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Welcome to New Mexico, “The Land of Enchantment,” with unparalleled vistas full of sunshine, mountains, and desert. The state’s landscape ranges from vast sandy deserts, to oblique and tilted mesas, to high snow-capped peaks. The northern part of the state, where Los Alamos is located, is especially full of mountain wilderness, tucked in the Rocky Mountain chain, perfect for those who enjoy outdoor adventures, including hiking and skiing.

In addition to the stunning and varied natural landscape, New Mexico’s population is made of an amalgam of people from different cultures, each representing a rich heritage and history, some dating back to 4,000 years in the area, others to the Spanish expeditions of the 1500 and 1600s, and with unique textures of history.

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is one of the premier workplaces for New Mexico residents. The townsit of Los Alamos is serene and easy to navigate to and through. The laidback lifestyle is not hectic or stressful like other corporate or federal institutions. The laboratory environment is open, communal, and collaborative, with room for upward mobility and great support from higher management. The pay and benefits are well above the NM average, with unparalleled opportunity, and the highest levels of challenging and rewarding work.

Each summer, the LANL demographic shifts, filling up with high school, undergrad, masters, and postdoctoral scholars from all over the world, who come to gain exceptional, often life-changing, experience at the laboratory. This influx of people of different generations and cultures keeps LANL at the height of their research, and infuses the surrounding communities with a jolt of newness and exuberance, creating a vibrant atmosphere for innovation and leisure.

Each section of this guide will provide more detail about the communities around Los Alamos and the many opportunities to live, work, play and thrive in the Land of Enchantment.
Los Alamos, “The Secret City,” maintains a worldwide reputation for scientific and technological development. Los Alamos is a place where discoveries are made, creating aha moments, and cultivating curiosity.

Out of the race for developing the atomic bomb in the early 1940s, the Manhattan Project of WWII birthed the town and adjacent Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Flourishing community life features small-town living with friendly neighbors, low crime, and an exceptional, nationally recognized school system.

Cultural and recreational opportunities abound, with more than 100 miles of hiking, biking, equestrian trails, and local downhill or cross-country skiing options at Pajarito Mountain. The community hosts a variety of events with music and entertainment festivals year-round.

Los Alamos is the gateway to three National Parks, including Bandelier National Monument, Valles Caldera National Preserve, and the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park, which includes the Bradbury Science Museum and the expanded Los Alamos History Museum campus.
QUALITY OF LIFE

- Los Alamos’ lively, creative culture was established within the first year of the Manhattan Project, when scientists from all over the world brought their families to the town, along with their love of music, opera, theater, dance, art, and more. Los Alamos produces a variety of programs, festivals, and events that energize the downtown community.

- Los Alamos’ location atop of the Pajarito Plateau is the perfect setting for the recreational riches of the area, spawning sports and leisure opportunities for everyone. An abundance of sunny days allow for hiking and mountain biking to be year-round sports. Over 12 miles of paved bike lanes, and nearly 90 miles of hiking trails woven throughout the townsites and the surrounding mountains awaken the avid outdoor enthusiast or the casual hiker.

- Los Alamos hosts many outdoor sporting events each year including the Tour de Los Alamos road bicycle race, Run the Caldera ultra-marathon, Pajarito Punishment mountain bike race, Jemez Mountain trail runs, Los Alamos Triathlon, seasonal golf tournaments, and much more. In addition, Los Alamos borders the National Forest, with the San Pedro Parks Wilderness (average altitude over 10,000 ft) and the Dome Wilderness right next door.

NMDOT
The Park and Ride express bus service offers three lines of service directly to Los Alamos National Laboratory. The bus provides the opportunity to relax, work on your laptop, or connect with other LANL employees. Atomic City Transit (ATC) provides free bus service throughout the town, courtesy of Los Alamos County.

AVERAGE COMMUTE
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NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Los Alamos County, together with its local partners, offers a variety of options for both personal and professional opportunities for people relocating to Los Alamos. At the forefront is the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation (LACDC), playing an important role in the development of the local business community.

