



## SOUTH CAROLINA [SC]

Capital: Columbia  
 Area: 31,114 sq. mi.  
 Population: 4,625,364  
 Pop. density: 155/sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "Palmetto State"  
 State motto: "Animus Opibusque Parati"  
 ("Prepared in Mind and Resources")  
 Governor: Nikki R. Haley (R)  
 U.S. Senators: Lindsey Graham (R), Jim DeMint (R)



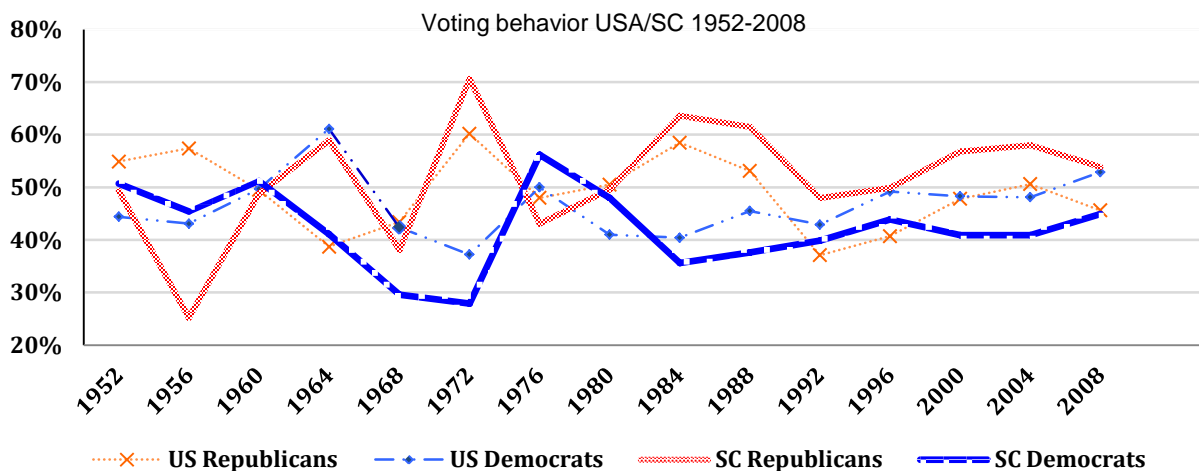
"South Carolina." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/556096/South-Carolina>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party has controlled South Carolina politics throughout most of the state's history. But the Republican Party gained strength during the 1950's and 1960's... From 1880 through 1964, Democratic candidates won South Carolina's electoral votes in every presidential election except 1948... Since 1964, the Republican candidate has won South Carolina's electoral votes in almost all the presidential elections."

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" Office of the Clerk. February 2008. April 25, 2012. <[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/electioninfo/index.aspx](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx)>

### VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) SC
2000	50.3%	45.9%
2004	55.7%	51.0%
2008	57.1%	56.0%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

South Carolina is the nation's 11th fastest-growing state. The U.S. population grew by 7.2 percent during that same time period. South Carolina has a higher percentage of blacks, a lower percentage of Hispanics and a lower percentage of foreign born than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 56 percent of South Carolina's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, which was not statistically different from the national figure of 57 percent.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	South Carolina	U.S.
Median age	37.4	36.9
Women	51.4%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	64.1%	63.7%
Black persons	27.9%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	5.1%	16.3%
Median household income	\$43,939	\$51,914
Foreign born	4.7%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	16.4%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	24.0%	27.9%
Median home value	\$134,100	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.  
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/45000.html>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

South Carolina's Official Website: <http://sc.gov/>  
 Governor of South Carolina: <http://www.governor.sc.gov/>  
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – South Carolina:  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=SC](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=SC)  
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – South Carolina:  
[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_sc](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_sc)

### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – South Carolina Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/sc.htm>  
*The Green Papers* – South Carolina 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/SC>  
*My Time to Vote*: [http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/south\\_carolina.html](http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/south_carolina.html)  
 Secretary of State – South Carolina: <http://www.scsos.com/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – South Carolina: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/45000.html>  
 Election 2008 (Voting and Registration): <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/index.html>  
*Polling Report* – Collection of National Polling Results: <http://www.pollingreport.com/>  
*Gallup* – America's largest Polling Institute: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/election.aspx>

### Media

General Media Collection by the U.S. Embassy: <http://usa.usembassy.de/media.htm>

### Local newspapers

*News Link*, newspapers: <http://www.newslink.org/scnews.html>  
*U.S. Newspapers List* (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/scnews.php>

### Local radio stations

*News Link*, radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/scradi.html>  
*On the Radio*: [http://www.ontheradio.net/states/south\\_carolina.aspx](http://www.ontheradio.net/states/south_carolina.aspx)

### General Information

*Infoplease* – South Carolina: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108268.html>  
*50states.com* – South Carolina: <http://www.50states.com/scarolin.htm>  
 Official Tourism Website of South Carolina: <http://www.discoverouthcarolina.com/>

### Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	<a href="http://www.scdp.org/">http://www.scdp.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.scgop.com/">http://www.scgop.com/</a>
Facebook:	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/southcarolinadems">http://www.facebook.com/southcarolinadems</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/screpublikanparty">http://www.facebook.com/screpublikanparty</a>
YouTube:	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/SCDemParty">http://www.youtube.com/user/SCDemParty</a>	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/thescgop">http://www.youtube.com/thescgop</a>
Twitter:	<a href="http://twitter.com/scdp">http://twitter.com/scdp</a>	<a href="http://twitter.com/scgop">http://twitter.com/scgop</a>