

NEW JERSEY [NJ]

Capital: Trenton
 Area: 7,354.22 sq. mi.
 Population: 8,821,155
 Pop. density: 1189/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Garden State"
 State motto: "Liberty and Prosperity"
 Governor: Chris Christie (R)
 U.S. Senators: Frank R. Lautenberg (D),
 Robert Menendez (D)



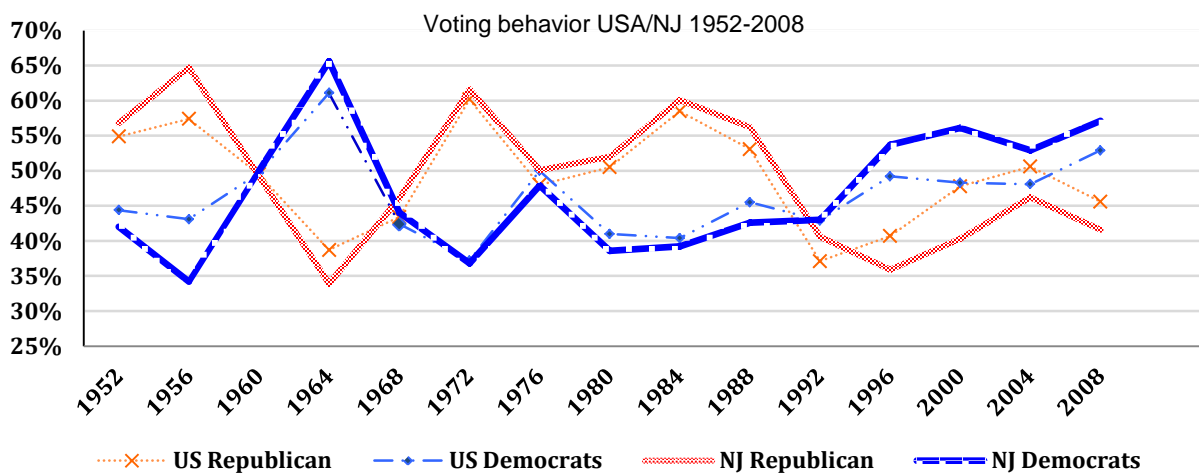
"New Jersey." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012 <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/411672/New-Jersey>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"In the late 1800's, most New Jersey governors were Democrats. Since 1900, the office has been about equally divided between Democrats and Republicans. The Republicans had a majority in the state Senate and General Assembly during most of the early 1900's. But Democrats won increased support in state elections during the late 1950's and early 1960's. Since then, control of the houses of the legislature has passed between the Democrats and the Republicans several times. Since 1856, New Jersey's electoral votes have been almost evenly split between Republican and Democratic presidential candidates."

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) NJ
2000	50.3%	50.3%
2004	55.7%	55.6%
2008	57.1%	58.5%

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>>

About 59 percent of New Jersey's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, slightly above the national rate of 57 percent. New Jersey's 2011 population of 8.8 million has a higher median household income and higher median home value than the nation as a whole, according to the U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	New Jersey	U.S.
Median age	38.2	36.9
Women	51.3%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	59.3%	63.7%
Black persons	13.7%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	17.7%	16.3%
Median household income	\$69,811	\$51,914
Foreign born	20.3%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	9.1%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	34.6%	27.9%
Median home value	\$357,000	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/34000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

New Jersey's Official Website: <http://nj.gov/>
 Governor of New Jersey: <http://www.state.nj.us/governor/>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - New Jersey:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NJ
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – New Jersey:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_al

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – New Jersey Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/nj.htm>
The Green Papers – New Jersey 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/NJ>
My Time to Vote: http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/new_jersey.html
 Department of State – New Jersey: <http://www.nj.gov/state/elections/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – New Jersey: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/34000.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/njnews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/njnews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – New Jersey: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108246.html>
50states.com – New Jersey: <http://www.50states.com/newjersey.htm>
Facebook – NJ.com: <https://www.facebook.com/NJ.com>
 The Official Tourism Website: <http://www.visitnj.org/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.njdems.org/	http://www.njgop.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/njdems	http://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyGOP
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/njdems	http://www.youtube.com/user/NJGOP
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/njdsc	http://twitter.com/NJGOP