Other networking options include:

- **projectY Co-work Los Alamos** hosts a collaborative co-working space that is the first of its kind in NM.

- **Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce** facilitates connections by advocating for economic initiatives to improve the community, and helping members be visible through networking initiatives.

- **MainStreet program** produces and supports downtown events and redevelopment initiatives throughout town.

- **Meeting & Visitor Bureau** assists tourists and visitors, and helps businesses and attractions promote themselves.

- **Various school programs and social organizations** for young families; more than 20 houses of worship; and multiple organized sports programs for children and adults.

In addition, Los Alamos collaborates with the following organizations in and associated with Los Alamos National Laboratory to build, strengthen and diversify our economy:

- **Richard P. Feynman Center for Innovation**
- **New Mexico Consortium**
- **Regional Coalition of LANL Communities**
- **Community Partners Program Office**

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**LOS ALAMOS**

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40% of LANL employees live in Los Alamos County

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Los Alamos was built on the Pajarito Plateau between White Rock Canyon and the Valles Caldera. The area was inhabited by indigenous people and homesteaders, and eventually became home to the Boys’ Ranch School, which eventually closed when the U.S. government chose the area for the Manhattan Project during WWII.

The Bradbury Science Museum offers a glimpse into the birth of the Manhattan Project. The newly renovated and interactive Los Alamos History Museum, nearby Fuller Lodge, and its historical campus downtown gives visitors a chance to experience Los Alamos in the 1940s.
In the late 16th century, the Spanish began colonizing the southwest, and forcefully converted many Pueblos to Christianity. In the late 17th century, lead by Popé of Ohkay Owingeh, the Pueblo people united and succeeded in destroying the mission system of the Spanish. The revolt itself was an act determined to reject the civilization imposed upon the Pueblos, as it posed a direct threat to their own religion and culture. Historians say the Ohkay Owingeh fought only to repel the Spanish, and did not want to be at war.

It was the only successful native mutiny against a colonizing power in North America. Following the iconic revolt, the Pueblos began to re-learn and institute their traditions, enduring years of cultural revival. Many Pueblo people were able to maintain aspects of their cultural heritage and languages that are still in practice and existence today.
Spread across the landscape of Northern New Mexico are many sovereign tribal nations. Directly bordering LANL is San Ildefonso Pueblo, while Jemez, Cochiti, and the ‘Eight Northern Pueblos’ make up nearby indigenous nations. The Eight Northern Pueblos are made up of Ohkay Owingeh, Nambé, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Taos, and Tesuque Pueblos, sprinkled across the region. Each sovereign tribal entity manages their own governmental affairs and has self-determination over their peoples and communities.

Each of the Pueblos are open to the public on Feast Days, where visitors are invited to join in on the cultural activities of the day, often involving dancing, food and spiritual celebration. These cultural experiences happen throughout the calendar year, though photos are typically not permitted.

**TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN THE REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES**

Jemez Pueblo and Ohkay Owingeh are active members in navigating LANL affairs through the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, and invite all LANL employees to their feast days.

Ohkay Owingeh means “Place of the Strong People” and is one of the largest Tewa-speaking pueblos. It is home to the Eight Northern Pueblos Council, a non-profit organization providing health services, education, economic programs, food services, and beyond, to communities of the Council. The Oke-Oweenge Crafts Cooperative exhibits the work across each of the eight pueblos, while Ohkay Owingeh specializes in painting, redware pottery, and weaving. Ohkay Owingeh’s annual feast day is June 24.

As stated before, Jemez Pueblo is open to visitors on feast days and their beautiful Walatowa Visitor Center (7413 Hwy 4, Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico 87024) is opened daily from 8:00a-5:00p, just an hour from LANL. Walatowa (Towa for ‘this is THE place’) is host to a nature walk, cultural displays, educational photography, traditional Jemez architecture, and a gift shop.

