

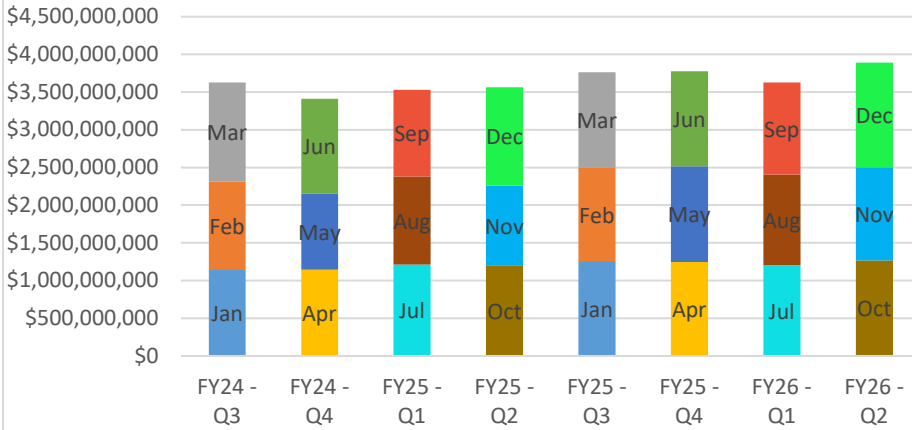
# Quarterly Economic Summary

## Lea County

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Chart 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts Per Quarter

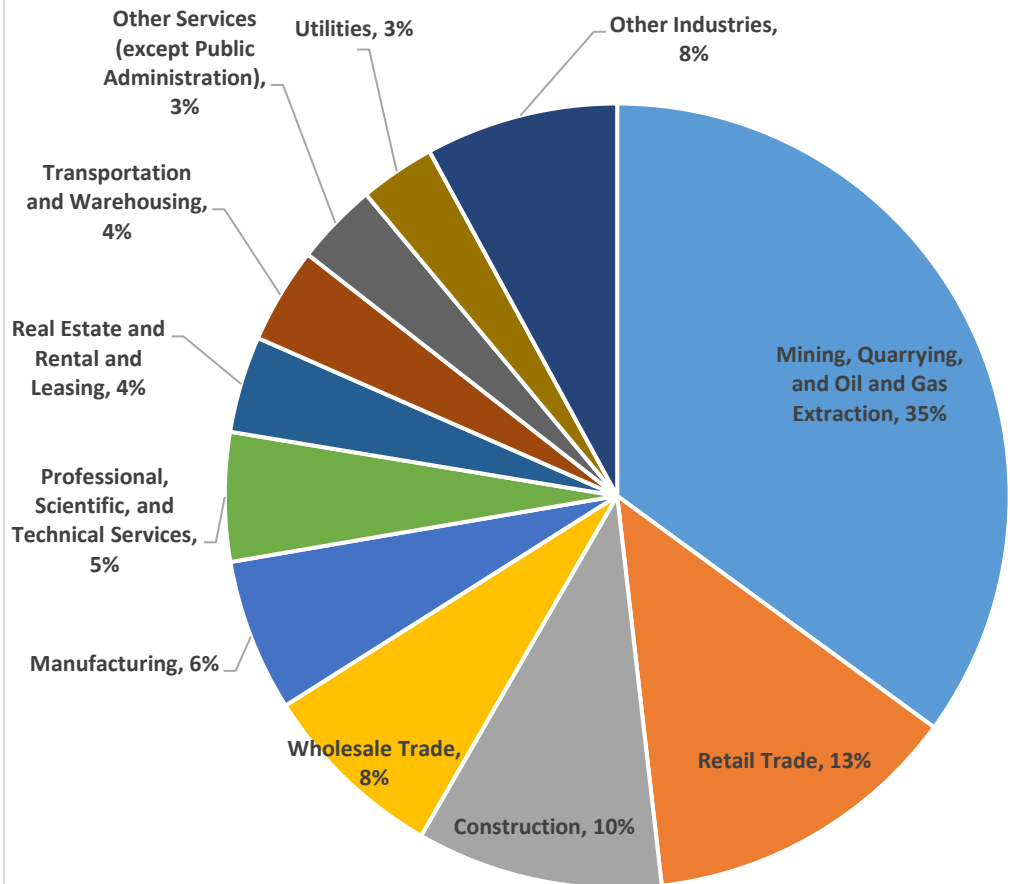


Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500)

