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MEMORANDUM

TO: New Mexico County Chairpersons
FROM: Wayne Propst, Cabinet Secretary, DFA
DATE: April 24, 2024
SUBJECT: 2024 Classification of Counties

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Wayne Propst
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Attached is the revised classification of counties as of April 30, 2024. Per state statute 4-44-2, NMSA 1978, the Local Government Division is responsible to classify all counties within the state based upon population and net taxable property valuations. Reclassification becomes effective pursuant to this memorandum. Salary upgrades may not go into effect until July 1st, 2024, for newly elected officials.

County classification is important, as it may impact qualification for state or federal financial assistance and dictates the maximum salary levels of elected public officials. The 2024 Classification of Counties is only for the classification of salaries.

If you have any questions, please contact Catrina Chavez Special Project Analyst at 505-479-1247.

Attachment

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Select **Classification Year**(per statute, done biennially on even years)
 Select **Valuation Data**(most current final tax year valuations)
 Select **Population Data**(most current annual data or estimate from US census)
 Select **Square Mileage Data**(most current info available)

2024
 2022-23 Final
 2022
 2010 data

2024 County Classification

County	CLASSIFICATION	Maximum Allowable Salaries					
		Commissioners	Treasurer	Assessor	Sheriff	Clerk	Probate Judge
Bernalillo	A	\$39,106	\$86,626	\$86,626	\$90,338	\$86,626	\$38,114
Catron	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Chaves	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Cibola	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Colfax	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Curry	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
De Baca	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Dona Ana	A	\$39,106	\$86,626	\$86,626	\$90,338	\$86,626	\$38,114
Eddy	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Grant	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Guadalupe	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Harding	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Hidalgo	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Lea	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Lincoln	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Los Alamos	H	n/a	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	n/a
Luna	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
McKinley	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Mora	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Otero	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Quay	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Rio Arriba	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Roosevelt	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
San Juan	A	\$39,106	\$86,626	\$86,626	\$90,338	\$86,626	\$38,114
San Miguel	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Sandoval	A	\$39,106	\$86,626	\$86,626	\$90,338	\$86,626	\$38,114
Santa Fe	A	\$39,106	\$86,626	\$86,626	\$90,338	\$86,626	\$38,114
Sierra	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Socorro	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Taos	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Torrance	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
Union	B-Intermediate	\$21,534	\$64,844	\$64,844	\$67,814	\$64,844	\$15,098
Valencia	B-High	\$30,196	\$75,733	\$75,733	\$78,952	\$75,733	\$26,482
(Counties will be reclassified April 2026)							
In accordance with Section 4-44-1, 4-44-2, 4-44-3, 4-44-4, 4-44-4.1, 4-44-5, 4-44-12.3, 4-44-14 NMSA 1978.							
<i>Pursuant to Section 4-44-14A "the governing body of an H class county shall designate whether the office of treasurer, assessor, sheriff or county clerk is part-time or full-</i>							
Maximum Allowable Salaries for Part-Time (applies to H class - Los Alamos)							
		Commissioners	Treasurer	Assessor	Sheriff	Clerk	Probate Judge
		\$15,844	\$7,922	\$7,922	\$7,922	\$7,922	\$4,636