



Alaska [AK]

Capital: Juneau
 Area: 590,693 sq. mi.
 Population: 710,231 (2010)
 Pop. density: 1.26/sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Last Frontier"
 State motto: "North to the Future"
 Governor: Sean Parnell (R)
 U.S. Senators: Lisa Murkowski (Republican)
 Mark Begich (D)



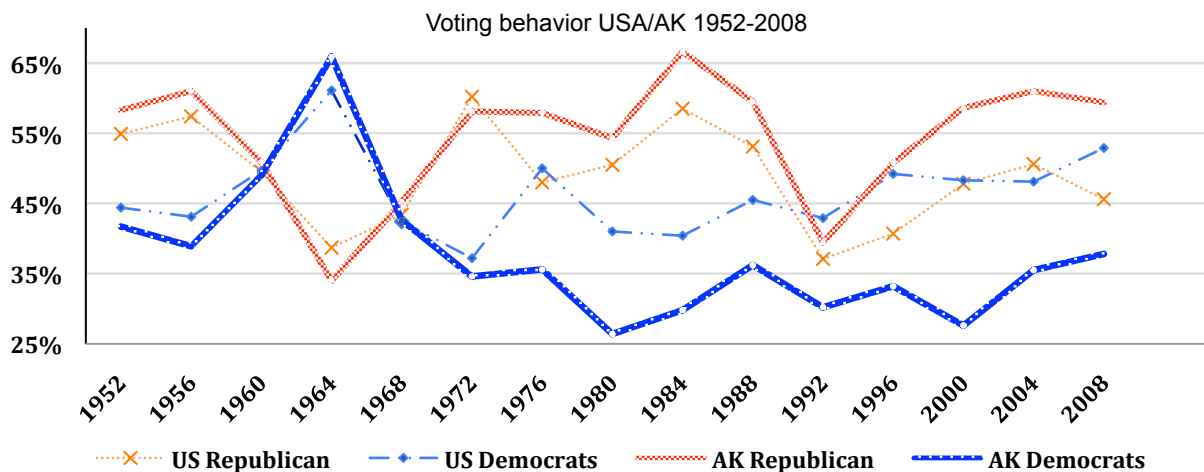
"Alaska." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 16, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/12252/Alaska>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Fewer contests take place between political parties in Alaska than in most other states. Almost all of Alaska's state and local government officials are appointed or are elected on a nonpartisan (no-party) basis. The state's elections for governor have resulted in several victories for both Democrats and Republicans. In elections for president, Alaska's voters have favored the Republican candidate almost every time."

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk*. February 2008. June 16, 2012. <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) AK
2000	50.3%	65.3%
2004	55.7%	65.8%
2008	57.1%	64.3%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. June 16, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

As one of the 10 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and caucus sites on Mar. 6, Alaska's 2010 population of about 710,200 has a lower poverty rate and higher median household income than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 64 percent of Alaska's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, significantly above the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Alaska	U.S.
Median age	33.4	36.9
Women	48.0%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	64.1%	63.7%
Black persons	3.3%	12.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons	14.8%	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino	5.5%	16.3%
Median household income	\$66,521	\$51,914
Foreign born	7.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	9.5%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	27.0%	27.9%
Median home value	\$229,100	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 16, 2012.

<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/02000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Alaska: <http://alaska.gov/>

Governor of Alaska: <http://gov.state.ak.us/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Alaska:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=AK

Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Alaska:

http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_ak

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Alaska Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ak.htm>

The Green Papers – Alaska 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/AK>

My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/alaska.html>

Secretary of State – Alaska: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Alaska: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/02000.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/aknews.html>

U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/aknews.php>

Local radio stations

News Link, radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/akradi.html>

On the Radio: <http://www.ontheradio.net/states/alaska.aspx>

General Information

Infoplease – Alaska: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108178.html>

50states.com – Alaska: <http://www.50states.com/alaska.htm>

Facebook – Alaska Travel: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alaska-Travel/118549041532431>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.alaskademocrats.org/	http://alaskarepublicans.com/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/AlaskaDemocrats	http://www.facebook.com/AlaskaRepublicanParty
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/alaskademocrats	http://www.youtube.com/user/alaskagop
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/#!/alaskademocrats	http://twitter.com/#!/akgop