

Kansas Demographics

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Kansas (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 201,911
- ❖ 6.9% of the state’s ~ 2.9 million people are foreign born
 - 44.3% naturalized citizens
 - 30% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 25.7% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 49.9% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 41.2% entered before 1999
 - 28.2% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 30.5% since 2010
- ❖ 15.1% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 89.5% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 54.3%
 - ❖ Mexico (40%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (9.7%)
- ❖ Asia – 26.7%
 - ❖ India (7.2%)
 - ❖ Other Southeastern Asia (5.7%)
 - ❖ Vietnam (5.2%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (5.2%)
- ❖ Europe – 7.6%
- ❖ Africa – 6.8%
 - ❖ Eastern Africa (4.8%)
- ❖ Middle East – 2.3%
- ❖ Canada – 1.5%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.8%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 11.6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 51.2% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Kansas-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (217,721)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (12,477)
- ❖ Vietnamese (11,516)
- ❖ German (8,230)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (5,493)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (4,786)
- ❖ Arabic (4,572)
- ❖ Telugu (4,105)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (3,472)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (3,254)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (2,996)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (2,953)
- ❖ Bengali (2,907)
- ❖ Korean (2,855)
- ❖ Punjabi (2,832)
- ❖ Russian (2,554)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or Other West Germanic Languages (2,433)

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

Kansas-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 42.1%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 58.4%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (58%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (56%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (52.6%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (50.9%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (46.7%)
 - ❖ Spanish (42.1%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (40.1%)
 - ❖ Korean (39.1%)
 - ❖ Russian (37%)
 - ❖ Punjabi (32.2%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (27.8%)

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