

# A COMMUNITY VISION AND ASSESSMENT

## Community Vision Statement:

The Mescalero Community Library will be the primary information center for community members of all ages. The library will provide current collections, online resources, customized services, trained staff and specially designed programs to meet the reading, research and lifelong learning needs of all community members. The library will develop integral relations with businesses, government and Tribal entities in our community to be an invaluable resource for improving the quality of life in Mescalero.

## Community Assessment

- How many people live in your community?  
Mescalero has total population of 5,085 tribal members, with a total of 2,580 members residing on the reservation. Outside service population of 383 users for the Library.

How is this projected to be different in 5 years?

Projected 3% increase of service population by the year 2020.

- Other people living in your community, what percent are:

Age	5 years ago	Now	In 5 years
Less than 5 years old	3%	11%	3%
5-13	6%	9%	6%
14-18	24%	25%	5%
19-21	22%	23%	5%
22-65	23%	31%	6%
65 and older	20%	21%	1%

- Single Family Households. How Many?

Five years ago:	12%
Now:	80%
Projected in five years:	9%

Statistics retrieved from [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) on Jan2017

- What languages are spoken in the homes of the people in your community?  
Predominate English speakers with 3% fluent Apache speakers.
- What ethnic groups are represented in your community?  
American Indian 92%, Hispanic 4%, Anglo 4%
- Who are your community's three largest employers? What do they do? How many people do they employ? How is this likely to be different in 5 years?

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Largest:</b>		Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & casino
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	Employs how many people:	1300
	What do they make/do?	Entertainment and dining
	In five years:	Expansion with increased employment
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Largest:</b>		Mescalero Apache Tribe
	Employs how many people:	800
	What do they make/do?	Daily operations of tribal affairs
	In five years:	Increased employment
	Employs how many people:	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Largest:</b>		Mescalero Apache School
	Employs how many people:	125
	What do they make/do?	BIA School Pre-k thru 12 grade
	In five years:	Expansion with increased student population and employment

8. What are the major industries in your community (if different from major employers listed above)? What do they do? How many people do they employ? How is this likely to be different in 5 years?

<b>Name:</b>		
	Employees how many people:	
	What do they make/do?	
	In 5 years:	
<b>Name:</b>		
	Employees how many people:	
	What do they make/do?	
	In 5 years:	

9. What percentage of your community is unemployed?  
8.7% unemployment rate.
10. What is the median family income in your community?  
Median income \$29,000
11. What percent of the families in your community have incomes that are below the poverty line? Below poverty 41% incomes.
12. Does your community's population change widely during different seasons? If yes, describe those shifts.

What seasons:

+/- how many people:

13. Where do people in your community get their information? Place a check mark by each source of information available locally. Then indicate how many of each of the information sources are available.

<b>Information Source</b>	<b>Available Locally</b>	<b>How Many</b>
Local Newspapers	X	2
Local Radio Stations	X	12
Local Television Stations	X	7
Bookstores		
Video Stores		
Music Stores		
Local Community Access Cable	X	2
Internet Service Providers (ISPs)	X	1
Other (community organizations, etc.)		

14. Which of the above provide information in languages other than English?
15. What other libraries are there in your community? Place a check mark by each type of library in your community and indicate how many of that type of library there are.

<b>Check</b>	<b>Type of Library</b>	<b>How Many</b>
X	Elementary School	1
X	Junior High/Middle School	1
X	High School	1
	Vocational Technical	
	Community College	
	College or University	
	Hospital/Medical	
	Law	
	Special	
X	Other	1

16. How many public and private schools are in your community? List the number of each type of school.

<b>Type of School</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Preschools	1 BIA	
Elementary Schools	1 BIA	
Middle/Junior High Schools	1 BIA	
High Schools	1 BIA	
Vocational/technical		
Community Colleges		

Colleges/Universities		
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17. Approximately how many home schooling families are there in your community?  
None

18. What percent of the people in your community age 25 and older have at least a high school diploma or a GED? (Note: this includes all technical school and college grads as well.)  
76% of our local people have at least a high school diploma.

19. How many social service providers are located in your community?

1 BIA Social Services

Service	Number
Nursing homes (extended care)	1
Day-care centers	3
Shelters/halfway houses/drug treatment centers	1
Youth and recreation centers	4
Others	

20. List (for small library communities or estimate the number (for larger communities) and types of the organizations in your community (service groups, clubs, etc.)

Organization Type	Number in Community
B & G Club	2
Drug Court	1
Four winds Treatment Center	1

**Date of Assessment:**

January 2017