

New Mexico Demographics

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New Mexico (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 192,634
- ❖ 9.1% of the country's ~ 2.1 million people are foreign born
 - 45.4% naturalized citizens
 - 32% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 22.6% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 28.8% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 52.2% entered before 1999
 - 26.3% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 21.5% since 2010
- ❖ 18.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 91% 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 Mexico– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2021)*

- ❖ Latin America – 75.2%
 - ❖ Mexico (67.6%)
- ❖ Asia – 11.2%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (6.5%)
- ❖ Europe – 7.7%
- ❖ Africa – 2.2%
- ❖ Middle East – 1.6%
- ❖ Canada – 1.6%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.5%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 33% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 48.8% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

New Mexico-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (510,402)
- ❖ Native Languages of North America (97,202)
- ❖ German (5,334)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (5,294)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (4,730)
- ❖ Vietnamese (4,586)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (4,014)
- ❖ Arabic (2,584)
- ❖ Korean (2,158)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (1,693)
- ❖ Japanese (1,412)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (1,249)
- ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (1,232)
- ❖ Italian (1,213)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (875)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (865)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (817)

New Mexico-LEP (2019)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 38%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 57.8%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (56.5%)
 - ❖ Swahili (40.3%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (38.7%)
 - ❖ Korean (35.6%)
 - ❖ Japanese (30.5%)
 - ❖ Spanish (27.1%)
 - ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (26.6%)
 - ❖ Arabic (24.6%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (22.1%)
 - ❖ Native Languages of North America (21.8%)