Illinois Demographics

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Illinois (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 1,943,482
- 15.4% of the state's ~ 12.7 million people are foreign born
  - 51.7% naturalized citizens
  - 21% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 27.3% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 28.0% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 46.6% entered before 2000
  - 22.0% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 31.4% since 2010
- 26.7% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 73.3% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Latin America – 44.0%
  - Mexico (32.4%)
  - South America (6.9%)
- Asia – 27.9%
  - India (8.9%)
  - Eastern Asia (8.2%)
  - Southeastern Asia (7.3%)
- Europe – 18.8%
  - Eastern Europe (14.2%)
  - Poland (5.8%)
- Africa – 4.7%
- Middle East – 3.2%
- Canada – 1.2%
- Oceania – 0.2%
- Language spoken
  - 24.5% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 48.0% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

*Source: MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics

Illinois -Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (1,702,816)
- Polish (157,649)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (117,166)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (84,264)
- Arabic (78,419)
- Urdu (57,097)
- Hindi (52,252)
- Gujarati (50,397)
- Russian (48,066)
- Korean (46,881)
- Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (34,854)
- French (including Cajun (32,123)
- German (32,013)
- Italian (26,447)
- Telugu (26,141)
- Vietnamese (24,412)
- Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (23,110)

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

Illinois-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 38.5%
  - Noncitizens – 58.2%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Vietnamese (58.6%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (50.2%)
  - Korean (47.1%)
  - Polish (42.8%)
  - Spanish (39.9%)
  - Russian (39.3%)
  - Gujarati (38.0%)
  - Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (37.2%)
  - Arabic (29.0%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (24.9%)
  - Italian (23.9%)

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