



## RHODE ISLAND [RI]

Capital: Providence  
 Area: 1,221 sq. mi.  
 Population: 1,052,567  
 Pop. density: 1,006/sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "The Ocean State"  
 State motto: "Hope"  
 Governor: Lincolnd D. Chafee (Independent)  
 U.S. Senators: Jack Reed (D), Sheldon Whitehouse (D)



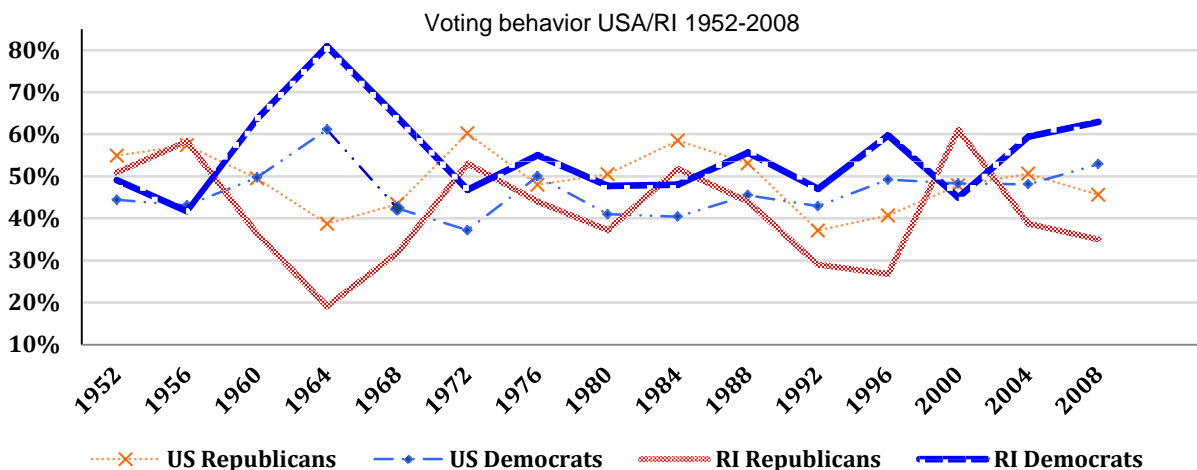
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### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Rhode Island became a Republican state shortly before the American Civil War (1861-1865). Most voters in Rhode Island favored the antislavery and pro-Northern policies of the Republican Party... Rhode Island voters supported the Republican presidential candidate in every election but one from 1856 to 1928... Since 1928, the state has voted Democratic in most presidential elections."

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) RI
2000	50.3%	63.5%
2004	55.7%	63.7%
2008	57.1%	67.4%

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>>

Rhode Island, which held its presidential primaries on April 24, had a 2011 population of 1.1 million. The state has a higher percentage of people with a bachelor's degree or more and a higher median household income than the nation as a whole. About 67 percent of Rhode Island's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, statistically higher than the national rate.

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



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Rhode Island	U.S.
Median age	38.2	36.9
Women	51.7%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	76.4%	63.7%
Black persons	5.7%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	12.4%	16.3%
Median household income	\$54,902	\$51,914
Foreign born	12.6%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	12.2%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	30.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$279,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.  
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/44000.html>>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

Rhode Island's Official Website: <http://www.ri.gov/>

Governor of Rhode Island: <http://www.governor.ri.gov/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Rhode Island:

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

Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Rhode Island:

[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_ri](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_ri)

### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – Rhode Island Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ri.htm>

*The Green Papers* – Rhode Island 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/RI.phtml>

*My Time to Vote*: [http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/rhode\\_island.html](http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/rhode_island.html)

*Rhode Island Board of Elections*: <http://www.elections.state.ri.us/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Rhode Island: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/44000.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/rinews.html>

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

### Local radio stations

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

*On the Radio*: [http://www.ontheradio.net/states/rhode\\_island.aspx](http://www.ontheradio.net/states/rhode_island.aspx)

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Rhode Island: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108266.html>

*50states.com* – Rhode Island: <http://www.50states.com/rdisland.html>

Official Tourism Website of Rhode Island: <http://www.visitrhodeisland.com/>

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

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	<a href="http://www.ridemocrats.org/">http://www.ridemocrats.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.rigop.org/">http://www.rigop.org/</a>
Facebook:	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ridemocrats">https://www.facebook.com/ridemocrats</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/RI-Republicanscom/304436156260691">http://www.facebook.com/pages/RI-Republicanscom/304436156260691</a>
YouTube:	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/RIDemocrats">https://www.youtube.com/user/RIDemocrats</a>	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/HouseConference">http://www.youtube.com/user/HouseConference</a>
Twitter:	<a href="https://twitter.com/ridemparty">https://twitter.com/ridemparty</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/RhodeIslandGOP">https://twitter.com/RhodeIslandGOP</a>