

Massachusetts Demographics

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Massachusetts (2019)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 1,190,192
- ❖ 17.3% of the state's ~ 6.9 million people are foreign born
 - 49% naturalized citizens
 - 27% legal permanent residents
 - 25% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 54% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2019
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 44.3% entered before 1999
 - 24.5% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 31.1% since 2010
- ❖ 30.9% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 84.2% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

Massachusetts – Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2019)*

- ❖ Latin America – 38.4%
 - ❖ Caribbean (16.8%)
 - ❖ Central America (9.3%)
 - ❖ Brazil (7.6%)
 - ❖ Other South America (4.7%)
- ❖ Asia – 27.5%
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (10.3%)
 - ❖ India (6.8%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (6%)
- ❖ Europe – 19.3%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (6.3%)
 - ❖ Portugal (4.3%)
- ❖ Africa – 9.1%
 - ❖ Western Africa (4.6%)
- ❖ Middle East – 3%
- ❖ Canada – 2.3%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 24.7% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 40.7% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Massachusetts - Languages Spoken at Home (2019)*

- ❖ Spanish (632,230)
- ❖ Portuguese (206,232)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (148,270)
- ❖ Haitian (89,731)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (49,442)
- ❖ Vietnamese (41,986)
- ❖ Russian (37,092)
- ❖ Arabic (33,369)
- ❖ Hindi (29,277)
- ❖ Italian (24,347)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (22,491)
- ❖ German (18,133)
- ❖ Korean (15,823)
- ❖ Khmer (15,757)
- ❖ Gujarati (15,418)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (15,433)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (12,535)
- ❖ Telugu (12,111)

* Source: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/LA> (August 2021)

Massachusetts - LEP (2019)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 34.3%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 48.7%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Khmer (51.9%)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (51.7%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (48.6%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (43.9%)
 - ❖ Spanish (40.2%)
 - ❖ Russian (39.2%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (36.4%)
 - ❖ Haitian (35.4%)
 - ❖ Korean (35.2%)
 - ❖ Gujarati (35.3%)
 - ❖ Polish (27.8%)
 - ❖ Italian (25.2%)

* Source: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/1A> (August 2021)