

Illinois Demographics

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Illinois (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 1,804,562
- ❖ 14.2% of the state’s ~ 12.7 million people are foreign born
 - 53.5% naturalized citizens
 - 27% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 19.5% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 18% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 54.4% entered before 1999
 - 23.1% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 22.5% since 2010
- ❖ 26.9% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 90.5% 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 (2023)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 43.8%
 - ❖ Mexico (35%)
 - ❖ South America (4.4%)
- ❖ Asia – 26.9%
 - ❖ India (8.8%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (7.9%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (7.6%)
- ❖ Europe – 20.6%
 - ❖ Other Eastern Europe (8.2%)
 - ❖ Poland (7.2%)
- ❖ Africa – 4.5%
- ❖ Middle East – 3%
- ❖ Canada – 1%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.3%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 23.3% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 47.2% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Illinois - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (1,621,682)
- ❖ Polish (178,740)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (95,385)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (77,396)
- ❖ Arabic (59,387)
- ❖ Urdu (54,791)
- ❖ Korean (47,263)
- ❖ Gujarati (44,872)
- ❖ Russian (43,461)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (38,133)
- ❖ Hindi (36,726)
- ❖ German (34,935)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (29,017)
- ❖ Telugu (25,234)
- ❖ Italian (21,867)
- ❖ Vietnamese (21,270)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (18,845)

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

Illinois-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 38.7%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 57%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (56.8%)
 - ❖ Korean (52.4%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (50.4%)
 - ❖ Polish (42.5%)
 - ❖ Russian (39.6%)
 - ❖ Spanish (39.4%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (38.2%)
 - ❖ Gujarati (37.5%)
 - ❖ Arabic (31.7%)
 - ❖ Italian (27.4%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (26.6%)

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