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**TO:** County Commission Chairs

**FROM:** Duffy Rodriguez  
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**DATE:** April 30, 2018

**SUBJECT:** 2018 Classification of Counties

Attached is the classification of counties as of April 30, 2018. Per Section 4-44-2 NMSA 1978, the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), Local Government Division (LGD), on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary of DFA, is responsible for classifying all counties within the state based upon population and net taxable property valuations.

The county classification may impact qualifications for state or federal financial assistance and influences the maximum salary levels of elected public officials.

This classification becomes effective pursuant to this memorandum.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned Budget and Finance Analyst at 505-827-4975.

Attachment

cc: Steve Kopelman, Executive Director, NMAC

## 2018 County Classification

County	CLASSIFICATION
Bernalillo	A
Catron	B-Under
Chaves	B-Over
Cibola	B-Over
Colfax	B-Over
Curry	B-Over
De Baca	B-Under
Dona Ana	A
Eddy	B-Over
Grant	B-Over
Guadalupe	B-Under
Harding	B-Under
Hidalgo	B-Under
Lea	B-Over
Lincoln	B-Over
Los Alamos	H
Luna	B-Over
McKinley	B-Over
Mora	B-Under
Otero	B-Over
Quay	B-Under
Rio Arriba	B-Over
Roosevelt	B-Over
San Juan	A
San Miguel	B-Over
Sandoval	A
Santa Fe	A
Sierra	B-Over
Socorro	B-Under
Taos	B-Over
Torrance	B-Over
Union	B-Under
Valencia	B-Over

(Counties will be reclassified April 2020)

*In accordance with Section 4-44-2 NMSA 1978.*