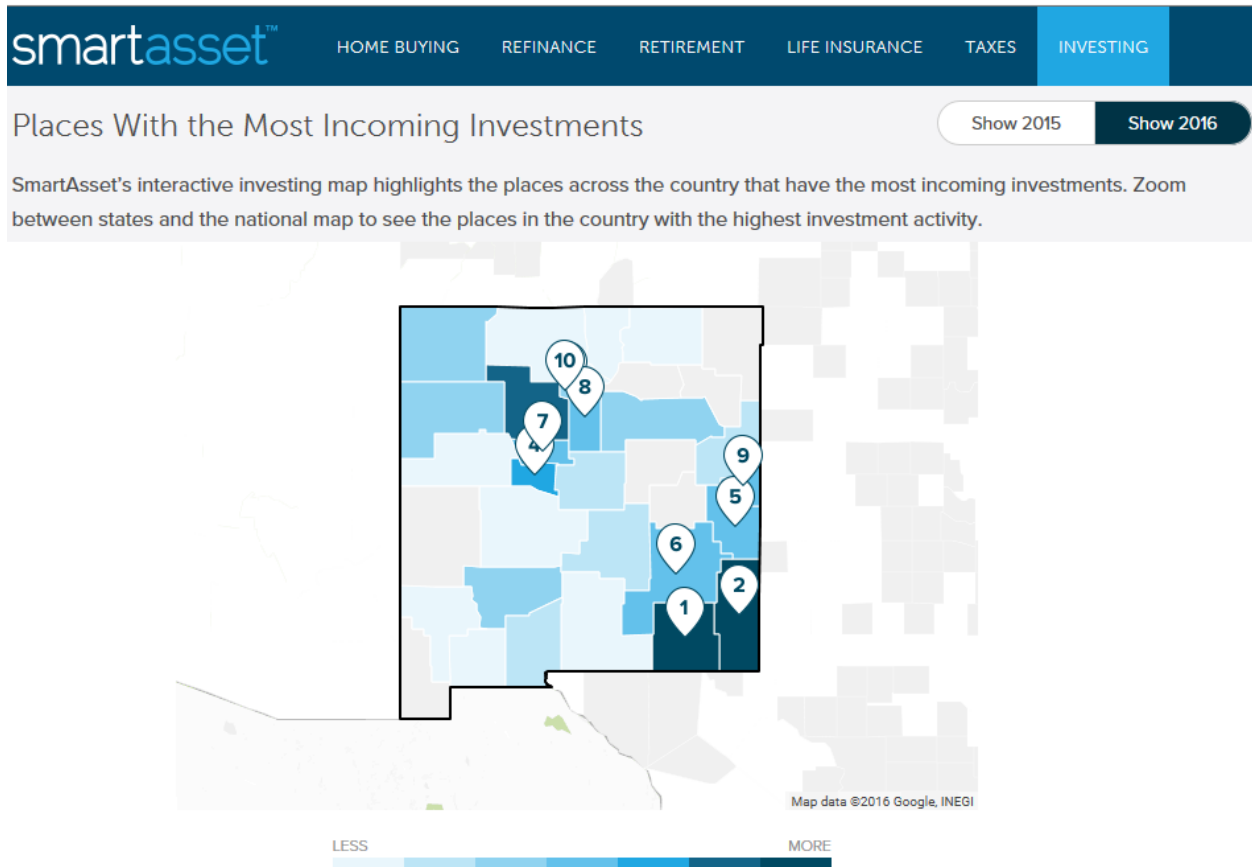


National Research Firm Study Shows Eddy County Tops

NM Business Growth List

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns Survey, U.S. Bureau Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau Building Permits Survey, Bloomberg



Rank	County	Business Growth	GDP Growth (\$ in millions)	New Building Permits (per 1,000 homes)	Municipal Bonds (per capita)	Business Growth Index
1	Eddy, NM	10.80%	\$68	11	\$1,603	45.18
2	Lea, NM	8.50%	\$84	16.8	\$4,808	42.56
3	Sandoval, NM	4.60%	\$82	17.2	\$348	38.05
4	Valencia, NM	2.50%	\$44	2.9	\$372	35.67
5	Roosevelt, NM	0.90%	\$17	3.6	\$1,530	33.81
6	Chaves, NM	0.50%	\$70	2.6	\$465	33.37
7	Bernalillo, NM	0.10%	\$772	4.5	\$2,592	32.91
8	Santa Fe, NM	-0.10%	\$231	1.5	\$41,125	32.73
9	Curry, NM	-0.20%	\$52	2.8	\$590	32.59
10	Los Alamos, NM	-1.10%	\$18	1.1	\$1,945	31.55
	NM	-1.60%	\$81	3.3	\$2,944	