

Minnesota Demographics

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Minnesota (2019)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 472,231
- ❖ 8.7% of the state's ~ 5.6 million people are foreign born
 - 50% naturalized citizens
 - 27% legal permanent residents
 - 23% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 81.3% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2019
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 40% entered before 1999
 - 29.2% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 30.8% since 2010
- ❖ 20.2% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 86.5% 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)*

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

- ❖ Asia – 35.7%
 - ❖ Other Southeastern Asia (13.8%)
 - ❖ India (7.8%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (6.8%)
 - ❖ Vietnam (4.3%)
- ❖ Africa – 26.7%
 - ❖ Eastern Africa (17.6%)
 - ❖ Western Africa (6.1%)
- ❖ Latin America – 22.9%
 - ❖ Mexico (12.2%)
 - ❖ South America (5.1%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (4.3%)
- ❖ Europe – 9.6%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (4.8%)
- ❖ Middle East – 2.4%
- ❖ Canada – 2.3%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 12.3% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 41% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Minnesota - Languages Spoken at Home (2019)*

- ❖ Spanish (209,370)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (89,066)
- ❖ Hmong (73,604)
- ❖ Vietnamese (23,933)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (22,526)
- ❖ German (18,581)
- ❖ Arabic (15,815)
- ❖ Russian (15,055)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (14,760)
- ❖ Hindi (14,204)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (13,728)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (12,134)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (11,526)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (9,554)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (8,306)
- ❖ Tamil (6,575)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (6,074)
- ❖ Telugu (5,144)

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

Minnesota - LEP (2019)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 35.8%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 47.8%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Khmer (57.0%)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (55.2%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (46.3%)
 - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (40.1%)
 - ❖ Hmong (39.4%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (38.9%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (38.1%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (36.2%)
 - ❖ Spanish (35.9%)
 - ❖ Russian (33.8%)

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