

Mississippi Demographics

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Mississippi (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 62,859
- ❖ 2.1% of the state's ~ 3 million people are foreign born
 - 46.3% naturalized citizens
 - 29% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 24.7% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 57.5% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 40.2% entered before 1999
 - 2.6% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 37.2% since 2010
- ❖ 5% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 87.9% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 48.9%
 - ❖ Mexico (23.2%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (13.1%)
 - ❖ South America (8.5%)
 - ❖ Caribbean (4.1%)
- ❖ Asia – 28.2%
 - ❖ Vietnam (8.3%)
 - ❖ Other Southeastern Asia (5.7%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (5.7%)
 - ❖ India (5%)
- ❖ Europe – 9.5%
- ❖ Africa – 5.6%
- ❖ Middle East – 3.8%
- ❖ Canada – 2.9%
- ❖ Oceania – 1.1%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 3.9% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 44.4 % of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Mississippi - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (66,351)
- ❖ Vietnamese (6,118)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (4,025)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (3,839)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (3,771)
- ❖ Arabic (3,276)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (2,946)
- ❖ German (2,493)
- ❖ Hindi (1,512)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (1,115)
- ❖ Korean (1,018)
- ❖ Italian (967)
- ❖ Punjabi (858)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (810)
- ❖ Japanese (745)
- ❖ Telugu (741)
- ❖ Portuguese (641)

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

Mississippi - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 25.1%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 59.6%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (54.1%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (52.1%)
 - ❖ Spanish (46.7%)
 - ❖ Korean (42.8%)
 - ❖ Arabic (36.7%)
 - ❖ Japanese (34.6%)
 - ❖ Punjabi (32.1%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (29.3%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (26.3%)
 - ❖ German (20%)

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