The nearby Jemez Red Rocks recreation area provides the opportunity to taste traditional Native American foods and view and purchase arts and crafts. The Jemez State Monument and nearby tribal village of Giusewa holds the remains of an early 17th-century mission complex rich in both Native American and Spanish colonial history. Artisans of Jemez are famous for stunning pottery, jewelry, baskets, woven pieces, sculpture and more. Jemez pottery is recognized by its use of sgraffito, a skilled technique where designs are made by revealing the many layers of the pottery.
# JANUARY

**1ST**

Transfer of Canes to New Tribal Officials: Dances at most Pueblos

**Taos:** Turtle Dance

**Santo Domingo:** Corn Dance

**Jemez:** Matachines Dance

**Picuris:** Various Dances

**Ohkay Owingeh:** Cloud or Basket Dance

**6TH**

King’s Day Celebration Honoring New Pueblo | Tribal Officials: Most Pueblos open to public

**Picuris:** Various Dances

**Nambe:** Buffalo, Deer & Antelope Dances

**Sandia:** Various Dances

**Santa Ana:** Various Dances

**Santo Domingo:** Various Dances

**Taos:** Deer & Buffalo Dances

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## JANUARY

**22ND**

**San Ildefonso:** Vespers with firelight procession

**23RD**

**St. Ildefonsus Feast Day:** San Ildefonso Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Buffalo, Comanche & Deer Dances

**25TH**

**St. Paul’s Feast Day:** Picuris Pueblo & Ohkay Owingeh, Various Dances

**28TH**

**Santa Clara:** Holy Innocents Day, Children’s dances

**FEBRUARY**

**2ND**

**Picuris:** Candelaria Day Celebration Dances

**San Felipe:** Candelaria Day Celebration Dances

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## MARCH

**19TH**

**TAOS PUEBLO’S ANNUAL CLOSURE IS IN MARCH.**

**St. Joseph’s Feast Day:** Laguna Pueblo (Old Laguna), Harvest Dance & Various Dances

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## APRIL

**EASTER WEEKEND**

**VARIOUS DANCES AT MOST PUEBLOS**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Nambe:** Bow & Arrow Dance after Mass

**Zia:** Various Dances

**Jemez:** Corn Dance

**Picuris:** Various Dances

**San Ildefonso:** SUN & MON: Various Dances

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## MAY

**1ST**

**St. Phillip Feast Day:** San Felipe Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Corn Dance.

**Santa Maria Feast Day:** Acoma Pueblo, Feast Day

**3RD**

**Santa Cruz Feast Day:** Taos Pueblo, Blessing of the Fields & Corn Dance

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## JUNE

**13TH**

**San Ildefonso:** St. Anthony’s Feast Day

**Sandia:** Annual Feast Day
Taos:
San Antonio Feast Day and Corn Dance

Ohkay Owingeh:
San Antonio Feast Day and Corn Dances

Santa Clara:
Comanche Dance

Picuris:
Children’s Foot Race

**24 TH**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY**

Ohkay Owingeh:
Annual Feast Day

Taos:
Corn Dance

**29 TH**

**ST. ANNE FEAST DAY**

Santa Ana:
Annual Feast Day

Taos:
Various Dances

Laguna:
Harvest & Various Dances at Seama Village

**AUGUST**

**2 ND**

Persingula Feast Day:
Jemez Pueblo, Annual Feast Day

**4 TH**

St. Dominic Feast Day:
Santo Domingo Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Corn Dances.

**9 TH**

Picuris:
San Lorenzo Mass & Sunset Dances

**10 TH**

**ANNIVERSARY OF PUEBLO REVOLT OF 1680**

**SAN LORENZO FEAST DAY**

**25 TH**

**SANTIAGO FEAST DAY**

Taos & San Ildefonso Pueblos, Corn Dance

**26 TH**

**ST. ANNE FEAST DAY**

Santa Ana:
Annual Feast Day

Taos:
Various Dances

**12 TH**

**SANTA CLARA FEAST DAY**

Santa Clara Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Buffalo, Harvest or Corn Dance.

