Virginia Demographics

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**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (April, 2026) and Lawful Permanent Residents MPI and DHS (2022)*

Virginia (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 1,193,581
- 13.5% of the state's ~ 8.8 million people are foreign born
  - 55.7% naturalized citizens
  - 18% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 26% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 109.3% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 36% entered before 1999
  - 23.5% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 40.9% since 2010
- 25.9% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 82.9% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

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

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

- Latin America – 37.4%
  - South America (10.3%)
  - El Salvador (9.9%)
  - Other Central America (9.8%)
  - Mexico (4.3%)
- Asia – 36.7%
  - Eastern Asia (10%)
  - Southeastern Asia (10.1%)
  - India (8.3%)
  - Other South Central Asia (8.2%)
- Africa – 10.7%
- Europe – 9.1%
- Middle East – 4.8%
- Canada – 1.0%
- Oceania – 0.2%

- Language spoken
  - 18.2% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 39.4% of foreign-born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

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

Virginia - Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (685,429)
- Arabic (65,738)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (62,325)
- Korean (60,889)
- Vietnamese (59,063)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (49,316)
- Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (46,191)
- Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (38,423)
- Hindi (37,683)
- Urdu (36,409)
- French (including Cajun) (35,575)
- Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (26,988)
- Telugu (24,071)
- Bengali (23,561)
- Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (22,980)
- German (20,781)
- Russian (19,428)

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

Virginia - LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 28.8%
  - Noncitizens – 52.8%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Vietnamese (54.7%)
  - Korean (50.2%)
  - Spanish (41.7%)
  - Persian (including Farsi, Dari) (40.3%)
  - Bengali (38.8%)
  - Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages (37.2%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (35.9%)
  - Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (35.6%)
  - Arabic (25.2%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (25.1%)
  - French (Including Cajun) (20.9%)
  - Urdu (18.8%)

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