



FLORIDA [FL]

Capital: Tallahassee
 Area: 58,976 sq. mi.
 Population: 18,801,310
 Pop. density: 318.8/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Sunshine State"
 State motto: "In God We Trust"
 Governor: Rick Scott (R)
 U.S. Senators: Bill Nelson (D), Marco Rubio (R)



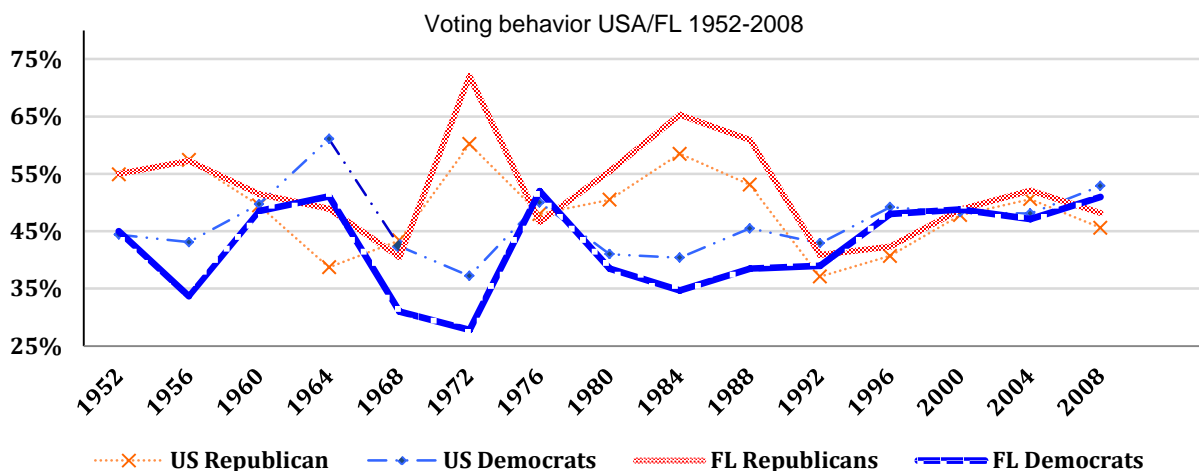
"Florida." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 10, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/210799/Florida>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

Since the Reconstruction period ended in 1877, most of Florida's governors have been Democrats. From 1880 through 1948, Democratic presidential candidates lost the state's electoral votes only in 1928. But since the 1952 election, Republican candidates have won the votes most of the time. Nevertheless, Florida is also known as one of the swing states, which means no single candidate or party has outweighing support in securing the state's electoral votes.

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk*. February 2008. June 10, 2012. <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) FL
2000	50.3%	48.1%
2004	55.7%	56.6%
2008	57.1%	58.5%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. June 11, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

58.5 percent of Florida's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, one and a half percentage points more than the national rate of 57 percent. Florida's population estimate of 18.8 million includes a lower percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population than the nation as a whole, and a percentage of Blacks and Hispanics, especially Cubans, that is much higher than the national rate, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	FLORIDA	U.S.
Median age	39.6	36.4
Women	51.1%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	57.9%	63.7%
Black persons	16.0%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	22.5%	16.3%
Median household income	\$47,661	\$51,914
Foreign born	14.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	13.8%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.9%	27.9%
Median home value	\$215,000	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 11, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/12000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

Official Portal of The State of Florida: <http://www.myflorida.com/>
 Governor of Florida: <http://www.flgov.com/>
 State and Local Government on the Net: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/state-fl.cfm>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Florida:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=FL
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Florida:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_fl

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Florida Directory: <http://www.politics1.com/fl.htm>
The Green Papers – Florida 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/FL>
My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/florida.html>
 Secretary of State – Florida: <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Florida: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/12000.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/flnews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/flnews.php>

Local radio stations

News Link, radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/flradi.html>
On the Radio: <http://www.ontheradio.net/states/florida.aspx>

General Information

Infoplease – Florida: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108198.html>
50states.com – Florida: <http://www.50states.com/florida.htm>
Facebook – Visit Florida: <http://www.facebook.com/VISITFLORIDA>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://fladems.com	http://rpof.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/FlaDems	http://www.facebook.com/FloridaGOP
YouTube:	https://www.youtube.com/user/fladems	http://www.youtube.com/user/floridagop
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/fladems	https://twitter.com/floridagop