

South Dakota Demographics

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South Dakota (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 30,983
- ❖ 3.5% of the state's ~ 900 thousand people are foreign born
 - 47% naturalized citizens
 - 33% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 20% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 129.6% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 26.5% entered before 1999
 - 24.6% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 48.9% since 2010
- ❖ 7.8% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 80.2% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

South Dakota– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2021)*

- ❖ Asia – 39.1%
 - ❖ Philippines (8.2%)
 - ❖ Other Southeastern Asia (7.6%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (7.5%)
 - ❖ India (7.4%)
 - ❖ Other South Central Asia (5.4%)
- ❖ Latin America – 26.4%
 - ❖ Other Central America (11.9%)
 - ❖ Mexico (10%)
- ❖ Africa – 18.7%
 - ❖ Eastern Africa (9.4%)
- ❖ Europe – 11.3%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (5.8%)
- ❖ Middle East – 2.5%
- ❖ Canada – 1.7%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.4%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 6.4% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 35.5% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

South Dakota - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (17,785)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (8,727)
- ❖ German (4,912)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (2,708)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (2,547)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (1,605)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (1,398)
- ❖ Russian (1,225)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (955)
- ❖ Arabic (951)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (909)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (608)
- ❖ Korean (591)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (560)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (460)
- ❖ Vietnamese (422)
- ❖ Hindi (378)

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

South Dakota - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 24.4%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 41%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (44.6%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (39.8%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (39.6%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (38.4%)
 - ❖ Korean (36.9%)
 - ❖ Spanish (36.5%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (31.6%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (29.1%)
 - ❖ Russian (28%)
 - ❖ Arabic (23.9%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (22.3%)

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