**15 TH**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER FEAST DAY**

Zia:
Annual Feast Day, Corn Dances

Laguna:
Harvest & Other Dances, Mesita Village

**28 TH**

**ST. AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY**

Isleta Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Morning Mass, Procession, Various Dances.

**SEPTEMBER**

**LABOR DAY**

**SANTO DOMINGO**

Annual Arts & Crafts Market

**2 ND**

**SAN ESTEVAN FEAST DAY**

Acoma Pueblo Sky City, Annual Feast Day. Harvest Dance.

**4 TH**

**ST. AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY**

Isleta Pueblo, Harvest Dance

**8 TH**

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN FEAST DAY**

Laguna:
Village of Encinal, Harvest & Social Dances

San Ildefonso:
Corn Dance

**19 TH**

**ST. JOSEPH’S FEAST DAY**

Laguna Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Buffalo, Eagle & Social Dances at Old Laguna

**25 TH**

**ST. ELIZABETH FEAST DAY**

Laguna Pueblo, Village of Paguate. Harvest & Social Dances.

**29 TH**

**SAN GERONIMO EVE**

Taos Pueblo, Vespers & Sundown Dance

**30 TH**

**SAN GERONIMO FEAST DAY**

Taos Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Art Fair, Ceremonial Foot Races & Pole Climb.
**OCTOBER**

**4TH**

*St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day:*
Nambe Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Buffalo & Deer Dances.

**17TH**

*St. Margaret Mary’s Feast Day:*
Laguna Pueblo, Village of Paraje. Harvest & Social Dances.

**NOVEMBER**

**12TH**

*San Diego Feast Day:*

**THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

*Zuni:*
Christmas Light Parade

Sky City Annual Indian Arts & Crafts Show & Auction

**DECEMBER**

**11TH**

*Pojoaque:*
Vespers, Procession & Dances

**12TH**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day:*

*Jemez:*
Matachines Dances

**24TH**

*Christmas Eve Celebration:*
Dances.

*Acoma:*
Luminarias on display from Scenic View Point to Acoma “Sky City”

*Laguna:*
St. Joseph Mission, Old Laguna. Dances after 10PM Mass

*Nambe:*
Buffalo Dances after Mass

*Ohkay Owingeh:*
Matachines Dance & Pine Torch Procession

*Picuris:*
Sundown Torchlight Procession of the Virgin Vespers, Mass Procession, Matachines & Various Dances before & after Mass

*San Ildefonso:*
Various Dances

*San Felipe:*
Dances after Midnight Mass

*San Ildefonso:*
Various Dances

**25TH - 27TH**

*Laguna:*
Old Laguna Village, 10AM Mass followed by Harvest Dance

**26TH**

*Ohkay Owingeh:*
Turtle Dance

**26TH - 28TH**

*Christmas Dances*

*Santo Domingo:*
Corn Dance.

**28TH**

*Holy Innocents Day:*
Picuris Pueblo, Children’s Dances.

Please contact each Pueblo directly for more details.

**FEAST DAY TIPS**

It is a great privilege and honor to attend a Native American feast day in one of New Mexico’s 19 pueblos, seeing into the incredible traditions, customs and religion of each pueblo entity.

During the weeks and days leading up to these festivals, members of the pueblo communities prepare bountiful meals to share with fellow tribal members and guests, and often prepare specific dances that honor distinct segments of indigenous life.

If you’re planning to attend, please note that many feast day activities start and finish at times determined by the nature and sequence of events that must take place, so please be prepared to be flexible with timing. Tribal dances are religious ceremonies, not public performances. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center recommends that visitors “call ahead to find out if there are fees associated” with visits to each pueblo. Most commercial sales require cash exchange, so please bring some if you plan to make purchases.

Many Pueblos require special permission or a permit to photograph, sketch, or paint on location. Some Pueblos prohibit photography at all times, and cameras and film can be confiscated. The carrying or use of alcohol and drugs on the Pueblos is strictly prohibited, and silence is mandatory during all dances and ceremonies. Observe all signage indicating off limits while visiting a Pueblo, and enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience.
Located in the heart of Northern New Mexico between the Sangre de Cristos and Jemez Mountain ranges, the Española Valley is a diverse place, made of three predominant cultures: Indian, Spanish, and Anglo.

