

# Washington Demographics

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# Washington (2021)\*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 1,143,311
- ❖ 14.8% of the state's ~ 7.7 million people are foreign born
  - 49% naturalized citizens
  - 28% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
  - 23% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 86.1% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 42.2% entered before 1999
  - 24.8% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 33% since 2010
- ❖ 31.1% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 88.1% 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)*

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

- ❖ Asia – 42.4%
  - ❖ China/Taiwan (9.9%)
  - ❖ India (9.6%)
  - ❖ Philippines (6.4%)
  - ❖ Vietnam (5.6%)
  - ❖ Other Eastern Asia (5.3%)
- ❖ Latin America – 26.9%
  - ❖ Mexico (20%)
- ❖ Europe – 15.1%
  - ❖ Eastern Europe (9.2%)
- ❖ Africa – 6.3%
  - ❖ Eastern Africa (4%)
- ❖ Canada – 4.3%
- ❖ Middle East – 2.9%
- ❖ Oceania – 2.1%
- ❖ Language spoken
  - ❖ 20.8% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - ❖ 42.2% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

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

- ❖ Spanish (630,325)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (136,332)
- ❖ Vietnamese (73,633)
- ❖ Russian (68,900)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (63,364)
- ❖ Korean (44,823)
- ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (41,357)
- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (38,580)
- ❖ Hindi (37,112)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (27,556)
- ❖ German (25,546)
- ❖ Japanese (23,019)
- ❖ Arabic (21,955)
- ❖ Punjabi (19,292)
- ❖ Telugu (19,249)
- ❖ Khmer (16,511)
- ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (15,589)

# Washington - LEP (2021)\*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 34.9%
  - ❖ Noncitizens – 49.3%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - ❖ Vietnamese (63.9%)
  - ❖ Khmer (59%)
  - ❖ Korean (51.4%)
  - ❖ Punjabi (47.7%)
  - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (46.2%)
  - ❖ Russian (43.2%)
  - ❖ Arabic (41%)
  - ❖ Spanish (39.4%)
  - ❖ Japanese (34.8%)
  - ❖ Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (34.8%)
  - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (33.2%)
  - ❖ Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (33%)
  - ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (28.6%)