Kansas Demographics

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Kansas (2024)*

- Total foreign born population – 232,485
- 7.8% of the state's ~ 2.9 million people are foreign born
  - 42.3% naturalized citizens
  - 25% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 32.7% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 72.5% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 35.5% entered before 2000
  - 23.6% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 40.9% since 2010
- 15.4% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 84.6% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Latin America – 55.8%
  - Mexico (38.6%)
  - Other Central America (8.2%)
- Asia – 26.6%
  - Southeastern Asia (11.4%)
  - India (7.2%)
  - Vietnam (4.0%)
  - China/Taiwan (3.3%)
- Europe – 6.6%
- Africa – 7.0%
  - Eastern Africa (3.9%)
- Middle East– 2.1%
- Canada – 1.6%
- Oceania – 0.4%
- Language spoken
  - 12.6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 50.2% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

Kansas-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (235,017)
- German (10,547)
- Vietnamese (10,345)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (8,471)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (6,512)
- Arabic (6,346)
- Telugu (5,824)
- French (including Cajun) (5,363)
- Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (4,610)
- Korean (4,543)
- Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (4,505)
- Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (3,771)
- Russian (2,860)
- Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (2,377)
- Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or Other West Germanic Languages (1,696)
- Bengali (765)
- Punjabi (633)

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

Kansas-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 40.2%
  - Noncitizens – 57.6%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Vietnamese (55.3%)
  - Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (51.8%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (50.1%)
  - Russia (46.6%)
  - Spanish (43.3%)
  - Korean (37.2%)
  - Punjabi (37.0%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (30.1%)
  - French (including Cajun) (27.0%)
  - Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (22.5%)
  - Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (16.4%)

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