



Farmington, NM



Farmington, New Mexico, is located at the junction of the Animus, San Juan, and LaPlata Rivers in an area known as the Four Corners due to its proximity to borders with Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. The Four Corners region is the traditional homeland of Native American tribes, including the Navajo Nation, Jicarilla Apache, Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Hopi whose reservations surround the city. Pioneers from Animas City in Colorado settled in this area in the mid-1870s and named their settlement Farmingtown, which was later shortened to Farmington.

Exhibits at the Farmington Museum cover the diverse history of the area's cultures and include traveling exhibits and national and regional juried arts shows. The Museum of Navajo Art & Culture is the newest facility of the Farmington Museum System and celebrates the vibrant art, culture, and history of the Diné (Navajo) people. Displays include a collection of Navajo weavings. E3 Children's Museum & Science Center offers hands-on, science-related activities in the main gallery and special programs are scheduled throughout the year.

With live musical and theater performances offered at numerous venues, Farmington offers many opportunities for entertainment. Farmington Civic Center hosts concerts, plays and performances throughout the year. The beautiful natural sandstone amphitheater at Farmington's Lions Wilderness Park is home to outdoor theater in the summer and the Heather McGaughey Children's Theatre. San Juan Symphony presents 4 concerts each season at the Henderson Fine Arts Center Performance Hall at San Juan College. San Juan College also sponsors the Performing Arts Series each year. Theater Ensemble Arts, Inc. is a local theater group that provides multicultural performances.

Neighborhoods

Downtown Farmington is primarily a commercial district.

The San Juan Country Club Estates neighborhood on the east side of Farmington offers homes built in clusters within a golf course. The first phase of the neighborhood was developed in the 1980s and the second since the mid-2000s. The neighborhood features large, custom-built homes in the Spanish style with pitched tile or flat roofs and stucco exteriors. Lots are also available for new construction. The neighborhood is also lush with desert xeriscape landscaping.

Many houses in the Foothills neighborhood were built on large lots with desert xeriscape landscaping. Both single-story rancher and two-story homes are available primarily in the Spanish style with flat or tile roofs and stucco exteriors.

The Sunrise neighborhood features large, two-story, contemporary-style homes with flat roofs and stucco exteriors on smaller lots. Most of the homes were built between the 1980s and early 2000s. A newer section includes ranch-style homes built since 2010.

Parks and Recreation

Farmington has 73 parks and recreation areas. Amenities include playgrounds and play areas; athletic fields; exercise courses; trails; indoor facilities; horseshoe, tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts; golf facilities; swimming pools; skateparks; a disc golf course; and dog parks.

Located along the Animas River, Animas and Berg Parks offer many recreational opportunities. Animas River Whitewater Park is popular for rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and tubing depending on the season. Eight miles of trails along the river are available for walking, running, and biking. Large windows in the Riverside Nature Center overlook a wetland where food and water attract wildlife and provide an observation area for bird

and animal watching. The center also features the plants and animals of the riverside with emphasis on historic uses and ecosystems, and herb and xeriscape demonstration gardens are located adjacent to the facility. Veterans Memorial Plaza is located within the park.

Farmington's Ricketts Park is the home of the Connie Mack World Series, which is comprised of 17 baseball teams of talented players aged 16 to 18 from across the United States.

Lake Farmington offers opportunities for fishing, boating in nonmotorized watercraft, and swimming.

Chokecherry Canyon, Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area, and Head Canyon offer off-road recreation vehicle enthusiasts thousands of acres of public land with sandy arroyos, large sand dunes, steep hills, miles of trails, and challenging slick rock for rock crawling.

The Four Corners region is rich with Native American history, National Parks, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Aztec Ruins National Monument offers an opportunity to explore ancient ruins built by the ancient Ancestral Puebloans in the 1100s. Ceremonial, public, and storage structures as well as the "Great Kiva" the oldest and largest reconstructed Kiva in North America are featured. Chaco Culture National Historical Park, also known as Chaco Canyon, was the center of the ancestral Puebloan culture from AD 850 to 1200 and is the largest excavated prehistoric ruins in North America. The park reveals Chacoan great houses, kivas, rock art, and stunning vistas. Dinétah is the traditional homeland of the Navajo people. The region is full of Ancestral Puebloan (Anasazi), Navajo rock art, and small Navajo ruins called pueblitos, which is Spanish for "little pueblos."

The Road Apple Rally is a mountain bike race held in annually October.

Four casinos are located in the area: Northern Edge Navajo Casino, SunRay Park & Casino, Sky Ute Casino, and Ute Mountain Casino Hotel and RV Park.

Education

Farmington Municipal Schools educate over 11,500 students in 10 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, and 4 high schools. Students may also enroll in the New Mexico Virtual Academy for grades 6 through 12.

Higher education is available at San Juan College, a comprehensive community college that offers hundreds of two-year degree and certificate programs, noncredit community learning classes, and workforce training. In addition, the college partners with state universities to offer both bachelor's and master's degrees on campus.

Health Care

Farmington is served by the following health care facilities:

San Juan Regional Medical Center: 194 licensed beds

San Juan Regional Rehabilitation Hospital Inc: 16 licensed beds

City Stats

	2016
City Population	45,748
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	115,079
Per Capita Personal Income, Farmington, NM MSA	\$38,007