

Alaska Demographics

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Alaska (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 59,061
- ❖ 8.1% of the state's people are foreign born
 - ❖ 63.1% naturalized citizens
 - ❖ 27% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - ❖ 9.9% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- ❖ 58.9% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - ❖ 44.5% entered before 1999
 - ❖ 24.8% entered 2000 - 2009
 - ❖ 30.7% since 2010
- ❖ 15.5% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - ❖ 85.8% 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)*

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

- ❖ Asia– 56.1%
 - ❖ Philippines (35.2%)
 - ❖ Other Southeastern Asia (10.6%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (8.4%)
- ❖ Latin America – 17.1%
 - ❖ Central America (7.9%)
 - ❖ Caribbean (6.2%)
- ❖ Europe – 12.7%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (4%)
- ❖ Oceania – 4.7%
- ❖ Africa – 4.7%
- ❖ Canada – 3.2%
- ❖ Middle East – 1.5%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 15.6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 33.9% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Alaska-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Native Languages of North America (27,191)
- ❖ Spanish (23,629)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (18,273)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (5,873)
- ❖ Hmong (4,097)
- ❖ Russian (3,811)
- ❖ Korean (3,747)
- ❖ German (2,819)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (2,115)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (1,843)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (1,732)
- ❖ Japanese (1,488)
- ❖ Arabic (1,329)
- ❖ Vietnamese (719)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (653)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (500)
- ❖ Haitian (485)

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

Alaska-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 32.3%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 40.7%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (65.2%)
 - ❖ Korean (57.8%)
 - ❖ Hmong (54.1)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (54%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (49.5%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (46%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (42.5%)
 - ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (42.2%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (36.9%)
 - ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (31.3%)
 - ❖ Russian (28.9%)

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