



MAINE [ME]

Capital: Augusta
 Area: 33,123 sq. mi.
 Population: 1,328,361
 Pop. density: 43.0/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: Pine Tree State
 State motto: "Dirigo (I Direct)"
 Governor: Paul LePage (R)
 U.S. Senators: Olympia J. Snowe (R), Susan Collins (R)



"Arkansas." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/358648/Maine>>.

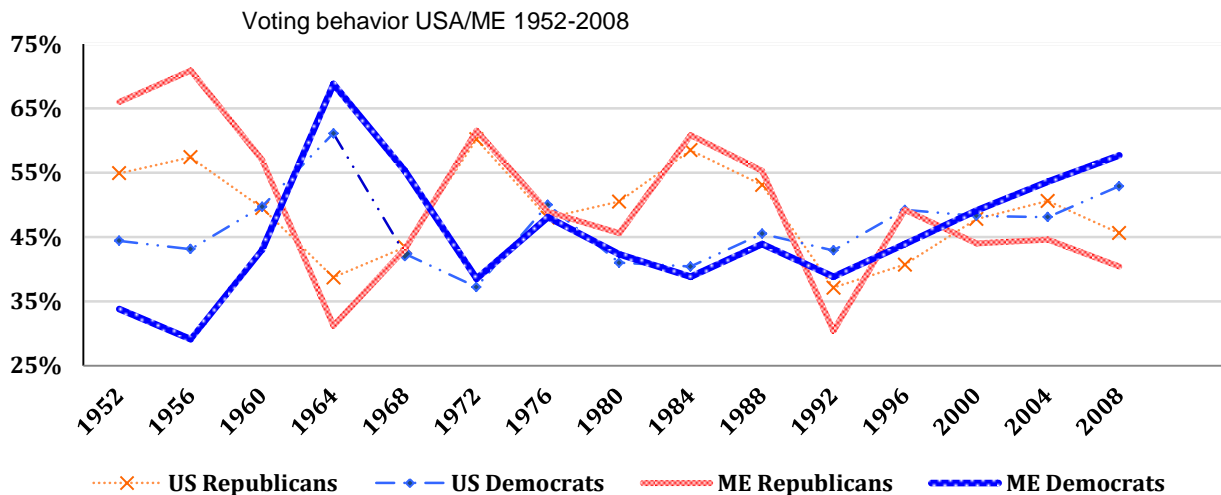


I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Maine was a Democratic state before the 1850's. But most Maine voters became Republicans in the period shortly before the American Civil War. They favored the Republican Party's antislavery and pro-Northern policies. For about a hundred years, until the 1950's, Maine voters almost always elected Republicans in state, congressional, and presidential elections. The Republicans are still a strong party in Maine. But since the 1960's, the Democrats have achieved a better balance of power with the Republicans.

From 1856 until 1964, Maine voted for the Republican candidate in every presidential election but one. In 1912, the state supported Democrat Woodrow Wilson. Since the 1960's, however, Republican and Democratic candidates have won about the same number of times. For years, Maine held its elections for Congress and governor in September. Its voters often chose candidates from the party that later won November elections in other states. This led to the slogan, "As Maine goes, so goes the nation." In 1960, Maine began voting in November."

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) ME
2000	50.3%	66.8%
2004	55.7%	72.8%
2008	57.1%	70.0%

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>>

70 percent of Maine's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, well above the national rate of 57 percent. As one of the next stops on the presidential primary trail, Maine's median age of 41.1 years is the highest in the nation, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Maine	U.S.
Median age	41.1	36.4
Women	51.1%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	94.4%	63.7%
Black persons	1.2%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	1.3%	16.3%
Median household income	\$46,933	\$51,914
Foreign born	3.3%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	12.6%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	26.5%	27.9%
Median home value	\$176,200	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/23000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Maine: <http://maine.gov/>
 Governor of Maine: <http://maine.gov/governor/baldacci/index.shtml>
 Maine –Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=ME
 Maine –Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_me

Elections 2012

My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/maine.html>
Politics 1: Maine Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/me.htm>
The Green Papers – Maine 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/ME.phtml>
 Maine – Election & Voting: http://maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/elections_voting.html

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Maine: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/23000.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/menews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/menews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Maine: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108221.html>
50states.com – Maine: <http://www.50states.com/maine.htm>
Official Tourism Website: <http://www.visitmaine.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Republican Party	Democratic Party
Official website:	https://www.maine.gov/	http://www.mainedems.org/
Facebook:	not available	http://www.facebook.com/mainedems
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/YourSenate	http://www.youtube.com/user/mainedems
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/maine.gov/	http://twitter.com/mainedems