Nebraska Demographics

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Nebraska (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 180,857
- 9.0% of the state's ~ 2 million people are foreign born
  - 39.5% naturalized citizens
  - 26% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 34.5% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 142.3% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 20.4% entered before 2000
  - 23.2% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 42.5% since 2010
- 19.7% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 80.3% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Latin America – 56.1%
  - Mexico (29.4%)
  - Other Central America (11.1%)
  - El Salvador (2.2%)
- Asia – 23.4%
  - Southeastern Asia (10.2%)
  - South Central Asia (9.9%)
  - Eastern Asia (3.4%)
- Africa – 10.0%
  - Western Africa (2.1%)
- Europe – 6.2%
- Middle East – 2.8%
- Canada – 1.0%
- Oceania – 0.5%
- Language spoken
  - 19.7% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 56.0% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

Nebraska-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (174,874)
- French (including Cajun) (8,116)
- Arabic (7,752)
- Vietnamese (6,412)
- German (6,219)
- Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (4,306)
- Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (3,741)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (3,343)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (2,773)
- Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (2,346)
- Telugu (2,223)
- Hindi (2,046)
- Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (1,957)
- Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (1,868)
- Persian (1,642)
- Russian (1,096)
- Polish (607)

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

Nebraska - LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 43.2%
  - Noncitizens – 64.4%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (86.1%)
  - Vietnamese (70.6%)
  - Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (49.8%)
  - Spanish (49.1%)
  - Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (39.9%)
  - French (including Cajun) (36.2%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (34.0%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (29.7%)
  - Arabic (24.8%)
  - Telugu (12.7%)

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