

Wisconsin Demographics

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Wisconsin (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign-born population – 300,760
- ❖ 5.1% of the state's ~ 5.9 million people are foreign born
 - 49.1% naturalized citizens
 - 29% legal permanent residents
 - 21.9% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 55.2% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 42.6% entered before 1999
 - 27.7% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 29.7% since 2010
- ❖ 12.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 90.2% 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)*

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

- ❖ Latin America – 39.7%
 - ❖ Mexico (28.9%)
 - ❖ South America (5.1%)
- ❖ Asia – 32.7%
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (14.6%)
 - ❖ India (8.7%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (5.3%)
- ❖ Europe – 15.1%
 - ❖ Eastern Europe (7.4%)
- ❖ Africa – 7.1%
- ❖ Middle East – 2.7%
- ❖ Canada – 2.3%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.5%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 8.7% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 37.3% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

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

Wisconsin - Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (255,963)
- ❖ Hmong (39,513)
- ❖ German (29,675)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (16,281)
- ❖ Arabic (12,260)
- ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (10,979)
- ❖ Hindi (8,824)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (8,218)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (7,297)
- ❖ Russian (6,222)
- ❖ Polish (5,964)
- ❖ Tamil (4,058)
- ❖ Italian (4,008)
- ❖ Vietnamese (4,006)
- ❖ Portuguese (3,947)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (3,811)
- ❖ Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (3,666)
- ❖ Korean (3,385)

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

Wisconsin - LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 26%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 48.4%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Korean (49.2%)
 - ❖ Vietnamese (45.5%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (42.8%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (40.8%)
 - ❖ Spanish (37.6%)
 - ❖ Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (36.7%)
 - ❖ Hmong (35.7%)
 - ❖ Russian (33%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (28.8%)
 - ❖ French (including Cajun) (25.9%)
 - ❖ German (23.4%)
 - ❖ Hindi (22.3%)
 - ❖ Arabic (20.3%)

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