

Utah Demographics

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Utah (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 278,336
- ❖ 8.3% of the state's ~ 3.3 million people are foreign born
 - 44.6% naturalized citizens
 - 31% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 24.4% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 75.4% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 42.7% entered before 1999
 - 25.3% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 32.1% since 2010
- ❖ 16.4% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 90.6% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 57%
 - ❖ Mexico (35.5%)
 - ❖ South America (13.5%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (6.4%)
- ❖ Asia – 18.7%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (8.3%)
 - ❖ South Central Asia (5.5%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (5.2%)
- ❖ Europe – 11%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (4.3%)
- ❖ Africa – 4.6%
- ❖ Oceania – 3.7%
- ❖ Canada – 2.6%
- ❖ Middle East – 2.4%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 15.3% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 41.5% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Utah - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (313,381)
- ❖ Portuguese (17,291)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (15,873)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (15,099)
- ❖ German (9,324)
- ❖ Vietnamese (8,435)
- ❖ Russian (7,791)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (7,790)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (7,507)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (7,292)
- ❖ Arabic (6,472)
- ❖ Japanese (5,497)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (4,710)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (3,710)
- ❖ Korean (3,576)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (3,300)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (2,706)

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

Utah - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 30.6%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 50.3%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (55.4%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (46.1%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (38.5%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (37.6%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (36.6%)
 - ❖ Japanese (34.9%)
 - ❖ Spanish (33.3%)
 - ❖ Native Languages of North America (31.4%)
 - ❖ Russian (26.4%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (20.2%)

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