

# Montana Demographics

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# Montana (2021)\*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 24,457
- ❖ 2.2% of the country's ~ 1.1 million people are foreign born
  - 49.7% naturalized citizens
  - 29% legal permanent residents
  - 21.3% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 49.2% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 43.7% entered before 1999
  - 20.6% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 35.8% since 2010
- ❖ 5.4% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 90.8% 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)*

# Montana– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2021)\*

- ❖ Europe – 36.7%
  - ❖ Eastern Europe (14.9%)
  - ❖ Germany (7.2%)
  - ❖ United Kingdom (7.1%)
  - ❖ Other Western Europe (4.8%)
- ❖ Asia – 23.4%
  - ❖ Philippines (9.4%)
  - ❖ China (6.3%)
- ❖ Latin America – 20.2%
  - ❖ Mexico (12.3%)
  - ❖ South America (6.2%)
- ❖ Canada – 11%
- ❖ Oceania – 4%
- ❖ Middle East – 3.8%
- ❖ Africa – 0.9%
- ❖ Language spoken
  - ❖ 4% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - ❖ 18.1% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

# Montana-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)\*

- ❖ Spanish (14,545)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (6,597)
- ❖ German (5,298)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (1,880)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (1,426)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (1,309)
- ❖ Russian (965)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (800)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (782)
- ❖ Vietnamese (621)
- ❖ Arabic (528)
- ❖ Italian (512)
- ❖ Japanese (436)
- ❖ Portuguese (290)
- ❖ Hmong (286)
- ❖ Korean (279)

# Montana-LEP (2021)\*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 12.5%
  - ❖ Noncitizens – 23.2%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - ❖ Hmong (65.4%)
  - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (48.3%)
  - ❖ Korean (48%)
  - ❖ Arabic (46.6%)
  - ❖ Vietnamese (41.2%)
  - ❖ Russian (32%)
  - ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (29%)
  - ❖ Spanish (21.3%)
  - ❖ Japanese (20.4%)