



Nevada [NV]

Capital: Carson City
 Area: 110,572 sq. mi.
 Population: 2,700,551 (2010)
 Pop. density: 24.8/sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Sagebrush State"; "Silver State";
 "Battle Born State"
 State motto: "All For Our Country"
 Governor: Brian Sandoval (R)
 U.S. senators: Harry Reid (D), Dean Heller (R)



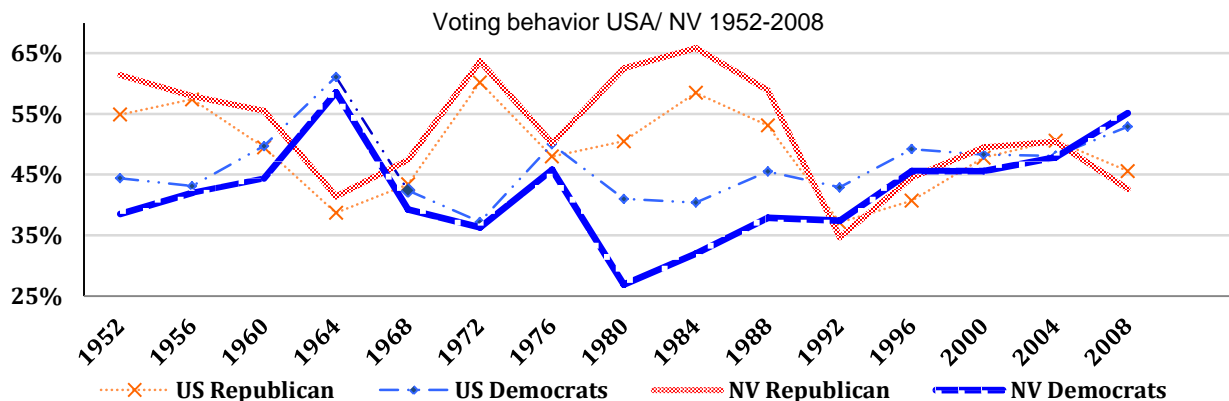
"Nevada." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 5, 2012
<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/411016/Nevada>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Traditionally the Democratic Party dominated politics in Nevada, but in the 1980s the Republicans were ascendant, largely as a result of changes in the state's voter profile brought about by the influx of newcomers. Since then the state has swung between the parties in both local and national elections, though it trended toward the Democratic side in the early 21st century, probably because of an influx of young voters, well-educated voters, and Hispanic voters; Barack Obama, the Democratic Party presidential candidate in 2008, carried the state with 55 percent of the vote. It has been said that Nevadans are more issue- than party-oriented; indeed, since 1976, ballots in Nevada have allowed voters to choose "none of the above.""

Resource: http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx.



Resource: "Election Information" Office of the Clerk. February 2008. June 5, 2012.
http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) NV
2000	50.3%	40.6%
2004	55.7%	48.0%
2008	57.1%	49.9%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States*: 2012. June 5, 2012.
<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>.

Nevada's population of 2.7 million grew 24.6 percent between 2000 and 2010, making it the nation's fastest-growing state. The U.S. population grew by 9.7 percent during that same time period. Nevada has a higher percentage of Hispanics, a higher median household income and a faster-growing population than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 50 percent of Nevada's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, one of the lowest percentages in the country. The national figure was 57.1 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Nevada	U.S.
Median age	35.5	36.4
Women	49.5%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	54.1%	63.7%
Black persons	8.1%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	26.5%	16.3%
Median household income	\$55,726	\$51,914
Foreign born	19.3%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	11.9%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	21.8%	27.9%
Median home value	\$254,200	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 5, 2012.
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/32000.html>>.



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Nevada Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/nv.htm>
The Green Papers – Nevada 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/NV>
My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/nevada.html>
 Secretary of State – Nevada: <http://nvsos.gov/index.aspx?page=3>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Nevada: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/32000.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/nvnews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/nvnews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Nevada: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108242.html>
50states.com – Nevada: <http://www.50states.com/nevada.htm>
Facebook – Nevada Travel: <https://www.facebook.com/travelnevadavisitorguide>
 The Official Tourism Website: <http://travelnevada.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.nvdems.com/	http://www.nevadagop.org/
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/NevadaDems	http://www.facebook.com/pages/NEVADA-REPUBLICANS/97684769998
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/nvdemocraticparty	not available
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/nvdems	https://twitter.com/NRMCGOP