**Minnesota Language and Demographic Data Report**

Minnesota is home to nearly 460,000 immigrants and refugees whose communities represent significant geographic and language diversity. Using 2018 American Community Survey data, this brief provides data on countries of birth and language spoken at home other than English among immigrants and refugees across Minnesota and in key metro areas, as well as language access needs among individuals with limited English proficiency.

**5,527,358 Residents**

Total Population

**459,692 Residents** (8.3%)

Share of immigrants and refugees in Minnesota

**97,077 Residents** (21.1%)

Share of Minnesota’s foreign-born residents who have limited English proficiency

**Top 10 Countries of Birth**

1. **Mexico** 14.2%
2. **Somalia** 6.8%
3. **India** 6.4%
4. **Laos** 5.3%
5. **Ethiopia** 5.0%
6. **China** 4.0%
7. **Vietnam** 3.8%
8. **Thailand** 3.8%
9. **Korea** 3.1%
10. **Liberia** 2.7%

**Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in Minnesota**

1. **Spanish** 20.9%
2. **Cushite, Beja, Somali** 10.7%
3. **Miao, Hmong** 6.2%
4. **Vietnamese** 3.5%
5. **Chinese** 3.2%
6. **Russian** 2.8%
7. **Arabic** 2.4%
8. **Amharic, Ethiopian, etc.** 2.0%
9. **Karen** 1.8%
10. **Niger-Congo regions (many subheads)** 1.7%

**Top Language Access Needs**

1. **Spanish** 40.0%
2. **Cushite, Beja, Somali** 15%
3. **Miao, Hmong** 10.1%
4. **Vietnamese** 5.8%
5. **Karen** 5.1%
6. **Russian** 3.5%
7. **Chinese** 3.3%
8. **Laotian** 2.6%

**Duluth**

**5,537 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in Duluth

**Top Countries of Birth**

1. **Canada** 21.1%
2. **China** 8.7%

**Top Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in Duluth**

1. **Spanish** 9.5%

**Fargo**

**2,278 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in Fargo

**Grand Forks**

**1,220 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in Grand Forks

**Mankato**

**4,365 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in Mankato

**Top Countries of Birth**

1. **Mexico** 17.5%

**Top Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in Mankato**

1. **Spanish** 24.9%

**Minneapolis-St. Paul**

**371,897 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in Minneapolis

**78,301 Residents**

Minneapolis residents who have limited English proficiency

**Top 10 Countries of Birth**

1. **Mexico** 13.0%
2. **India** 7.3%
3. **Somalia** 6.9%
4. **Laos** 6.1%
5. **Ethiopia** 5.3%
6. **Thailand** 4.1%
7. **Vietnam** 4.0%
8. **China** 4.0%
9. **Liberia** 3.1%
10. **Korea** 3.1%

**Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in Minneapolis**

1. **Spanish** 19.2%
2. **Cushite, Beja, Somali** 10.7%
3. **Miao, Hmong** 7.5%
4. **Vietnamese** 3.9%
5. **Chinese** 3.1%
6. **Russian** 3.1%
7. **Amharic, Ethiopian, etc.** 2.3%
8. **Arabic** 2.2%
9. **Karen** 2.0%
10. **Hindi** 1.9%

**Top 10 Language Access Needs**

1. **Spanish** 37.7%
2. **Cushite, Beja, Somali** 13.3%
3. **Miao, Hmong** 12.3%
4. **Vietnamese** 6.6%
5. **Karen** 5.5%
6. **Russian** 4.0%
7. **Chinese** 3.0%
8. **Laotian** 2.5%
9. **Mon-Khmer, Cambodian** 1.4%
10. **Amharic, Ethiopian, etc.** 1.1%
11. **Dari, Pashto (not collected yet)**

**Rochester**

**18,661 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in Rochester

**3,681 Residents**

Rochester residents who have limited English proficiency

**Top Countries of Birth**

1. **Mexico** 11.1%
2. **China** 8.0%
3. **Bosnia** 6.6%
4. **Somalia** 6.4%
5. **Vietnam** 6.1%
6. **India** 4.6%
7. **Canada** 4.2%
8. **Korea** 3.3%

**Top Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in Rochester**

1. **Spanish** 16.3%
2. **Cushite, Beja, Somali** 7.8%
3. **Chinese** 7.4%
4. **Bosnian** 5.0%
5. **Vietnamese** 4.0%

**St. Cloud**

**11,812 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in St. Cloud

**Top 10 Countries of Birth**

1. **Somalia** 18.2%
2. **Mexico** 12.4%

**Top Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in St. Cloud**

1. **Cushite, Beja, Somali** 34.5%
2. **Spanish** 13.3%