Along the confluence of the Rio Grande and Chama rivers, Española serves as the gateway to Northern Rio Arriba and Taos Counties, representing a region rich in tradition and values, with a cultural facade encompassing many centuries of history.

It was established as the first ‘New World’ capital roughly 400 years ago, and has been defined by diversity and cultural mobility, boasting everything from the railroad, lowrider cars, and exquisite New Mexican cuisine.

The remainder of Rio Arriba County offers landscapes that inspired great artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, incomparable outdoor activities, and the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad. Deep Hispanic and Native family roots coexist easily with contemporary values and practices, giving the City of Española and Rio Arriba County a very distinct and unique personality.
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**NATURAL BEAUTY**
- Abiquiu Lake
- Chama River
- Echo amphitheatre
- Jicarilla Apache Reservation
- Puye Cliff Dwellings
- Ghost Ranch
- Tierra Amarilla & Brazos Cliffs

**EXTRAS**
- Lower cost of living
- Access to Santa Fe, Taos, villages and Pueblos from Española
- The area’s dedication to heritage and culture make it a food lover’s mecca. New Mexican cuisine is the best in the state, with a variety of options.
The surrounding countryside of the España Valley and the Chama River region offer scenic and diverse sites for those who appreciate culture amidst the beautiful valleys and trails of the high mountain country. The area’s highlights include the Puye Cliff Dwellings, an enjoyable and lesser-known ancestral pueblo site, with some hiking required to see the cliff dwellings. The Puye Cliffs are ancestral sites to the local Tewa pueblos after their abandonment of the site in the early 1500s.

Other community features include the Plaza de España which has two museums: the Bond House Museum, which was originally the home of Frank Bond, an expert falconer, state senator, and attorney in the early 1900s, and the Misión Museum, which is a replica of a Spanish church originally built in San Gabriel in 1598.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area has two campgrounds, fishing areas, miles of hiking trails, and boat ramps leading into the lake for motorized and non-motorized boating. Abiquiu, El Vado, and Heron Lakes to the north offer a great diversity of additional nature activities, including swimming, cliff jumping and boating. The nearby Black Mesa Golf Club offers a beautiful course in the desert with excellent views and challenging play for all. Finally, a ride on the scenic Cumbres and Toltec Railroad through spectacular steep mountain canyons, high desert, and lush meadows should not be missed.
**NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

Northern New Mexico College, with campuses in Española and El Rito, and the New Mexico Highlands University in Española, create a vibrant atmosphere for educational engagement, entrepreneurial, and economic development. The Small Business Development Center at Northern New Mexico University hosts workshops and other events, creating opportunities for the community. Furthermore, the Valley Entrepreneurial Network hosts monthly meetings, creating networking opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes, including growing and thriving businesses looking to expand and locate in the valley.

Through their Economic Development Department, The City of Española and Rio Arriba County support a vibrant entrepreneurial and business community, and are available to work with anyone who is thinking of building business or exploring business opportunities in the valley.

**HISTORY**

The Española area of Rio Arriba County is most well known as the first European-founded capital of the “New World,” explored in 1598 by Don Juan de Oñate, who declared the area a new foreign capital for Spain. Oñate developed this Spanish settlement in an area already inhabited by the diverse indigenous descendants of the Anasazi, a group with more than 4,000 years of history in northern New Mexico. This settlement became roots for many of the families in the region with Native and Spanish roots inhabiting today. Española became a city in the 1880s as a stop on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. The official state capitol was moved to Santa Fe in 1851.

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The RDC is a not-for-profit economic development entity. Principal service areas are Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Taos, San Miguel, Mora and Sandoval counties.

