

Louisiana Demographics

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Louisiana (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 199,915
- ❖ 4.3% of the country's ~ 4.6 million people are foreign born
 - 41.4% naturalized citizens
 - 28% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 30.6% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 72.5% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 34.9% entered before 1999
 - 22.7% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 42.5% since 2010
- ❖ 8.1% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 79.9% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (October, 2023) and Lawful Permanent Resident estimates MPI and DHS (2022)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 53.8%
 - ❖ Other Central America (29%)
 - ❖ Mexico (9.9%)
 - ❖ Caribbean (8.2%)
 - ❖ South America (6.7%)
- ❖ Asia – 26.3%
 - ❖ South Central Asia (9%)
 - ❖ Vietnam (8.9%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (4.4%)
- ❖ Europe – 7.7%
- ❖ Middle East – 5.8%
- ❖ Africa – 4.7%
- ❖ Canada – 1.5%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.1%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 7.4% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 45.8% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Louisiana-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (156,057)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (60,593)
- ❖ Vietnamese (22,008)
- ❖ Arabic (14,072)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (6,711)
- ❖ Urdu (5,347)
- ❖ Haitian (4,900)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (4,469)
- ❖ Portuguese (3,705)
- ❖ German (3,434)
- ❖ Bengali (3,408)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (3,357)
- ❖ Korean (3,016)
- ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (2,656)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (2,389)
- ❖ Italian (2,104)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (2,032)

Louisiana-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens - 32%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 55.8%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (50.4%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (50%)
 - ❖ Korean (49.1%)
 - ❖ Spanish (46.3%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (44.7%)
 - ❖ Haitian (42.8%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (42.2%)
 - ❖ Arabic (33%)
 - ❖ Bengali (29.8%)
 - ❖ Urdu (29.6%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (27.4%)