Montana Demographics

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Montana (2024)*

- Total foreign born population – 24,386
- 2.1% of the state's ~ 1.1 million people are foreign born
  - 52.2% naturalized citizens
  - 21% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 26.8% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 48.7% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 42.6% entered before 2000
  - 18.8% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 38.6% since 2010
- 4.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 95.7% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Europe – 25.9%
  - Eastern Europe (6.2%)
  - Germany (5.5%)
  - United Kingdom (5.6%)
  - Other Western Europe (4.5%)
- Asia – 28.8%
  - Southeastern Asia (19.0%)
  - China (2.4%)
  - Korea (3.5%)
- Latin America – 20.0%
  - Mexico (8.3%)
  - South America (6.7%)
- Canada – 19.0%
- Oceania – 1.2%
- Africa – 4.0%
  - Middle and Southern Africa (3.2%)
- Middle East – 1.1%
- Language spoken
  - 4.2% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 17.7% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

Montana-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (15,285)
- German (6,655)
- Native Languages of North America (6,489)
- French (including Cajun) (1,877)
- Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (1,606)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (1,597)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (1,568)
- Russian (1,537)
- Vietnamese (804)
- Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (800)
- Italian (663)
- Korean (583)
- Portuguese (384)
- Hmong (347)
- Japanese (218)
- Arabic (146)

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

Montana-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 16.3%
  - Noncitizens – 23.0%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Hmong (50.7%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (43.8%)
  - Vietnamese (42.5%)
  - Japanese (38.5%)
  - Spanish (26.7%)
  - Russian (22.5%)
  - Korean (16.6%)
  - Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (14.8%)

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