

Idaho Demographics

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Idaho (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 115,392
- ❖ 6.1% of the state's ~ 1.9 million people are foreign born
 - 44.9% naturalized citizens
 - 32% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 23.1% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 80.1% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 45.3% entered before 1999
 - 25.4% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 29.4% since 2010
- ❖ 13.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 86.2% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 59.7%
 - ❖ Mexico (51.1%)
 - ❖ South America (5.7%)
- ❖ Asia – 15.6%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (6.8%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (4.8%)
 - ❖ South Central Asia (4.6%)
- ❖ Europe – 15.4%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (7.1%)
 - ❖ Western Europe (4.1%)
- ❖ Canada – 4%
- ❖ Africa – 3.3%
- ❖ Middle East – 1.5%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.7%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 10.8% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 48.4% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Idaho-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (136,997)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (4,485)
- ❖ German (4,127)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (3,057)
- ❖ Arabic (2,895)
- ❖ Russian (2,697)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (2,466)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (1,995)
- ❖ Japanese (1,843)
- ❖ Vietnamese (1,809)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (1,671)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (1,655)
- ❖ Portuguese (1,418)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (1,414)
- ❖ Korean (1,173)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (1,010)
- ❖ Persian (including Fars, Dari) (857)

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

Idaho-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 35.2%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 59.3%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Arabic (53.4%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (49%)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (47.4%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (43.3%)
 - ❖ Korean (39.1%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (36.2%)
 - ❖ Spanish (36.1%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (31.5%)
 - ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (26.4%)
 - ❖ Japanese (24.4%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (22.1%)

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