Idaho Demographics

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Idaho (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 126,009
- 6.3% of the state's ~ 2 million people are foreign born
  - 43.2% naturalized citizens
  - 24% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 32.8% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 96.6% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 42.8% entered before 2000
  - 22.1% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 35.2% since 2010
- 13.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 86.7% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Latin America – 56.6%
  - Mexico (44.7%)
  - South America (8.9%)
- Europe – 13.8%
  - Eastern Europe (7.1%)
  - Western Europe (3.2%)
- Asia – 15.9%
  - Southeastern Asia (5.3%)
  - Eastern Asia (5.7%)
  - South Central Asia (5.1%)
- Canada – 4.8%
- Africa – 6.2%
- Oceania – 1.2%
- Middle East– 1.4%
- Language spoken
  - 11.4% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 46.1% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

Idaho-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (156,657)
- Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (5,010)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (4,794)
- French (including Cajun) (4,697)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (3,459)
- German (3,191)
- Korean (2,985)
- Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (2,792)
- Russian (2,606)
- Portuguese (2,502)
- Vietnamese (1,822)
- Native Languages of North America (1,650)
- Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (1,643)
- Japanese (1,442)
- Arabic (1,086)
- Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (735)
- Persian (including Fars, Dari) (471)

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

Idaho-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 31.7%
  - Noncitizens – 57.1%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Vietnamese (74.1%)
  - Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (57.6%)
  - Korean (55.6%)
  - Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (49.8%)
  - Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (49.0%)
  - Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (45.6%)
  - Spanish (34.8%)
  - Arabic (34.1%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (34.0%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (30.2%)
  - Japanese (22.7%)

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