

Colorado Demographics

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Colorado (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 520,273
- ❖ 9.8% of the state's ~ 5.8 million people are foreign born
 - 49% naturalized citizens
 - 31% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 20% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 54.2% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 43.3% entered before 1999
 - 27.7% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 29.1% since 2010
- ❖ 22.2% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 89.1% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 51%
 - ❖ Mexico (36.9%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (6.8%)
 - ❖ South America (5.6%)
- ❖ Asia – 21%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (7.8%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (7.5%)
 - ❖ South Central Asia (6.1%)
- ❖ Europe – 14.4%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (6.1%)
- ❖ Africa – 7.4%
 - ❖ Eastern Africa (3.1%)
- ❖ Canada – 2.7%
- ❖ Middle East – 2.7%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.8%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 16.2% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 44% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Colorado-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (600,565)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (25,812)
- ❖ Vietnamese (22,448)
- ❖ German (21,627)
- ❖ Russian (19,897)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (18,823)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (17,409)
- ❖ Arabic (16,855)
- ❖ Korean (14,453)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (10,375)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (8,879)
- ❖ Portuguese (8,843)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (7,736)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (6,413)
- ❖ Polish (5,618)
- ❖ Hindi (5,254)
- ❖ Japanese (4,839)

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

Colorado-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 31.7%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 55.9%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (54.7%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (49.1%)
 - ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (48.6%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (47%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (43.7%)
 - ❖ Korean (42.7%)
 - ❖ Russian (37.5%)
 - ❖ Spanish (36.4%)
 - ❖ Japanese (34.8%)
 - ❖ Arabic (30.4%)
 - ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (29.6%)

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