Louisiana Demographics

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Louisiana (2024)*

- Total foreign born population – 239,225
- 5.2% of the state's ~ 4.6 million people are foreign born
  - 39.1% naturalized citizens
  - 23% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 37.9% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 106.4% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 36.1% entered before 2000
  - 31% entered 2000 - 2014
  - 32.9% since 2015
- 9.2% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 90.8% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Latin America – 63.3%
  - Other Central America (30%)
  - Mexico (15.4%)
  - Caribbean (9.5%)
  - South America (6.0%)
- Asia – 22.7%
  - Vietnam (8.3%)
  - South Central Asia (5.8%)
  - Eastern Asia (4.6%)
- Europe – 5.8%
- Africa – 4.3%
- Middle East– 2.5%
- Canada – 1.2%
- Oceania – 0.2%
- Language spoken
  - 9.0% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 55.0% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

Louisiana-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (222,669)
- French (including Cajun) (57,844)
- Vietnamese (27,072)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (10,250)
- Arabic (8,118)
- Haitian (6,344)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (5,831)
- German (3,830)
- Portuguese (3,502)
- Italian (2,005)
- Urdu (1,914)
- Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (1,865)
- Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (1,774)
- Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (1,472)
- Korean (1,431)
- Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (1,138)
- Bengali (787)

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

Louisiana-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 34.5%
  - Noncitizens – 68.6%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Vietnamese (51.9%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (51.6%)
  - Spanish (51.1%)
  - Portuguese (48.2%)
  - Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (46.9%)
  - Korean (37.9%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (36.2%)
  - Urdu (28.9%)
  - Arabic (23.9%)
  - Bengali (6.6%)
  - Haitian (2.5%)

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