



MARYLAND [MD]

Capital: Annapolis
 Area: 12,407 sq. mi.
 Population: 5,828,289
 Pop. density: 596/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Free State", "Old Line State"
 State motto: "Manly deeds, womanly words"
 Governor: Martin O'Malley (D)
 U.S. Senators: Barbara Mikulski (D), Benjamin L. Cardin (D)



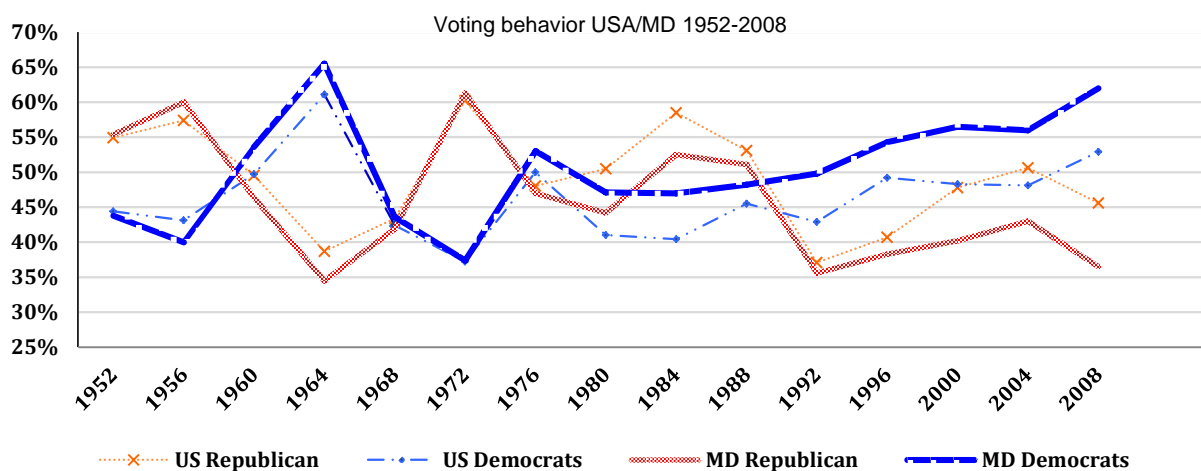
"Maryland." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 7, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/367594/Maryland>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Maryland is strongly Democratic, with the greatest Democratic strength in Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and the city of Baltimore. The Republican Party is strong in only a few counties. Only six Republicans have ever served as governor of Maryland. But in presidential elections since 1920, about an equal number of Democratic and Republican candidates have won the state's electoral votes."

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) MD
2000	50.3%	51.2%
2004	55.7%	57.3%
2008	57.1%	61.2%

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>>

Maryland, which is holding primaries on April 3, had a 2010 population of 5.8 million that includes a higher percentage of blacks, a lower percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 61 percent of Maryland's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, significantly different from the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Maryland	U.S.
Median age	34.2	36.9
Women	51.6%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	54.7%	63.7%
Black persons	29.4%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	8.2%	16.3%
Median household income	\$70,647	\$51,914
Foreign born	13.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	8.6%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	35.7%	27.9%
Median home value	\$329,400	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 7, 2012.
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/24000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Maryland: <http://www.maryland.gov/>

Governor of Maryland: <http://www.gov.state.md.us/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Maryland:

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

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

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Maryland Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/md.htm>

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

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

Secretary of State – Maryland: <http://www.sos.state.md.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Maryland: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/24000.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/mdnews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Maryland: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108223.html>

50states.com – Maryland: <http://www.50states.com/maryland.htm>

Facebook – Maryland Travel: <http://www.facebook.com/MarylandTravel>

The Official Tourism Website: <http://visitmaryland.org/Pages/MarylandHome.aspx>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://www.mddems.org/>

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

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

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/mddems>

Republican Party

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

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

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

<http://twitter.com/mdreps>