

Hawaii Demographics

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Hawaii (2024)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 268,845
- ❖ 18.6% of the state's ~ 1.4 million people are foreign born
 - 61.1% naturalized citizens
 - 24% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
 - 14.9% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
 - 26.7% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 49.6% entered before 2000
 - 20.1% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 30.3% since 2010
- ❖ 26% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 74.0% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- ❖ Asia – 74.1%
 - ❖ Philippines (42.4%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (9.9%)
 - ❖ Japan (9.7%)
 - ❖ Korea (5.1%)
- ❖ Oceania – 11.8%
- ❖ Latin America – 6.0%
- ❖ Europe – 4.7%
- ❖ Canada – 1.8%
- ❖ Africa – 1.0%
- ❖ Middle East– 0.7%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 24.7% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 47.3% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

*Source: [MPI Data Hub, “State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics.”](#)



Hawaii-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (117,184)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (60,236)
- ❖ Japanese (36,889)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (34,755)
- ❖ Spanish (27,778)
- ❖ Korean (14,640)
- ❖ Vietnamese (9,901)
- ❖ German (3,537)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (3,500)
- ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (3,204)
- ❖ Portuguese (1,867)
- ❖ Russian (1,708)
- ❖ Italian (735)
- ❖ Hindi (623)
- ❖ Arabic (611)
- ❖ Polish (430)

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

Hawaii-LEP (2024)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 42.2%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 55.2%
 - ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (63.6%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (60.1%)
 - ❖ Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (60.0%)
 - ❖ Korean (58.5%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (46.6%)
 - ❖ Japanese (44.3%)
 - ❖ Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (42.8%)
 - ❖ Russian (34.1%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (23.1%)
 - ❖ Spanish (22.8%)
- * Source: [MPI Data Hub, “State Immigration Data Profiles: Language and Education”](#) (April, 2026)