Alabama Demographics

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Alabama (2024)

Total foreign born population – 230,850

- 4.5% of the state's ~ 5 million people are foreign born
  - 39.2% naturalized citizens
  - 24% legal permanent residents (as of 2023) *
  - 38.8% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants s
- 163% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 28.1% entered before 2000
  - 37.3% entered 2000 - 2014
  - 34.6% since 2015
- 10.1% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 89.9% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

*Source: Migration Policy Institute (MPI), Migration Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics (April, 2026)

Alabama– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2024)*

- Latin America – 51.4%
  - Mexico – 25.4%
  - Other Central America – 9.8%
  - South America – 8%
- Asia – 25.8%
  - Korea – 6.6%
  - Southeastern Asia – 6.5%
  - India – 5.0%
  - China – 4.4%
- Europe – 9.1 %
  - Germany – 3%
  - UK – 2.1
- Africa – 8.8%
- Middle East – 2.4%
- Canada – 1.6%
- Oceania – 1%

Language spoken

- 6.4% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
- 42.3% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

Source: MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics (April, 2026)

Alabama - Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (195,336)
- Korean (13,809)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (10,910)
- German (8,983)
- French (including Cajun) (6,949)
- Arabic (6,153)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (6,100)
- Vietnamese (5,908)
- Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (4,814)
- Portuguese (4750)
- Gujarati (3,310)
- Hindi (2,947)
- Telugu (2,827)
- Japanese (2,555)
- Russian (2,416)
- Bengali (2,377)
- Urdu (1,889)
- Italian (1,210)

* Source: MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Language and Education (April, 2026)

Alabama-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 25.2%
  - Noncitizens – 53.6%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Vietnamese (66.3%)
  - Korean (65.6%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (54%)
  - Japanese (43.5%)
  - Spanish (41.1%)
  - Bengali (38.1%)
  - Portuguese (29.7%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino (27.6%)
  - Arabic (25.2%)
  - Russian (25.2%)
  - Italian (15.1%)
  - Hindi (12.7%)

* Source: MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Language and Education *(April, 2026)*