In the second quarter of FY26, 26 out of 33 counties reported positive year-over-year (YOY) economic growth compared to Q2 FY25, with a statewide 5.9% increase in matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR). Statewide growth was observed across most industry sectors, with the construction industry leading the way. In Q1 FY26, employment, wages, and the number of establishments have also increased YOY at the state level.

Lea County's MTGR increased by \$265.5M, or 7.3%, from Q1 FY26 to Q2 FY26, as seen in Chart 1. The amount reported during Q2 FY26 (\$3.89B) was also \$242.9M larger than the eight-quarter average (\$3.65B). As seen in Chart 2, the largest industry as a percentage of MTGR was the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction industry, which accounted for 35% of the total MTGR during Q2 FY26, consistent with its 35% share from the last quarter.

Chart 2. FY26 - Q2 Industry Size by Matched Taxable Gross Receipts



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**Matched Taxable Gross Receipts (MTGR)** provide the most accurate tax data for assessing underlying economic activity. The data collection process involves matching tax payments with reported receipts for each taxpayer by industry.

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**Table 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry**

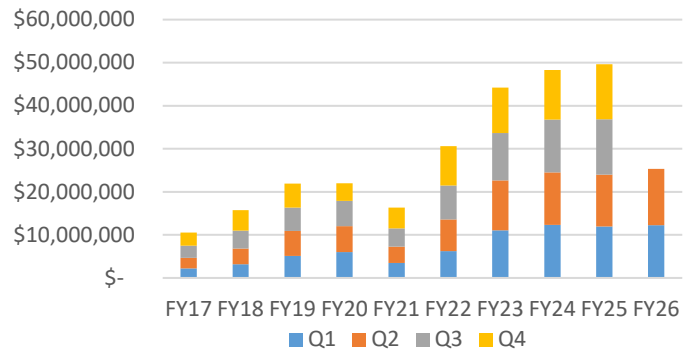
Industries	FY25 - Q2	FY26 - Q2	Growth	Year over year Change
Accommodation and Food Services	\$ 53,451,714	\$ 56,649,737	\$ 3,198,024	6%
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$ 55,303,247	\$ 62,274,880	\$ 6,971,633	13%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$ 4,651,858	\$ 3,377,666	\$ (1,274,192)	-27%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$ 3,705,750	\$ 4,557,906	\$ 852,156	23%
Construction	\$ 364,461,443	\$ 394,765,810	\$ 30,304,367	8%
Educational Services	\$ 1,191,625	\$ 2,056,367	\$ 864,743	73%
Finance and Insurance	\$ 3,658,485	\$ 3,861,069	\$ 202,584	6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$ 20,382,141	\$ 42,130,162	\$ 21,748,021	107%
Information	\$ 21,649,731	\$ 24,942,958	\$ 3,293,227	15%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$ 13,958	\$ 132,568	\$ 118,610	850%
Manufacturing	\$ 235,725,678	\$ 244,284,182	\$ 8,558,504	4%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$ 1,415,613,992	\$ 1,363,573,842	\$ (52,040,150)	-4%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$ 127,667,350	\$ 132,301,614	\$ 4,634,264	4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$ 150,139,713	\$ 206,600,597	\$ 56,460,885	38%
Public Administration	\$ 586,648	\$ 211,515	\$ (375,133)	-64%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$ 156,858,170	\$ 154,725,223	\$ (2,132,947)	-1%
Retail Trade	\$ 379,270,056	\$ 511,585,075	\$ 132,315,019	35%
Transportation and Warehousing	\$ 157,524,969	\$ 153,954,507	\$ (3,570,462)	-2%
Unclassified Establishments	\$ 61,471,295	\$ 108,743,437	\$ 47,272,142	77%
Utilities	\$ 109,520,554	\$ 121,242,951	\$ 11,722,397	11%
Wholesale Trade	\$ 241,041,238	\$ 299,623,176	\$ 58,581,938	24%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>\$ 3,565,666,251</b>	<b>\$ 3,892,363,347</b>	<b>\$ 326,697,096</b>	<b>9%</b>

Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500) and EDNM Calculations

Table 1 shows that all but 5 industries reported a YOY increase in MTGR. The largest increase came from the retail trade industry, which posted a YOY increase of \$132.3M. The largest decline came from the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction industry, which posted a YOY decrease of \$52M.

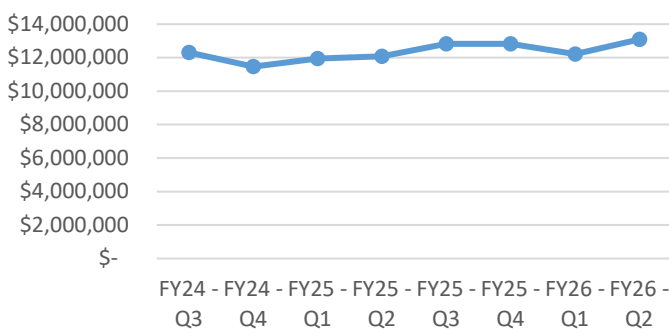
Quarterly gross receipts tax (GRT) collections during Q2 FY26 (\$13.1M), as seen in Chart 4, show an increase of \$873K, or 7.1%, compared to Q1 FY26. The amount collected during Q2 FY26 is also \$749K larger than the eight-quarter average (\$12.3M).

**Chart 3. Annual Total GRT Revenue Collections**



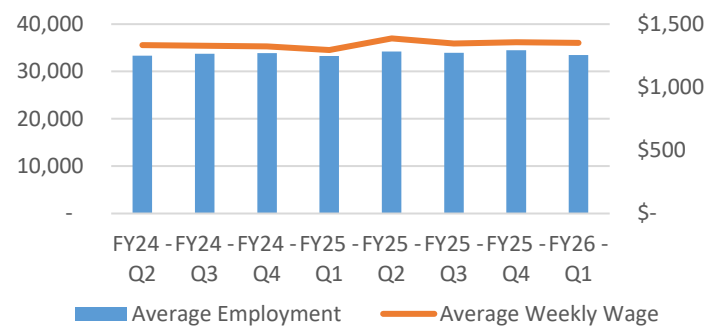
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**Chart 4. Quarterly GRT Revenue Collections**



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**Chart 5. Total Employment & Weekly Wage**

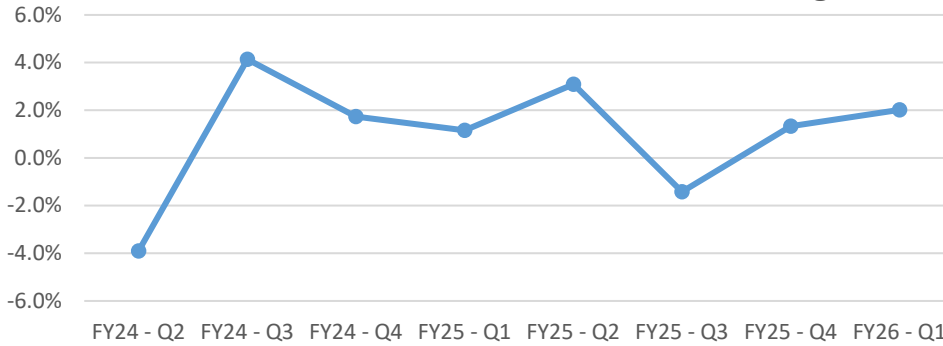


Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage

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Chart 6. Establishment Year Over Year % Change

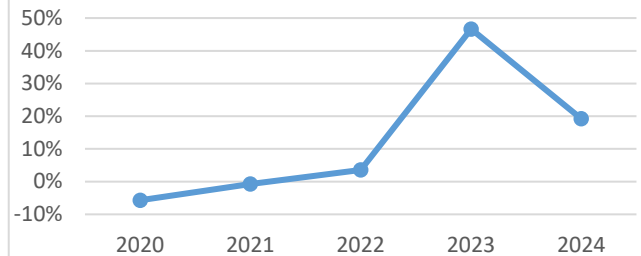


Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages and EDNM Calculations

An **establishment**, as defined by the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) and referenced in Chart 6, is an economic unit, such as a farm, factory, or store, located at a single physical address and engaged in one type of economic activity.

**Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** measures the value of all goods and services produced within a specific area. Changes in GDP from one period to another are important indicators of how the economy is performing. Chart 7 illustrates the YOY percentage change in real GDP for calendar years. Table 2 below details the percentage contribution of each industry to the total GDP for a specific county and how each industry's GDP changed compared to the previous calendar year.

Chart 7. Calendar Year % Change In Real GDP Year Over Year



Source: U.S. BEA - Real GDP by Industry in Chained 2017 Dollars

Table 2. Historical Glance: 2024 Gross Domestic Product by Industry

Industry	2024	Industry % of Total	2023-2024 Growth	YOY % Change
Accommodation and Food Services	\$ 149,828,000	1.31%	\$ 551,000	0%
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$ 128,292,000	1.12%	\$ (2,442,000)	-2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	*	*	*	*
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	*	*	*	*
Construction	\$ 234,077,000	2.05%	\$ 2,346,000	1%
Educational Services	\$ 6,651,000	0.06%	\$ (50,000)	-1%
Finance and Insurance	\$ 77,015,000	0.67%	\$ 6,057,000	9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$ 165,512,000	1.45%	\$ 6,759,000	4%
Information	\$ 52,228,000	0.46%	\$ 1,061,000	2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$ 15,723,000	0.14%	\$ (3,473,000)	-18%
Manufacturing	\$ 172,604,000	1.51%	\$ 30,745,000	22%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$ 8,326,692,000	72.79%	\$ 1,820,057,000	28%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$ 101,810,000	0.89%	\$ 454,000	0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$ 97,777,000	0.85%	\$ 7,507,000	8%
Public Administration	\$ 397,945,000	3.48%	\$ 16,823,000	4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*	*	*	*
Retail Trade	\$ 313,846,000	2.74%	\$ 31,380,000	11%
Transportation and Warehousing	\$ 286,416,000	2.50%	\$ 12,161,000	4%
Utilities	\$ 263,797,000	2.31%	*	*
Wholesale Trade	\$ 133,282,000	1.17%	\$ 1,684,000	1%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>\$ 11,439,564,000</b>		<b>\$ 1,845,156,000</b>	<b>19%</b>

\*Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information

-This historical look at GDP data represents the most recent county GDP data available

Source: U.S. BEA - Real GDP by Industry in Chained 2017 Dollars

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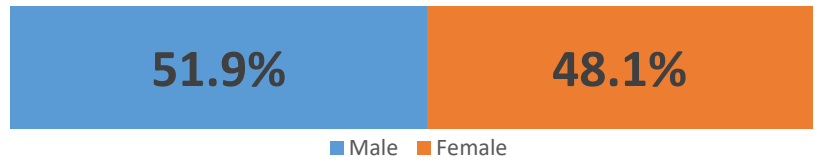
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# Population

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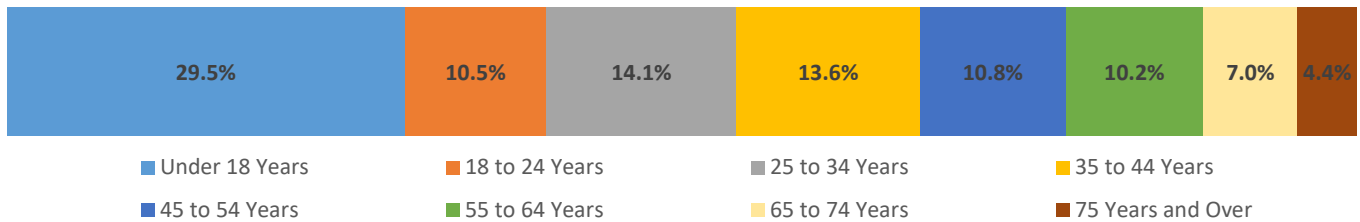
Source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey (ACS) 2024, 5-year estimates

