

# New Mexico

## Federal Policies Have Cost New Mexico \$1.3 Billion over the Past Four Years

### Federal Policies Affect New Mexico Revenue and Spending Levels, 2002-2005

Cost to  
New Mexico

- *Federal Tax Changes:* Recently enacted federal tax cuts reduce state revenue directly. \$195 million
- *Remote Sales:* States cannot collect sales taxes on goods & services purchased over the Internet due to federal law and court decisions. \$592 million
- *Internet Access:* States are generally prohibited from applying tax to Internet access charges. \$0
- *Unfunded Mandates:* Federal government imposes responsibilities on states but provides insufficient funding. \$581 million
- *Medicare/Medicaid Dual Eligibles:* Increased use of prescription drugs shifts costs of health care for low-income elderly from federal Medicare program to state Medicaid programs. \$65 million
- *Federal Fiscal Relief:* Congress approved temporary grants in 2003. (\$136 million)

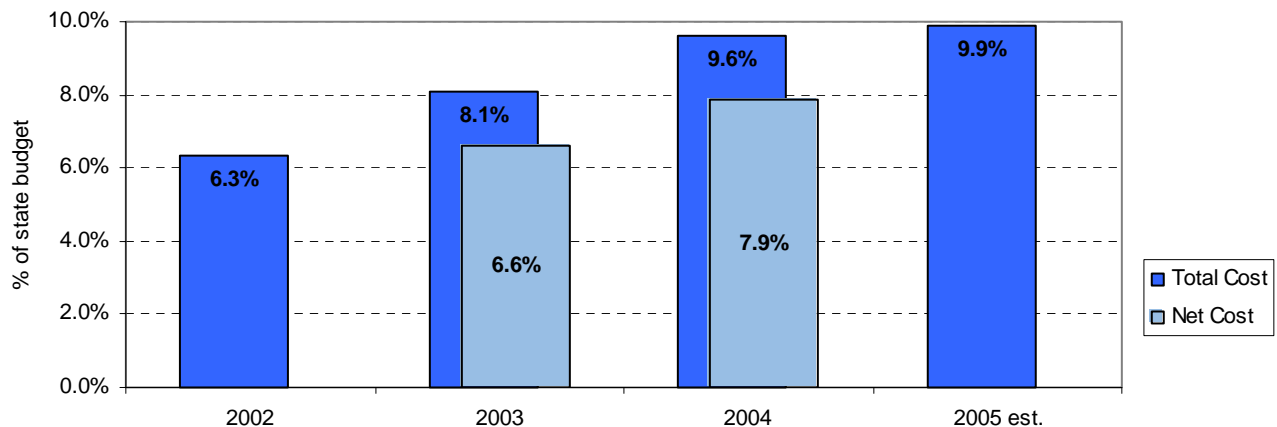
**TOTAL COST** (net of fiscal relief), 2002-2005: **\$1.3 billion**

### Federal Policies Have Worsened New Mexico's Fiscal Problems

Ranking among 50  
states plus D.C.

- Total cost as percent of General Fund budget (2002-2005): **8.5%** **24<sup>th</sup>**
- Net cost as percent of General Fund budget, including offsetting federal fiscal relief (2002-2005): **7.7%** **24<sup>th</sup>**

### Net Cost of Federal Policy to New Mexico as a Percentage of State General Fund Budget



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, *Passing Down the Deficit: Federal Policies Contribute to the Severity of the State Fiscal Crisis*, May 12, 2004.