

Minnesota Demographics

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Minnesota (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 487,445
- ❖ 8.5% of the state's ~ 5.7 million people are foreign born
 - 58.4% naturalized citizens
 - 27% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 14.6% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 87.1% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 37.2% entered before 1999
 - 27.8% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 35% since 2010
- ❖ 19.7% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 85.1% 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)*

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

- ❖ Asia – 34.5%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (18.4%)
 - ❖ India (6.5%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (5.1%)
- ❖ Africa – 28.7%
 - ❖ Eastern Africa (17.7%)
 - ❖ Western Africa (8.3%)
- ❖ Latin America – 22.5%
 - ❖ Mexico (10.5%)
 - ❖ South America (5.8%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (4.4%)
- ❖ Europe – 9.1%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (4.7%)
- ❖ Middle East – 2.5%
- ❖ Canada – 2.5%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.3%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 12% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 40.5% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Minnesota - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (205,084)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (89,687)
- ❖ Hmong (75,827)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (23,461)
- ❖ Vietnamese (22,187)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (19,195)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (17,960)
- ❖ German (16,241)
- ❖ Arabic (14,981)
- ❖ Russian (13,747)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (13,027)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (10,748)
- ❖ Hindi (7,495)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (6,479)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (6,243)
- ❖ Khmer (5,606)

* Source: [https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/MI\(October, 2023\)](https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/MI(October, 2023))

Minnesota - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 35.1%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 48.1%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (63.6%)
 - ❖ Russian (43.8%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (40.3%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (39.8%)
 - ❖ Spanish (39.4%)
 - ❖ Hmong (38.6%)
 - ❖ Arabic (31.3%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (20.9%)
 - ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (28.9%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (26.4%)

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