



WASHINGTON [WA]

Capital: Olympia
 Area: 184,665 sq. mi.
 Population: 6,724,540
 Pop. density: 36/sq. mi.
 Nickname: The Evergreen State
 State Motto: Alki (Chinook Wawa: "Eventually" or "By and by")
 Governor: Christine Gregoire (D)
 U.S. Senators: Patty Murray (D), Maria Cantwell (D)



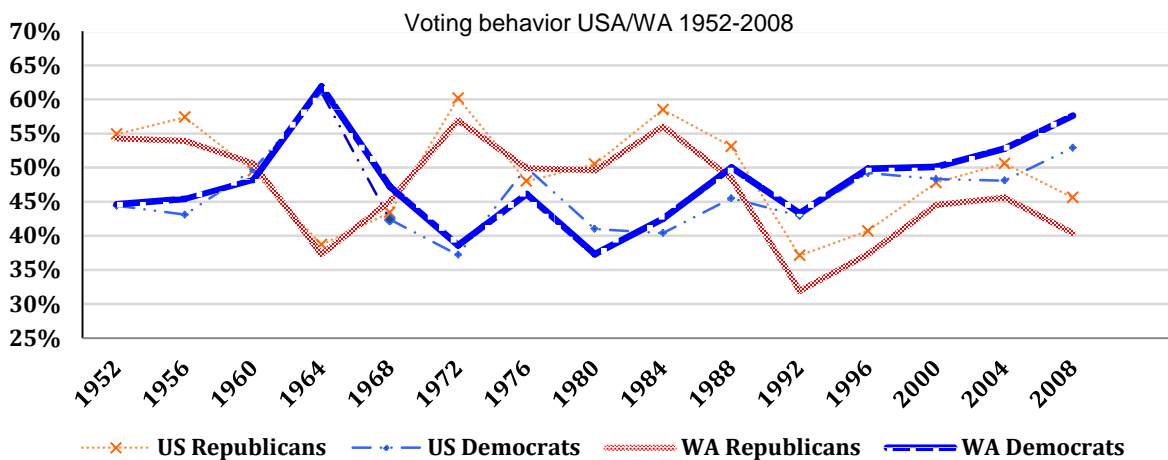
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I. VOTING BEHAVIOR

"In the 1912 presidential election, Washington supported the Progressive Party. In other presidential elections, the state has supported Republicans and Democrats almost the same number of times. Voters of farm areas and suburbs have generally favored Republicans. People in the cities of western Washington have usually supported the Democrats."

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

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) WA
2000	50.3%	56.6%
2004	55.7%	61.3%
2008	57.1%	60.6%

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>

Washington had a 2012 population of 6.7 million that includes a higher percentage of Asians and a lower percentage of blacks and Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 60 percent of Washington's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, above the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Washington	U.S.
Median age	35,3	36.9
Women	50.1%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	72.1%	63.7%
Black persons	3.8%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	11.6%	16.3%
Median household income	\$57,244	\$51,914
Foreign born	12.7%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	12.1%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	26.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$285,400	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Washington: <http://access.wa.gov/>

Governor of Washington: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Washington:

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

Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Washington:

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Washington Directory: <http://www.politics1.com/wa.htm>

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

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

Secretary of State – Washington: <http://sos.wa.gov/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Washington: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53000.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/wanews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Washington: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108286.html>

50states.com – Washington: <http://www.50states.com/washingt.htm>

Facebook – Washington Travel: <https://www.facebook.com/ExperienceWA>

The Official Tourism Website: <http://www.experiencewa.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party
 Official website: <http://www.wa-democrats.org/>
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/washdems>
 YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/washdems>
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/washdems>

Republican Party
<http://www.wagop.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/WAGOP>
<http://www.youtube.com/user/wagop>
<https://twitter.com/wagop>