

Alabama Demographics

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Alabama (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 176,514
- ❖ 3.5% of the state’s ~ 5 million people are foreign born
 - ❖ 42.2% naturalized citizens
 - ❖ 26% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - ❖ 31.8% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- ❖ 101.1% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - ❖ 36.7% entered before 1999
 - ❖ 28.9% entered 2000 - 2009
 - ❖ 34.4% since 2010
- ❖ 8.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - ❖ 86.5% 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 (2021)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 49.1%
 - ❖ Mexico – 25.8%
 - ❖ Other Central America – 14.8%
 - ❖ South America – 5.4%
- ❖ Asia – 28%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia – 9.4%
 - ❖ Korea – 6.2%
 - ❖ India – 5.5%
 - ❖ Other Eastern Asia – 5.1%
- ❖ Europe – 13.2%
 - ❖ Western Europe – 4.7%
- ❖ Africa – 4.2%
- ❖ Canada – 3.2%
- ❖ Middle East – 1.8%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.3%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 5.1% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 43% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Alabama-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (156,656)
- ❖ Korean (11,940)
- ❖ Vietnamese (9,927)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (8,444)
- ❖ German (7,226)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (5,673)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (5,037)
- ❖ Arabic (4,564)
- ❖ Gujarati (2,708)
- ❖ Russian (2,558)
- ❖ Hindi (2,405)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (2,359)
- ❖ Japanese (2,152)
- ❖ Portuguese (2,081)
- ❖ Telugu (1,584)
- ❖ Italian (1,465)
- ❖ Urdu (1,333)
- ❖ Bengali (1,214)

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

Alabama-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 25.7%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 55.8%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Korean (64.5%)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (54.4%)
 - ❖ Bengali (51%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (44.8%)
 - ❖ Spanish (43.8%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (43.1%)
 - ❖ Hindi (37.6%)
 - ❖ Japanese (36.7%)
 - ❖ Russian (32.9%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (24.7%)
 - ❖ Italian (22.9%)

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