



PENNSYLVANIA [PA]

Capital: Harrisburg
 Area: 44,742.70 sq. mi.
 Population: 12,742,886
 Pop. density: 283.9/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Keystone State"
 State motto: "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence"
 Governor: Tom Corbett (R)
 U.S. Senators: Robert P. Casey (D), Pat Toomey (R)



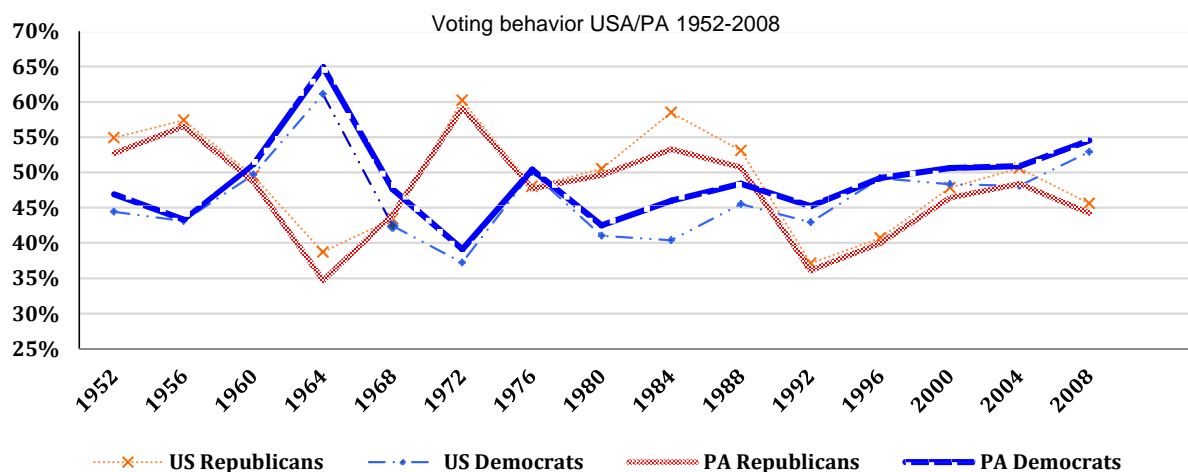
"Pennsylvania." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/450096/Pennsylvania>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Pennsylvania favored Republican candidates in most state and national elections between the 1860's and the 1930's. Democrats have gained strength since the early 1930s, especially in the larger cities. Since 1932, Democratic and Republican presidential candidates have won the state's electoral votes about the same number of times."

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) PA
2000	50.3%	52.4%
2004	55.7%	60.5%
2008	57.1%	61.5%

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>>

Pennsylvania's 2011 population of 12.7 million has a higher median age than the nation as a whole, a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 62 percent of Pennsylvania's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, slightly higher than the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Pennsylvania	U.S.
Median age	39.5	36.9
Women	51.3%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	79.5%	63.7%
Black persons	10.8%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	5.7%	16.3%
Median household income	\$50,398	\$51,914
Foreign born	5.6%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	12.4%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	26.4%	27.9%
Median home value	\$159,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.

<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/42000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Pennsylvania: <http://www.pa.gov/portal/server.pt>

Governor of Pennsylvania: <http://www.governor.state.pa.us>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Pennsylvania:

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

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

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Pennsylvania Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/pa.htm>

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

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

Pennsylvania - Department of State: <http://www.electionreturns.state.pa.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Pennsylvania: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/42000.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/panews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Pennsylvania: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108264.html>

50states.com – Pennsylvania: <http://www.50states.com/pennsylvania.htm>

Facebook – Visit Pennsylvania: <https://www.facebook.com/visitPA>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party
Official website: <http://www.padems.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/padems>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/PADemocrats>
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/padems>

Republican Party
<http://www.pagop.org/>
<http://www.facebook.com/RepublicanPartyofPennsylvania>
<http://www.youtube.com/user/PAGOP>
<http://twitter.com/PAGOP>