



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA [DC]

Federal district: The District of Columbia (Washington D.C.)
 Area: 61.05 sq. mi.
 Population: 617,996
 Pop. density: 9,856.5/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Capital City" / "The District"
 State motto: "Justitia Omnibus" ("Justice to all")
 Mayor: Vincent C. Gray (D)
 D.C. Council: Phil Mendelson (D)



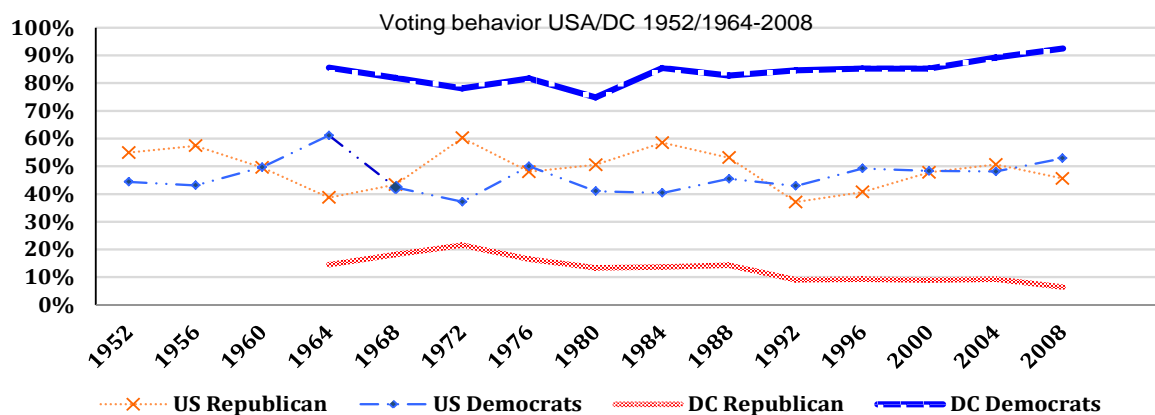
"District of Columbia." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/636322/Washington>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Constitution of the United States gave Congress the power to govern Washington. In 1973, Congress granted Washingtonians the right to elect their local officials. However, Washington does not have a voting representative in Congress. After World War II, many Washingtonians began demanding the right to participate in government. Congress and the states passed a constitutional amendment that allowed Washingtonians to vote in presidential elections for the first time in 1964. In 1970, Congress passed legislation permitting Washington to have a delegate in the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time since 1875. The delegate may vote in committees but not in votes of the full House of Representative."

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) DC
2000	50.3%	44.2%
2004	55.7%	49.1%
2008	57.1%	55.7%

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>>

The District of Columbia, which is holding primaries on April 3, had a 2010 population of about 618,000 that includes a higher percentage of blacks and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 56 percent of the citizens in the nation's capital cast a ballot in the 2008 general election. That is close to the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	District of Columbia	U.S.
Median age	34.3	36.9
Women	52.8%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	34.8%	63.7%
Black persons	50.7%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	9.1%	16.3%
Median household income	\$58,526	\$51,914
Foreign born	13.0%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	18.5%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	49.2%	27.9%
Median home value	\$443,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/11000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The District of Columbia - Homepage: <http://dc.gov/DC/>
 Executive Office of the Mayor: <http://mayor.dc.gov/>
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – District of Columbia:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_al

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – District of Columbia Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/dc.htm>
The Green Papers – District of Columbia 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/DC>
My Time to Vote: http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/washington_dc.html
 Office of the Secretary – Washington D.C.: <http://os.dc.gov/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – D.C.: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/11000.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/dcnews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/dcnews.php>

Local radio stations

News Link, radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/dcradi.html>
On the Radio: http://www.ontheradio.net/metro/washington_dc.aspx

General Information

Infoplease – District of Columbia: <http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/us/A0815651.html>
50states.com – District of Columbia: <http://www.50states.com/dc.htm>
Facebook – Cultural Tourism D.C.: <http://www.facebook.com/CulturalTourismDC>
The Official Tourism Website: <http://washington.org/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.dcdemocraticparty.org/	http://www.dcgop.com/
Facebook:	-	http://www.facebook.com/pages/DC-Republican-Committee/48538061867
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/dcdsc2	http://www.youtube.com/user/mediadcgop/
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/DCDemocrats	http://twitter.com/DCGOP