

West Virginia Demographics

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West Virginia (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 27,861
- ❖ 1.6% of the country's ~ 1.8 million people are foreign born
 - 49.6% naturalized citizens
 - 26% legal permanent residents
 - 24.4% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 43.7% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 47.5% entered before 1999
 - 17.1% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 35.4% since 2010
- ❖ 3.6% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 90% 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)*

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

- ❖ Asia – 36.8%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (11.8%)
 - ❖ India (8.4%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (6.5%)
 - ❖ Other Eastern Asia (5.7%)
- ❖ Latin America – 23%
 - ❖ Other Central America (6.6%)
 - ❖ Caribbean (6%)
 - ❖ Mexico (5.7%)
- ❖ Europe – 23.1%
 - ❖ Germany (8.6%)
 - ❖ United Kingdom (5.8%)
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (5.1%)
- ❖ Africa – 7.9%
- ❖ Middle East – 6.4%
- ❖ Canada – 2.2%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.7%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 2.5% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 21.9% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (November 29, 2023)*

West Virginia - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (17,109)
- ❖ Arabic (3,255)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (2,225)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (2,064)
- ❖ German (2,151)
- ❖ Italian (1,522)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (1,351)
- ❖ Vietnamese (1,087)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (991)
- ❖ Japanese (926)
- ❖ Hindi (876)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (704)
- ❖ Korean (670)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (626)
- ❖ Russian (575)
- ❖ Bengali (461)
- ❖ Urdu (453)

West Virginia - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 18.5%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 29.7%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (58.3%)
 - ❖ Korean (54.3%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (48.1%)
 - ❖ Arabic (36.7%)
 - ❖ Russian (29.2%)
 - ❖ Japanese (26.8%)
 - ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (26.5%)
 - ❖ Spanish (25.2%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (20.6%)
 - ❖ Italian (20.4%)
 - ❖ German (19.3%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (18.4%)
 - ❖ Hindi (16.9%)