

Nebraska Demographics

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Nebraska (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 144,444
- ❖ 7.4% of the country's ~ 2 million people are foreign born
 - 43.3% naturalized citizens
 - 33% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 23.7% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 93.5% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 32.9% entered before 1999
 - 22.8% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 44.3% since 2010
- ❖ 16.8% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 81.9% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 53.5%
 - ❖ Mexico (31.9%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (11.8%)
 - ❖ El Salvador (4%)
- ❖ Asia – 25.3%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (11%)
 - ❖ South Central Asia (8.8%)
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (5.5%)
- ❖ Africa – 9.7%
 - ❖ Western Africa (4.2%)
- ❖ Europe - 6%
- ❖ Middle East – 3.9%
- ❖ Canada – 1.3%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.2%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 11.6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 53.4% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Nebraska-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (142,725)
- ❖ German (4,816)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (5,668)
- ❖ Vietnamese (5,426)
- ❖ Arabic (5,272)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (4,234)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (4,075)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (3,824)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (2,896)
- ❖ Russian (2,461)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (2,314)
- ❖ Telugu (2,085)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (2,035)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (1,853)
- ❖ Hindi (1,523)
- ❖ Persian (1,240)
- ❖ Polish (1,120)

Nebraska - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 44.2%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 60.5%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (74.7%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (62.8%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (62.4%)
 - ❖ Spanish (46.9%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (46.7%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (42.9%)
 - ❖ Arabic (37.8%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (36.8%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (32.9%)
 - ❖ Telugu (28.2%)