



VIRGINIA [VA]

Capital: Richmond
 Area: 40,599 sq. mi.
 Population: 8,001,024
 Pop. density: 204/sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Old Dominion"
 State motto: "Sic Semper Tyrannis"
 ("Thus Always to Tyrants")
 Governor: Bob McDonnell (R)
 U.S. Senators: Jim Webb (D), Mark R. Warner (D)



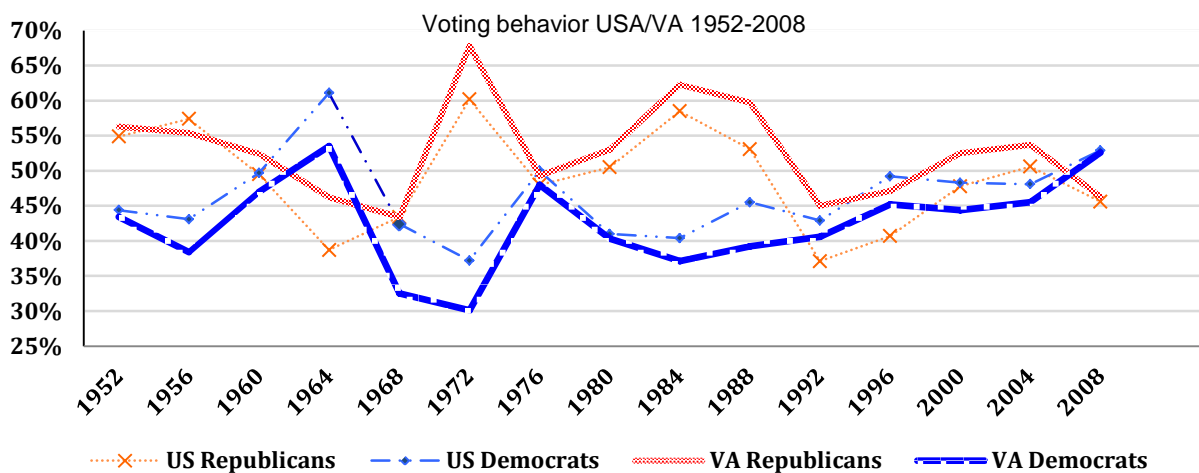
"Virginia." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/629964/Virginia>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party controlled Virginia politics throughout most of the state's history. However, Republican Party strength increased during the last half of the 1900's. In 1969, A. Linwood Holton, Jr., became the first Republican to be elected governor of Virginia since 1869. By the end of the 1990's, the Republican Party had become the dominant party in the state. However, Democrats won governor's races in 2001 and 2005 and a U.S. Senate seat in 2006. Until the 1950's, Virginia voted for the Democratic candidate in presidential elections most of the time. Since then, the state's voters have usually supported the Republican candidate."

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) VA
2000	50.3%	51.1%
2004	55.7%	56.4%
2008	57.1%	62.5%

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>>

Virginia had a 2010 population of 8.0 million. About 63 percent of Virginia's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, which is higher than the national rate of 57 percent. Virginia's population 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.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Virginia	U.S.
Median age	37.2	36.9
Women	50.9%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	64.8%	63.7%
Black persons	19.4%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	7.9%	16.3%
Median household income	\$61,406	\$51,914
Foreign born	10.8%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	10.3%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	33.8%	27.9%
Median home value	\$255,100	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/51000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

Virginia's Official Website: <http://portal.virginia.gov/>
 Governor of Virginia: <http://www.governor.virginia.gov/>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Virginia:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=VA
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Virginia:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_va

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Virginia Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/va.htm>
The Green Papers – Virginia 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/VA>
My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/virginia.html>
 Secretary of State – Virginia: <http://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Virginia: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/51000.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/vanews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/vanews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Virginia: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108283.html>
50states.com – Virginia: <http://www.50states.com/virginia.htm>
 Official Tourism Website of Virginia: <http://www.virginia.org/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.vademocrats.org/	http://www.rpv.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/vademocrats	http://www.facebook.com/VirginiaGOP
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/vademocrats	http://www.youtube.com/VAGOPTV
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/vademocrats	http://twitter.com/va_gop