

Virginia Demographics

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Virginia (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 1,070,347
- ❖ 12.4% of the state's ~ 8.6 million people are foreign born
 - 57.1% naturalized citizens
 - 26% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 16.9% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 87.7% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 41.5% entered before 1999
 - 27.1% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 31.5% since 2010
- ❖ 24.9% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 86.7% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (November, 2023) and Lawful Permanent Resident estimates MPI and DHS (2022)*

Virginia- Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2021)*

- ❖ Asia – 37.8%
 - ❖ Eastern Asia (10.5%)
 - ❖ India (8.9%)
 - ❖ Other South Central Asia (7.4%)
 - ❖ Other Southeastern Asia (6%)
 - ❖ Philippines (5%)
- ❖ Latin America – 35.1%
 - ❖ El Salvador (9%)
 - ❖ South America (8.9%)
 - ❖ Other Central America (8.7%)
 - ❖ Mexico (5.3%)
- ❖ Africa – 11%
- ❖ Europe – 9.4%
- ❖ Middle East – 5.1%
- ❖ Canada – 1.3%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.2%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 16.5% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 38.2% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Virginia - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (606,744)
- ❖ Arabic (65,241)
- ❖ Korean (56,949)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (53,826)
- ❖ Vietnamese (48,998)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (46,517)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (41,181)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (35,106)
- ❖ Urdu (32,627)
- ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (32,137)
- ❖ Telugu (29,206)
- ❖ Hindi (26,813)
- ❖ German (24,552)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (23,703)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (20,341)
- ❖ Bengali (18,200)
- ❖ Russian (17,982)

Virginia - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 29.4%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 49.9%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (52.9%)
 - ❖ Korean (50.3%)
 - ❖ Spanish (41.1%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (40.8%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (38.5%)
 - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (34.5%)
 - ❖ Bengali (34%)
 - ❖ Urdu (31.7%)
 - ❖ Arabic (30.1%)
 - ❖ Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (29.8%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (23.7%)