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The City Different has more than 400 restaurants that range from fine dining to uber-casual, and the scene continues to blossom with restaurants embracing artisan and farm-to-table craft foods and beverages. Santa Fe has a world-class, award-winning year-round Farmers Market and superb cooking classes where travelers can learn the secrets from local chefs, among many other assets that will dazzle any palate.
Santa Fe, “The City Different,” has a long-standing reputation as a great place to visit and live. In addition to serving as the state capital, the city’s industries primarily include art, tourism, construction, education, health care, and real estate development. Located at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the city’s climate and cultural attractions make it ideal for outdoor enthusiasts, art, and history buffs. The city’s diverse economy, moderate climate, and great quality of life make Santa Fe an excellent place to do business, raise children, or enjoy retirement in a stimulating cultural environment. With a population of 83,000, the city has a remarkable history and a small-town charm, combined with the sophistication of a world-class destination.

Santa Fe appeals to people who love history, arts, and cultural activities. Residents enjoy the benefits of a healthy economy, high quality healthcare, good schools, an abundance of retail shopping, and numerous cultural and entertainment events. Santa Fe features four distinct seasons, making it ideal for residents who enjoy outdoor sports, especially skiing, hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, hunting, and river rafting.
With over 100 galleries and more restaurants per capita than many major cities, Santa Fe’s art and food scenes are world famous.

• 30+ Bars, breweries, distilleries, & tasting rooms
• 30 miles of hiking on Atalaya & Dale Ball Trails

The Park and Ride express bus service offers three lines of service directly to Los Alamos National Laboratory. The bus provides the opportunity to relax, work on your laptop, or connect with other Lab employees.

• Extensive trails in Santa Fe National Forest
• Ski Santa Fe
• Santa Fe Municipal Airport
• Multiple Golf Courses and Country Clubs
Santa Fe is one of the top art markets in the country and has over 200 galleries and more than 14 museums, including the Museum of International Folk Art, the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, SITE Santa Fe, and the New Mexico History Museum. The latest addition to the art scene, Meow Wolf, opened in 2016 to rave reviews as a 21st century immersive art experience that houses evolving exhibitions and a music venue.

Every summer, the Santa Fe Opera hosts world renowned performances in its unique location on a hilltop just north of the city. Santa Fe’s unsurpassed Indian Market, Spanish Market, and Folk Art Market attract some of the greatest artistic talent from all over the world.

Santa Fe’s culinary scene boasts an excellent reputation with New Mexican regional cuisine at the heart of some of its best meals, highlighting the locally grown basic ingredients: chile, corn, and beans. The Railyard’s bi-weekly Farmers’ Market supplies local restaurants and families with the finest produce in the region. Santa Fe has an abundance of outdoor activities including access to hundreds of miles of hiking trails, the Santa Fe National Forest, mountain biking trails, Ski Santa Fe, and much, much more!

Santa Fe Railyard festivals and Farmers’ Markets take place year-round.
Photo courtesy of Tourism Santa Fe
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Santa Fe has a variety of networking opportunities throughout the year, bringing together seasoned professionals and nascent start ups in a mutually beneficial environment, maintained by the collaboration of the organizations listed below.

- **MIX Santa Fe** connects community members through crowd-sourced, data-driven engagement activities at networking events each year, plus bizMIX, an annual startup competition.

- **The Santa Fe Community College** teaches students how to cook, become a painter, explore green technologies! The SFCC has hundreds of diverse classes for people of all ages.

- **The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce** provides networking opportunities for businesses large and small in Santa Fe.

- **Meetups in Santa Fe** hosted on meetup.com, the City of Santa Fe has numerous and varied meet up groups that appeal to a wide audience.

- **The Santa Fe Business Incubator** helps local entrepreneurs grow successful businesses.

HISTORY

*Santa Fe is the oldest capital city in North America and the oldest European settlement west of the Mississippi. It was settled by the conquistador Don Pedro de Peralta in 1609-1610, and has been the state capital since 1912.*

*Today, Santa Fe is recognized as one of the most intriguing urban environments in the nation, due largely to the city’s preservation of historic buildings and a modern zoning code. Passed in 1958, the code mandates the city’s distinctive Spanish-Pueblo style of architecture, based on the adobe (mud and straw) and wood construction.*

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Adrianna Bustos (left), Computer Systems Technician, LANL IT Help Desk, and her partner Rosy Bustos
Winter fireworks light up Taos Ski Valley. Various festivals and celebrations occur year round.

