

Massachusetts Demographics

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Massachusetts (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 1,227,488
- ❖ 17.6% of the state's ~ 7 million people are foreign born
 - 54.6% naturalized citizens
 - 27% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 18.4% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 58.8% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 41.3% entered before 1999
 - 22.7% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 36% since 2010
- ❖ 32.4% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 84.3% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 38.8%
 - ❖ Caribbean (17.4%)
 - ❖ Central America (9%)
 - ❖ Brazil (7.8%)
- ❖ Asia – 27.3%
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (10.2%)
 - ❖ India (6.5%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (6.1%)
- ❖ Europe – 18.5%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (6.4%)
 - ❖ Portugal (4%)
- ❖ Africa – 9.6%
 - ❖ Western Africa (5.4%)
- ❖ Middle East – 3.4%
- ❖ Canada – 2.1%
- ❖ Oceania -- 0.3%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 24.5 % of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 44% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Massachusetts - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (624,055)
- ❖ Portuguese (215,181)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (145,482)
- ❖ Haitian (84,603)
- ❖ Vietnamese (49,440)
- ❖ French (Including Cajun) (42,251)
- ❖ Arabic (40,414)
- ❖ Russian (37,680)
- ❖ Italian (27,732)
- ❖ Hindi (27,646)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (18,970)
- ❖ Khmer (18,749)
- ❖ Japanese (17,180)
- ❖ German (17,146)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (16,673)
- ❖ Gujarati (16,029)
- ❖ Telugu (13,222)

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

Massachusetts - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 36.4%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 53.1%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (62.3%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (50%)
 - ❖ Khmer (49.4%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (48.7%)
 - ❖ Haitian (46.5%)
 - ❖ Spanish (43.4%)
 - ❖ Korean (37.6%)
 - ❖ Russian (36%)
 - ❖ Arabic (35.4%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (34.7%)
 - ❖ Gujarati (32.7%)

* Source: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/1A> (October, 2023)