

New Jersey Demographics

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New Jersey (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 2,134,981
- ❖ 23% of the state's ~ 9.3 million people are foreign born
 - 57.3% naturalized citizens
 - 24% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 18.7% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 44.6% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 46.9% entered before 1999
 - 23.7% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 29.4% since 2010
- ❖ 41.4% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 85.4% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 46.9%
 - ❖ Caribbean (17.6%)
 - ❖ South America (17.1%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (7.2%)
 - ❖ Mexico (5%)
- ❖ Asia – 29.6%
 - ❖ India (12.6%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (5.3%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (5.2%)
- ❖ Europe – 13.5%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (6.8%)
- ❖ Africa – 6.3%
- ❖ Middle East – 2.7%
- ❖ Canada – 0.8%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.2%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 31.7% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 42.4% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

New Jersey-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (1,409,496)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (131,308)
- ❖ Portuguese (101,239)
- ❖ Hindi (91,662)
- ❖ Arabic (82,520)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (82,274)
- ❖ Gujarati (81,782)
- ❖ Korean (78,474)
- ❖ Haitian (62,281)
- ❖ Polish (58,994)
- ❖ Italian (53,404)
- ❖ Russian (50,139)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (42,658)
- ❖ Urdu (41,216)
- ❖ Telugu (38,780)
- ❖ French (Including Cajun) (32,944)
- ❖ Bengali (25,826)

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

New Jersey-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 34.5%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 53.1%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Korean (50.7%)
 - ❖ Chinese (44.7%)
 - ❖ Spanish (44.6%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (42.1%)
 - ❖ Polish (40.3%)
 - ❖ Haitian (40%)
 - ❖ Gujarati (37%)
 - ❖ Russian (35.4%)
 - ❖ Arabic (30.2%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (25.4%)

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