

Delaware Demographics

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Delaware (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 101,260
- ❖ 10.1% of the state's ~ 1 million people are foreign born citizens
 - 56.1% naturalized
 - 27% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 16.9% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 125.5% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 40.4% entered before 1999
 - 27.2% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 32.4% since 2010
- ❖ 24.8% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 90.3% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 43.4%
 - ❖ Mexico (17.1%)
 - ❖ Caribbean (15.5%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (6.4%)
 - ❖ South America (4.4%)
- ❖ Asia – 29%
 - ❖ India (11%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (7.2%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (7%)
- ❖ Africa – 13.7%
 - ❖ Western Africa (7.4%)
- ❖ Europe – 9.2%
 - ❖ Middle East – 2.9%
 - ❖ Canada – 1.6%
 - ❖ Oceania – 0.1%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 14.7% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 36.1% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Delaware-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (70,724)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (8,759)
- ❖ Arabic (6,136)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (4,529)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (3,960)
- ❖ Hindi (3,431)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or Other West Germanic Languages (2,994)
- ❖ German (2,633)
- ❖ Vietnamese (2,605)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (2,471)
- ❖ Italian (2,275)
- ❖ Tamil (2,199)
- ❖ Gujarati (2,083)
- ❖ Korean (1,815)
- ❖ Bengali (1,811)
- ❖ Telugu (1,516)
- ❖ Urdu (1,473)

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

Delaware-LEP (2019)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 27%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 47.7%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Korean (69.5%)
 - ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (56.3%)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (54.5%)
 - ❖ Gujarati (42%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (41.7%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (41.7%)
 - ❖ Telugu (40.5%)
 - ❖ Spanish (40.3%)
 - ❖ Arabic (35.4%)
 - ❖ Haitian (34.8%)
 - ❖ Italian (31.3%)

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