New York Demographics

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New York (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 4,621,382
- 23.3% of the state's ~ 20.4 million people are foreign born
  - 59.4% naturalized citizens
  - 24% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 17% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 19.5% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 55.4% entered before 2000
  - 21.0% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 33.6% since 2010
- 37.5% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 62.5% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

*Source: Migration Policy Institute (MPI), Migration Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics," (April 2026).

New York– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2024)*

- Latin America – 48.5%
  - Other Caribbean (17.3%)
  - South America (14.1%)
  - Central America (11.6%)
  - Jamaica (5.0%)
- Asia – 27.2%
  - China/Taiwan (11.2%)
  - South Central Asia (10.1%)
- Europe – 14.4%
  - Eastern Europe (7.8%)
- Africa – 5.2%
- Middle East – 3.1%
- Canada –1.3%
- Oceania – 0.3%
- Language spoken
  - 31.6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 47.0% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

Source: MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics," (April, 2026)

New York-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (2,826,836)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (646,302)
- Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (244,264)
- Russian (209,622)
- Bengali (192,476)
- French (including Cajun) (134,665)
- Arabic (126,988)
- Italian (112,899)
- Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, and Other Languages of Western Africa (102,694)
- Korean (88,591)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (81,934)
- Urdu (78,008)
- Polish (74,746)
- Haitian (68,898)
- Hebrew (60,968)
- Hindi (58,486)
- Portuguese (48,595)

* Source: MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Language and Education," (April, 2026)

New York-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 38.9%
  - Noncitizens – 58.9%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (63.2%)
  - Russian (56.0%)
  - Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (52.3%)
  - Bengali (52.2%)
  - Korean (51.3%)
  - Spanish (46.0%)
  - Haitian (42.9%)
  - Arabic (42.1%)
  - Polish (41.5%)
  - Urdu (39.3%)
  - Italian (25.9%)

* Source: MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Language and Education," (April, 2026)