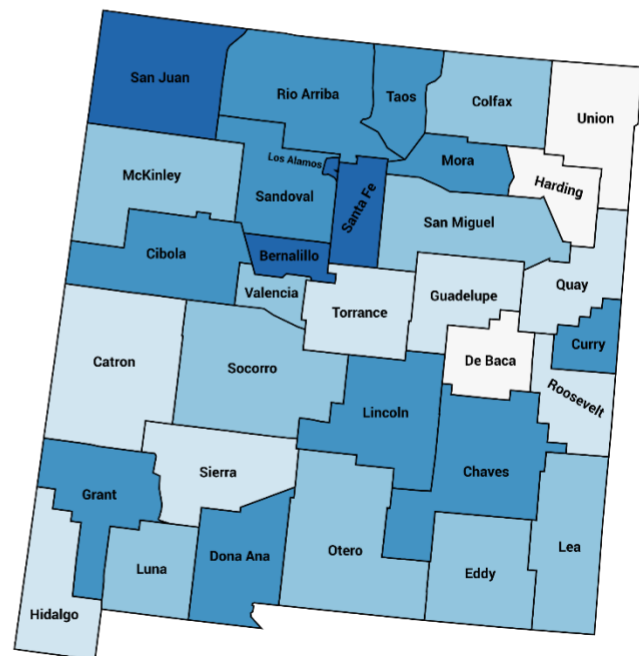


THE CRITICAL ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE IN NEW MEXICO REMAINS AS AN UNEQUITY AMONG VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

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Increasing the number of dentists practicing in NM rural areas is imperative to increase dental care access, which would improve oral health and overall health among underserved communities.

Dentist by Population by County in New Mexico 2017



There is a consistent increment in the number of dentists practicing in New Mexico from 2015 to 2017. However, the proportion of dentist practicing in rural areas has not increased throughout the years:

Number of Dentist Practicing in Urban Areas vs. Rural Areas 2014-2017

