

Kentucky Demographics

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Kentucky (2019)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 196,618
- ❖ 4.4% of the country's ~4.5 million people are foreign born
 - 35% naturalized citizens
 - 33% legal permanent residents
 - 32% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 144.9% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2019
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 28.4% entered before 1999
 - 32.3% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 39.3% since 2010
- ❖ 10% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 82.7% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

Kentucky– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2018)*

- ❖ Latin America – 38.5%
 - ❖ Mexico (17.1%)
 - ❖ Cuba (7.4%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (8.6%)
- ❖ Asia – 30.4%
 - ❖ India (8.9%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (8.9%)
 - ❖ Other South Central Asia (4.4%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (4.3%)
- ❖ Europe – 12%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (5.1%)
- ❖ Africa – 10%
- ❖ Middle East – 5.8%
- ❖ Canada – 2.5%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.8%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 42.4% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (April 2021)*

Kentucky-Languages Spoken at Home (2019)*

- ❖ Spanish (119,751)
- ❖ German (13,299)
- ❖ Arabic (10,739)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (9,855)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or Other West Germanic Languages (8,132)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (6,885)
- ❖ Gujarati (6,516)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (5,553)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (4,924)
- ❖ Hindi (4,838)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (4,665)
- ❖ Japanese (4,205)
- ❖ Russian (4,113)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (3,959)
- ❖ Vietnamese (3,646)
- ❖ Korean (2,740)
- ❖ Portuguese (2,650)
- ❖ Tamil (2,207)

Kentucky-LEP (2019)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens - 24.6%
 - ❖ Noncitizens - 55.7%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (63%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (58.2%)
 - ❖ Japanese (56.8%)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (54.1%)
 - ❖ Arabic (50.8%)
 - ❖ Russian (47.4%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (45.8%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (43.6%)
 - ❖ Spanish (41.4%)
 - ❖ Gujarati (41.2%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (40.9%)