

## DELAWARE [DE]

Capital: Dover  
 Area: 2,023 sq. mi.  
 Population: 897,934  
 Pop. density: 464/ sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "First State" "Diamond State"  
 State motto: "Liberty and Independence"  
 Governor: Jack Markell (D)  
 U.S. Senators: Tom Carper (D), Chris Coons (D)



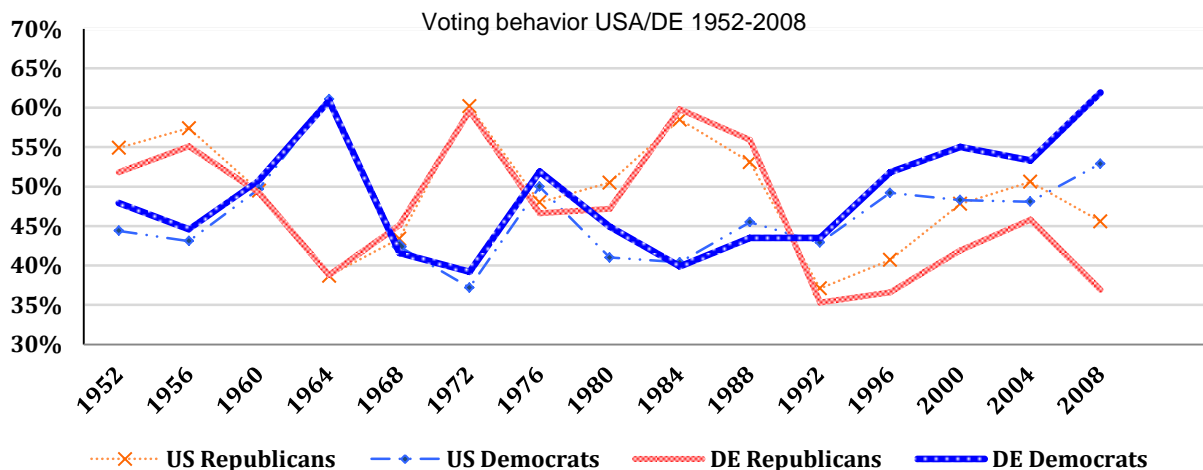
"Delaware." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/156367/Delaware>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Republicans held the state's governorship during most of the first half of the 1900's. But since that time, the office has passed back and forth between Republicans and Democrats. In presidential elections, the Republican and Democratic parties have both played an important role. Since 1852, Republican and Democratic presidential candidates have won Delaware's electoral votes about the same number of times."

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) DE
2000	50.3%	55.4%
2004	55.7%	59.9%
2008	57.1%	61.6%

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>>

Delaware is the nation's 10<sup>th</sup> fastest-growing state. Its 2010 population of about 897,000 grew by 14.6 percent between 2000 and 2010. The U.S. population grew by 9.7 percent during that same period. Delaware has a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites, a higher percentage of blacks and a higher median household income than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 61 percent of Delaware's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, which was higher than the national figure of 57 percent.

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



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Delaware	U.S.
Median age	37.5	36.4
Women	51.6%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	65.3%	63.7%
Black persons	21.4%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	8.2%	16.3%
Median household income	\$57,599	\$51,914
Foreign born	8.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	11.0%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	27.7%	27.9%
Median home value	\$242,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.  
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/10000.html>>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Website for the State Delaware: <http://delaware.gov/>

Governor of Delaware: <http://governor.delaware.gov/>

Delaware –Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:

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

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

[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_de](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_de)

### Elections 2012

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

*Politics 1*: Delaware Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/de.htm>

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

Commissioner of Elections: <http://elections.delaware.gov/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Connecticut: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/10000.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/denews.html>

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

### Local radio stations

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

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

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Delaware: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108194.html>

*50states.com* – Delaware: <http://www.50states.com/delaware.htm>

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

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

Republican Party  
Official website: <http://www.delawaregop.com/>  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Delaware-Republican-Victory/138421929515650>  
YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/degoptyv>  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CTHouseDems>

Democratic Party  
<http://www.deldems.org/>  
<http://www.facebook.com/DelawareDemocraticParty>  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/dehousedems>  
<http://twitter.com/DelDems>