Photo courtesy of Taos Department of Tourism
Taos is the gem of Northern New Mexico. It is located just 135 miles from Albuquerque’s International Sunport, and is a scenic and enjoyable, 90-minute drive from Los Alamos. The town is situated on rolling mesa lands below the highest points of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range, sitting at close to 7,000 feet elevation and home to more than 5,700 full-time residents, or Taoseños.

The friendly, laid back atmosphere of Taos is inviting to all visitors and new residents. Having a large mix of cultures influenced by Native American heritage, Spanish settlers, 1960’s hippie culture, and others, the area enjoys many activities that blend all of these influences into a unique experience. The town’s attractions range from world-class skiing, to gallery hopping, to music festivals.

“If you happen to be in Taos for the magic event of snowfall, you are likely to be enjoying the heck out of things for about a week. We aren’t on the beaten path... a lot of folks think they need a passport and some shots to visit Taos. Shots yes, passport no. You can’t ski out Taos Ski Valley in a day or a week or a season.”

—Dave Hahn, Taos Ski Patroller, Mountain Guide with 14 summits of Everest, 20 summits of Denali, 30 summits of Vinson Massif in Antarctica
QUALITY OF LIFE

- Living in Taos is a stunning opportunity to tap into the highest quality of life in the high desert. It is home to the country’s oldest, continuously inhabited pueblo community of Taos Pueblo.

- It also has the honor of hosting New Mexico’s newest national monument, and the highest mountain peak in the state. World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking is accessible year-round and in a plethora of areas.

- Motorists enjoy the region’s celebrated scenic drives, including the ‘Enchanted Circle’ and the ‘High Road’ from Santa Fe to Taos.

- The area also boasts ample off road trails for quad and dirt biking, on adventure-filled, stunning rides that crisscross the backcountry. Golf Digest’s four-star rated Taos Country Club Championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views.

- Other treasured jewels of Taos living include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, the historical downtown plaza, “El Corazon de Taos,” as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Taos has diverse networking opportunities for a city of its size.

- The County Chamber of Commerce hosts monthly networking events on the second Thursday of each month, May through September at various locations throughout the city.

- Taos’ Entrepreneurial Network provides professional services to business owners of all levels, and meets every third Tuesday of the month at KTAOS.

- Taos Arts Council Artist Network holds different events throughout the month promoting awareness, understanding, appreciation and development of all of the Creative Arts in Taos.

- The University of New Mexico’s Taos campus offers a diversity of classes for continued education and new and exciting topics. A variety of artistic, athletic and entrepreneurial expressive opportunities abound.

Spectacular hollyhocks, a NM tradition, light up buildings all around Northern New Mexico. Photo courtesy of Taos Department of Tourism.
TAOS

32,883

$50,076

POPULATION

AVERAGE INCOME

$732

AVERAGE RENTAL COST

$1,250

AVERAGE MONTHLY MORTGAGE

$221,000

AVERAGE HOME COST

2% OF LANL EMPLOYEES LIVE IN TAOS COUNTY

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Incorporated on May 7, 1934, the Town of Taos has a proud history. The first European visitors date back to 1540, with an expedition led by Captain Hernando Alvarado. However, the valley has been continuously inhabited since about 12,000 BC, with a storied journey along the way, including the 1680 revolt against the Spanish settlers by the pueblos in the area.

Taos is now a community overflowing with a long, proud history, of a diversity of cultures living side-by-side, and a heritage of lively people. This combination makes Taos a very interesting and desirable place to live and do business.

5 MILES
• Hundreds of miles of hiking trails in Taos County’s mountain and high-mesa country
• For a small town, Taos has its share of live music venues (5) and lively bars (15).

NATURAL BEAUTY
• Hot springs, Rio Grande Gorge, Rafting, Scenic drives—High Road to Taos

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