

New Mexico Rule for Small Numbers and Public Data Release

<u>Specified population/ Event set*</u>		<u>Numerator</u>	<u>Action</u>
<20	AND	1-3	Suppress (and suppress other cells allowing calculation of 1-3)
>=20		all	Release

*Event set – the set of which the numerator is an immediate subset

Percentages or rates that can be used to determine the value of suppressed cells must also be suppressed.

These guidelines do not relieve the data user of the responsibility to be aware of the confidentiality issues regarding the data and to appropriately present data.

Do not suppress the number of births or deaths at the state, district, or county levels presented by standard racial/ethnic groups, standard age groups, sex, prenatal care, birth weight categories, birth order, plurality, total anomalies, marital status, or NCHS standard 113 cause of death categories.

Survey Data

If the number of persons surveyed in a given population or subpopulation is 50 or greater then estimates based on this surveyed population or subpopulation will not be suppressed. It is recommended that confidence intervals for the estimate be presented.