

Climate Change - New Mexico is on the Frontlines

We need a 100% clean economy and that starts right here in New Mexico.

Climate change is not a distant threat. It's impacting New Mexico's economy, our forests and business infrastructure, and our health. We're seeing **104,000 more acres burned on average than five years ago**, more widespread **summer drought**. And with record-breaking heat waves, **New Mexico summers are warming faster than any state in the country.**

If we don't act, things will get much worse. By 2050 in New Mexico:

- There will be twice as many dangerous heat days.
- The severity of summer drought will increase by 70%.
- There will be 25 additional high wildfire potential days, the 3rd highest increase in the country.

100% Clean is 100% Achievable. If we're serious about beating climate change, we need to be fully committed to a **100% clean economy**. The U.S. must stop adding climate pollution to the atmosphere -- producing no more climate pollution than we can remove by 2050. **It's an ambitious goal. But it's achievable if we start now. There's no time to waste.**



Across the United States, we're already making progress. Solar power in the U.S. is nearly 90% [cheaper](#) than it was a decade ago. Wind power is almost 70% cheaper. Electricity from renewables is now [cheaper](#) than power from 75% of U.S. coal plants. Strategies to remove climate pollution are gaining ground. More than 4 million Americans already [work](#) in wind, solar, energy efficiency and other clean energy jobs. [More Americans work in solar](#) alone than in coal and oil and gas powered electricity generation combined.

We're seeing clean energy success in New Mexico

- Under Governor Lujan Grisham's leadership, New Mexico is requiring electricity producers to be [carbon free by 2050](#), taking action to cut oil and gas methane emissions and mandating aggressive economy-wide carbon pollution cuts.
- New Mexico set a new residential [solar panel installation record in 2019](#).
- Solar energy prices in the state have [dropped 47% over the past five years](#).

As climate pollution continues to increase, we need bold action from Congress to create a 100% clean economy.

Here's what you can do to help grow a 100% clean economy:

Contact your elected officials: They need to know you support a 100% clean economy.

Join Defend Our Future at defendourfuture.org: We'll help you get involved.

Talk to your employer: Check out Defend Our Future's [guide](#) to corporate engagement to find out how your voice can be the tipping point that helps companies raise their ambition on climate.

Hold an event: Get your friends together and spread the word. Check out this [guide](#)