

District of Columbia Demographics

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District of Columbia (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 89,226
- ❖ 13.3% of the district's ~ 670,000 people are foreign born
 - 50.3% naturalized citizens
 - 27% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 22.7% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 21.3% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 42.4% entered before 1999
 - 24.2% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 33.5% since 2010
- ❖ 26.1% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 90.2% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (September, 2023) and Lawful Permanent Resident estimates MPI and DHS (2022)*

District of Columbia– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2021)*

- ❖ Latin America – 41.5%
 - ❖ South America (11.1%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (10.3%)
 - ❖ Caribbean (10.2%)
 - ❖ El Salvador (9.8%)
- ❖ Asia –17.4%
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (7.3%)
 - ❖ South Central Asia (6.9%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (4.7%)
- ❖ Africa – 17.3%
 - ❖ Eastern Africa (8%)
 - ❖ Western Africa (5.3%)
- ❖ Europe – 15.6%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (4.5%)
 - ❖ Southern Europe (4.1%)
- ❖ Middle East – 5.8%
- ❖ Canada – 1.7%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.7%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 17.3% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 28.9% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (September, 2023)*

District of Columbia -Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (57,933)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (7,779)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (6,319)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (5,607)
- ❖ Arabic (2,414)
- ❖ German (2,273)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (2,151)
- ❖ Russian (2,111)
- ❖ Korean (1,797)
- ❖ Portuguese (1,792)
- ❖ Italian (1,776)
- ❖ Vietnamese (1,484)
- ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (1,361)
- ❖ Hindi (1,346)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (1,190)
- ❖ Japanese (1,029)
- ❖ Hebrew (803)

* Source <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/DC> (September, 2023)

District of Columbia -LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 20.9%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 37.2%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (52.8%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (50.3%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (37.8%)
 - ❖ Spanish (37.7%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino (36.4%)
 - ❖ Japanese (35.7%)
 - ❖ Korean (32.8%)
 - ❖ Arabic (28.7%)
 - ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari (22.8%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun (18.5%)
 - ❖ Italian (16%)

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