New Mexico Demographics

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New Mexico (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 212,830
- 10.0% of the state's ~ 2.2 million people are foreign born
  - 40% naturalized citizens
  - 31% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 29% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 42.3% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 36.3% entered before 2000
  - 33.1% entered 2000 - 2014
  - 30.5% since 2015
- 21.3% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 78.7% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Latin America – 75.5%
  - Mexico (64.7%)
- Asia – 13.6%
  - Southeastern Asia (6.7%)
  - South Central Asia – (4.0%)
- Europe – 6.0%
  - Northern Europe (2.0%)
- Africa – 1.8%
- Canada – 0.9%
- Oceania – 0.2%
- Middle East – 2.0%
- Language spoken
  - 31.4% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 52.2% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

New Mexico-Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (503,100)
- Native Languages of North America (80,782)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (6,896)
- German (5,377)
- French (including Cajun) (5,123)
- Vietnamese (4,162)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (3,746)
- Arabic (3,363)
- Korean (2,274)
- Japanese (2,075)
- Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (1,303)
- Italian (1,249)
- Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa (991)
- Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (927)
- Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (899)
- Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages (879)
- Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (424)

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

New Mexico-LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 38.2%
  - Noncitizens – 62.0%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Arabic (57.9%)
  - Vietnamese (41.8%)
  - Korean (41.7%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (40.2%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (35.3%)
  - Spanish (32.1%)
  - Japanese (29.3%)
  - Native Languages of North America (29.1%)
  - Swahili (19.9%)
  - Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (2.8%)

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