



California [CA]

Capital: Sacramento
 Area: 158,608 sq. mi.
 Population: 37.253.956
 Pop. density: 227 sq mile
 Nickname: „Golden State“
 State motto: "Eureka (I Have Found It)!"
 Governor: Jerry Brown (D)
 U.S. Senators: Boxer, Barbara(D), Feinstein, Dianne (D)



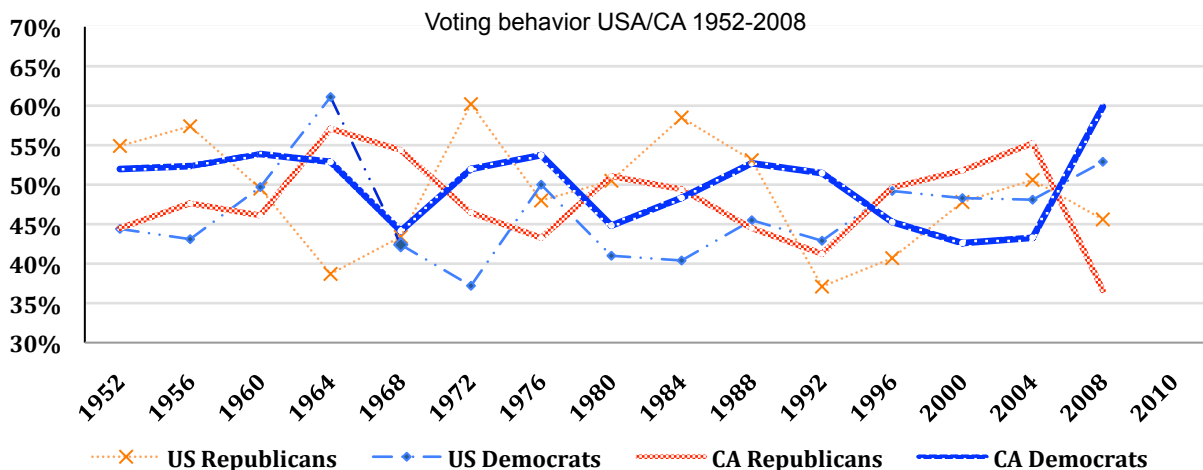
"California" *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/89503/California>>



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Until 1959, California did not require political candidates to declare their party affiliation. For example, they could run as candidates of both the Democratic and Republican parties. This practice, known as cross-filing, kept many voters from being loyal to one particular party. As a result, political disagreements between various parts of the state tended to be stronger than disagreements among the parties themselves. Major political conflicts still occur between northern and southern California. In 1965, southern California gained political power when reapportionment of the Legislature gave the area more seats in the state Senate."

Resource: World Book



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk*. February 2008. April 25, 2012. <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) CA
2000	50.3%	44.4%
2004	55.7%	47.6%
2008	57.1%	49.9%

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>>

About 49.9 percent of California's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, lower than the national rate of 57.1 percent. California had a 2010 population of 37.2 million, more than one-third of which is Hispanic or Latino. At 13 percent, California also has a higher proportion of Asians than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	California	U.S.
Median age	34.4	36.4
Women	50.3%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	40.1%	63.7%
Black persons	6.2%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	37.6%	16.3%
Median household income	\$60,883	\$51,914
Foreign born	27.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	13.7%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	30.1%	27.9%
Median home value	\$458,500	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Web site for the State California: <http://www.ca.gov/>

Governor of California: <http://gov.ca.gov/home.php>

California – Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:

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

California – Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – California Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ca.htm>

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

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

Secretary of State –California: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – California: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06000.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/canews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – California: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108187.html>

50states.com – California: <http://www.50states.com/california.htm>

Travel California: <http://www.visitcalifornia.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://cadem.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/cadems>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/cademorg>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/ca_dem

Republican Party

<http://www.cagop.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaRepublicanParty>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CRPTV>

<http://twitter.com/caGOP>