

Maine Demographics

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Maine (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 56,068
- ❖ 4.1% of the country's ~ 1.4 million people are foreign born
 - 56.2% naturalized citizens
 - 30% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 13.8% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
 - 52.8% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 46.5% entered before 1999
 - 16.7% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 36.8% since 2010
- ❖ 8.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 83.2% 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)*

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

- ❖ Europe – 25.3%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (9.1%)
 - ❖ Western Europe (6.2%)
 - ❖ United Kingdom (6.1%)
- ❖ Asia – 22.8%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (12.6%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (7.4%)
- ❖ Canada – 20.5%
- ❖ Africa– 17.2%
 - ❖ Middle and Southern Africa (8.1%)
 - ❖ Eastern Africa (6.9%)
- ❖ Latin America – 11%
 - ❖ South America (4.6%)
- ❖ Middle East – 2.1%
- ❖ Oceania – 1.1%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 5.9% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 21.3% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Maine - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ French (including Cajun) (33,580)
- ❖ Spanish (11,920)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (3,102)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (2,952)
- ❖ German (2,814)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (2,081)
- ❖ Arabic (1,438)
- ❖ Portuguese (1,418)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (1,371)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (1,071)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (1,026)
- ❖ Khmer (1,006)
- ❖ Italian (998)
- ❖ Polish (930)
- ❖ Russian (900)
- ❖ Vietnamese (832)
- ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (782)

Maine-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 18.3%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 29%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (63.6%)
 - ❖ Khmer (55.7%)
 - ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (44.4%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (44.2%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (42.2%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (37.8%)
 - ❖ Arabic (37.3%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (35.8%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (24.9%)
 - ❖ Spanish (22.8%)