Rhode Island Demographics

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Rhode Island (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 174,869
- 15.7% of the state's ~ 1.1 million people are foreign born
  - 53.5% naturalized citizens
  - 18% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 29% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 46.6% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 39.7% entered before 2000
  - 18.2% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 42.1% since 2010
- 31.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 68.7% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

Rhode Island – Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2024)*

- Latin America – 52.0%
  - Caribbean (22.1%)
  - Central America (18.1%)
  - Colombia (3.4%)
- Europe – 13.9%
  - Portugal (6.5%)
- Asia – 13.6%
  - Southeastern Asia (6.6%)
  - South Central Asia (2.8%)
- Africa – 13.6%
  - Western Africa (10.9%)
- Middle East – 4.8%
- Canada – 1.8%
- Language spoken
  - 23.6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 50.9% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

Rhode Island - Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (150,135)
- Portuguese (33,142)
- French (including Cajun) (6,850)
- Arabic (6,092)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (5,885)
- Italian (4,777)
- Haitian (4,151)
- Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (3,925)
- Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (3,857)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (3,825)
- Khmer (2,414)
- Russian (1,794)
- Hindi (1,177)
- German (1,088)
- Polish (900)
- Armenian (886)
- Telugu (630)

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

Rhode Island - LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 40.2%
  - Noncitizens – 63.7%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (64.3%)
  - Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (59.0%)
  - Spanish (50.2%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (46.3%)
  - Haitian (40.4%)
  - Portuguese (38.2%)
  - Khmer (36.0%)
  - Russian (35.7%)
  - Italian (23.6%)
  - French (including Cajun) (7.6%)

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