



LOUISIANA [LA]

Capital: Baton Rouge
 Area: 47,632 sq. mi.
 Population: 4,533,372
 Pop. density: 105/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: Creole State, Sugar State
 State motto: "Union, Justice, and Confidence"
 Governor: Bobby Jindal (R)
 U.S. Senators: Mary L. Landrieu (D), David Vitter (R)



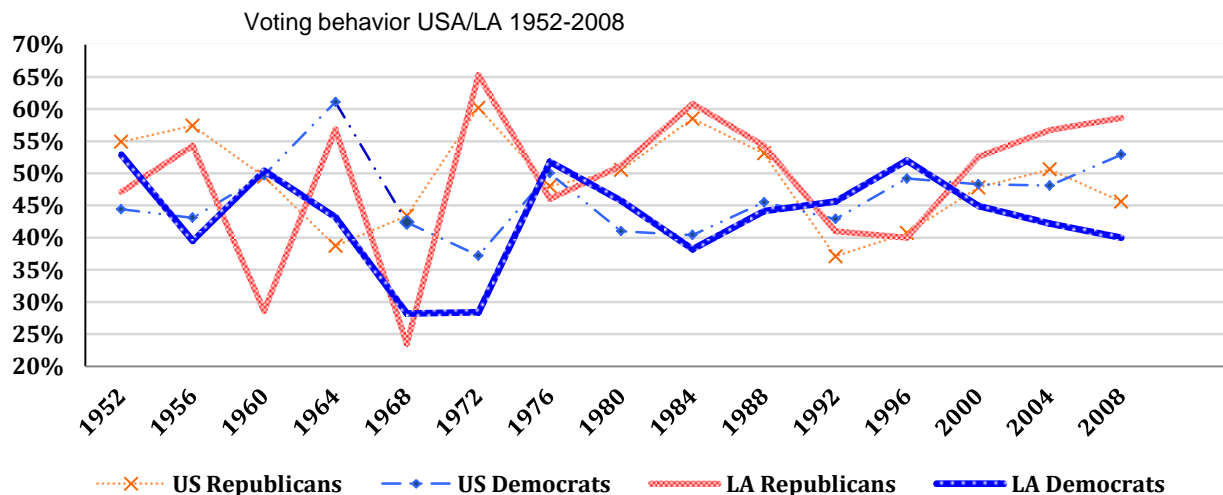
"Louisiana." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/349271/Louisiana>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party controlled Louisiana politics throughout most of the state's history. The Republican Party gained strength during the 1950's and 1960's. Democratic candidates carried the state in all presidential elections from 1880 through 1944. Since then, Republican presidential candidates have won the state's electoral votes more often than Democratic candidates have."

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) LA
2000	50.3%	54.3%
2004	55.7%	58.6%
2008	57.1%	58.9%

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>>

Louisiana, which is holding a Democratic primary and Republican caucus on March 24, had a 2010 population of 4.5 million that includes a lower percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a higher percentage of blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 59 percent of Louisiana's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, a little higher than the national rate.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Louisiana	U.S.
Median age	35.7	36.4
Women	51.0%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	60.3%	63.7%
Black persons	32.0%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	4.2%	16.3%
Median household income	\$43,445	\$51,914
Foreign born	3.6%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	18.1%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	20.9%	27.9%
Median home value	\$130,000	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/22000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Louisiana: <http://www.louisiana.gov/>
 Governor of Louisiana: <http://www.gov.louisiana.gov/>
 Louisiana –Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=LA
 Louisiana –Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_la

Elections 2012

My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/louisiana.html>
Politics 1: Louisiana Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/la.htm>
The Green Papers – Louisiana 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/LA.phtml>
 Secretary of State - Elections Division: <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/68/Default.aspx>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Louisiana: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/22000.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/lanews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/lanews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Louisiana: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108219.html>
50states.com – Louisiana: <http://www.50states.com/louisian.htm>
Official Tourism Website: <http://www.louisianatravel.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Republican Party	Democratic Party
Official website:	http://lagop.com/	http://lademo.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/lagop	http://www.facebook.com/LouisianaDemocraticParty
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/louisianagop	http://www.youtube.com/LADemParty
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/lagop	http://twitter.com/LADemos