



## KENTUCKY [KY]

Capital: Frankfort  
 Area: 40,411 sq. mi.  
 Population: 4,339,367  
 Pop. density: 110/ sq. mi.  
 Nickname: Bluegrass State  
 State motto: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall"  
 Governor: Steve Beshear (D)  
 U.S. Senators: Mitch McConnell (R), Rand Paul (R)



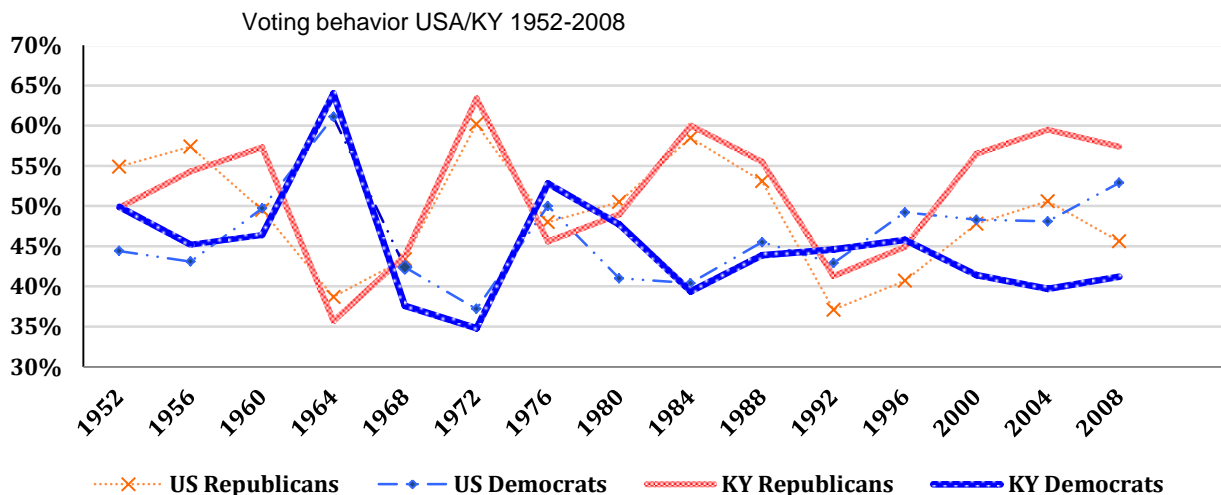
"Kentucky." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/315026/Kentucky>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Kentucky has traditionally favored Democrats. Since the American Civil War (1861-1865), most of its governors have been Democrats. But Kentucky voters began electing an increasing number of Republicans to Congress and to the state legislature during the mid-1900's. Democrats carried Kentucky in every presidential election from 1932 through 1952. Since then, Republicans have won the state's electoral votes more often than Democrats 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](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx)>

### VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) KY
2000	50.3%	50.6%
2004	55.7%	57.0%
2008	57.1%	55.8%

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>>

With its primary on May 22, Kentucky's 2010 population of 4.3 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 56 percent of Kentucky's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, about one percent lower than the national rate of 57 percent.

More information at: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/21000.html>



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Kentucky	U.S.
Median age	37.2	36.4
Women	50.8%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	86.3%	63.7%
Black persons	7.8%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	3.1%	16.3%
Median household income	\$41,576	\$51,914
Foreign born	3.1%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	17.7%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	20.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$116,800	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.  
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/21000.html>>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Website for the State Kentucky: <http://kentucky.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

Governor of Kentucky: <http://governor.ky.gov/>

Kentucky –Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=KY](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=KY)

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

[http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW\\_by\\_State.shtml#de](http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de)

### Elections 2012

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

*Politics 1*: Kentucky Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ky.htm>

*The Green Papers* – Kentucky 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/KY.phtml>

State Board of Elections: <http://elect.ky.gov/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Kentucky: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/21000.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/kynews.html>

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

### Local radio stations

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

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

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Kentucky: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108217.html>

*50states.com* – Kentucky: <http://www.50states.com/kentucky.htm>

*Official Tourism Website*: <http://www.kentuckytourism.com/>

### Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Republican Party	Democratic Party
Official website:	<a href="http://rpk.org/">http://rpk.org/</a>	<a href="http://kydemocrat.com/">http://kydemocrat.com/</a>
Facebook:	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/kygop">http://www.facebook.com/kygop</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/KYdemocrats">http://www.facebook.com/KYdemocrats</a>
YouTube:	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/gopkentucky">http://www.youtube.com/user/gopkentucky</a>	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/kydemocratdotcom">http://www.youtube.com/user/kydemocratdotcom</a>
Twitter:	<a href="http://twitter.com/kygop">http://twitter.com/kygop</a>	<a href="http://twitter.com/kydems">http://twitter.com/kydems</a>