### Population Sex



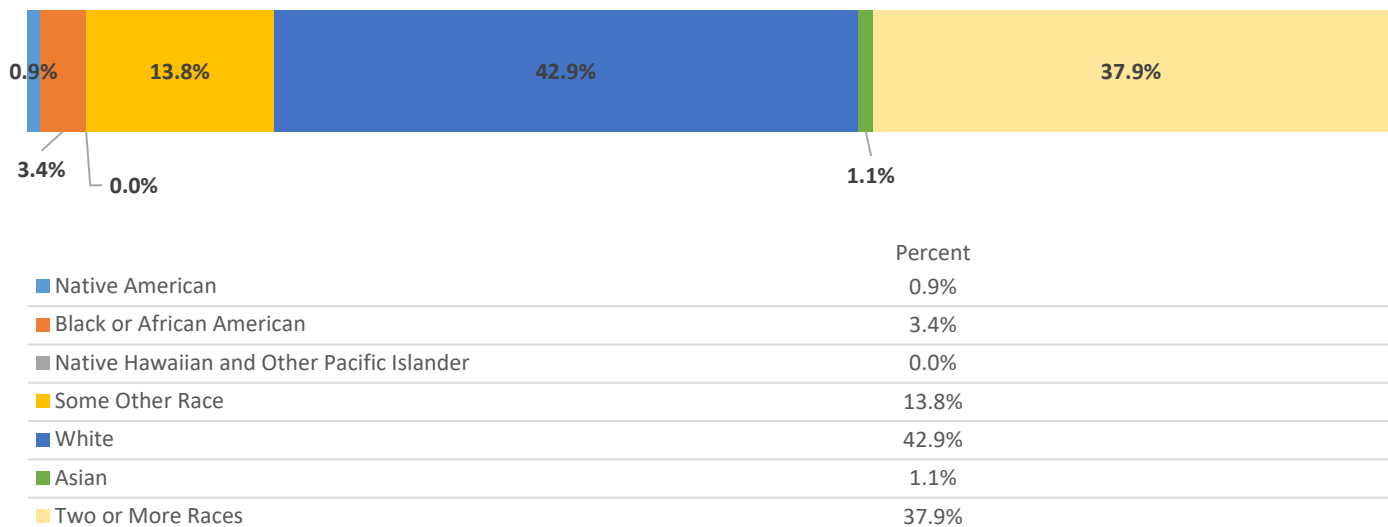
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### Population Age



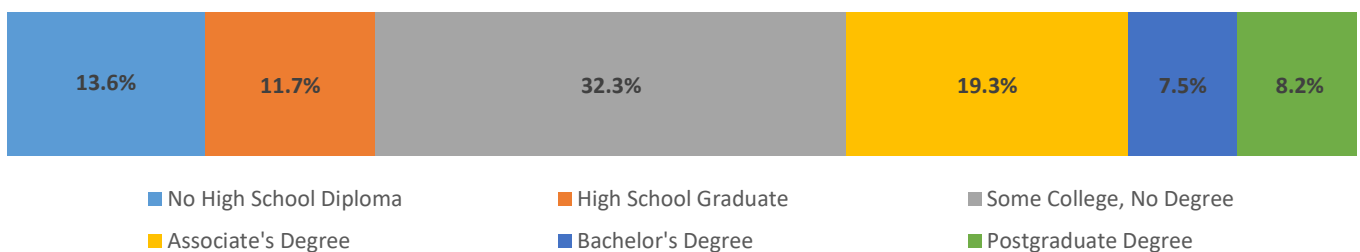
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### Race



Source: U.S. Census Bureau - ACS 2024, 5-year estimates

### Educational Attainment, Age 25-64



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