

Idaho Demographics

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Idaho (2019)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 103,112
- ❖ 5.8% of the state's ~ 1.8 million people are foreign born
 - 36% naturalized citizens
 - 32% legal permanent residents
 - 32% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 60.9% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2019
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 47.3% entered before 1999
 - 29.4% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 23.3% since 2010
- ❖ 12.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 94.0% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (August 2021) and Lawful Permanent Resident estimates MPI and DHS (2022)*

Idaho– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2019)*

- ❖ Latin America – 58.7%
 - ❖ Mexico (44.9%)
 - ❖ South America (9.3%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (4.1%)
- ❖ Asia – 16.1%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (5.4%)
 - ❖ South Central Asia (4.3%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (4%)
- ❖ Europe – 11.7%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (4.6%)
- ❖ Canada – 5.7%
- ❖ Africa – 3.8%
- ❖ Middle East – 3.2%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.7%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 10.9% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 43.3% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

**Source: [Migration Policy Institute Data Hub](#) (August 2021)*

Idaho-Languages Spoken at Home (2019)*

- ❖ Spanish (130,162)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (4,921)
- ❖ Arabic (3,876)
- ❖ German (3,604)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (2,743)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (2,675)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (2,438)
- ❖ Vietnamese (1,800)
- ❖ Russian (1,735)
- ❖ Portuguese (1,668)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (1,408)
- ❖ Japanese (1,389)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (1,331)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (1,211)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (961)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or Other West Germanic Languages (823)
- ❖ Hindi (735)
- ❖ Korean (706)

* Source: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/ID> (August 2021)

Idaho-LEP (2019)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens - 33.5%
 - ❖ Noncitizens - 50.9%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (59.1%)
 - ❖ Arabic (56.6%)
 - ❖ Korean (47.6%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (46.6%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (43%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (38.3%)
 - ❖ Spanish (37.6%)
 - ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (37.5%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (32.2%)
 - ❖ Japanese (32.1%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (26.9%)

* Source: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/ID> (August 2021)