



## ILLINOIS [IL]

Capital: Springfield  
 Area: 57,914 sq. mi.  
 Population: 12,830,632  
 Pop. density: 221.55/ sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "Prairie State" "Land of Lincoln"  
 State motto: "State Sovereignty, National Union"  
 Governor: Pat Quinn (D)  
 U.S. Senators: Dick Durbin (D), Mark Kirk (R)



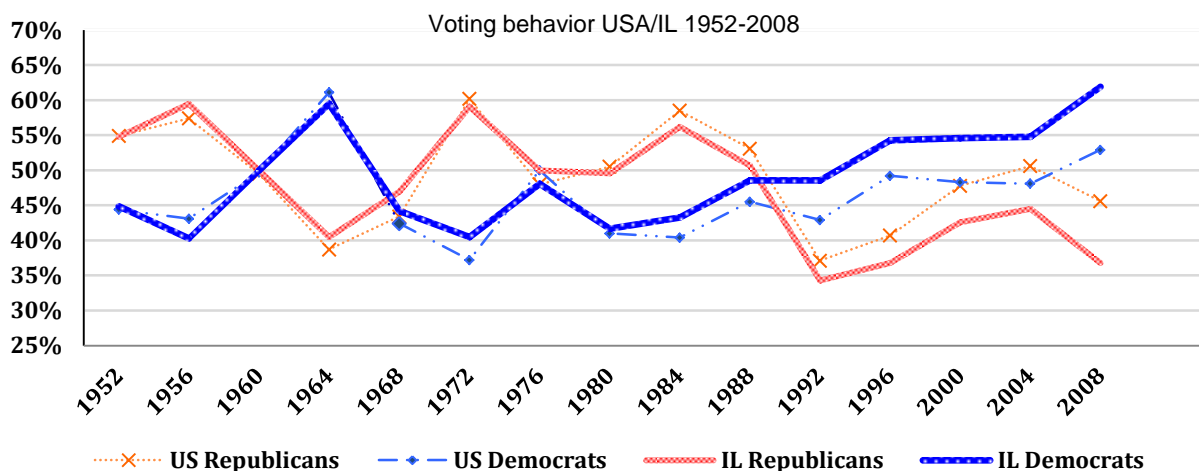
"Illinois." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/282936/Illinois>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

'Illinois voters are divided about evenly between the Democratic and Republican parties. Most Chicago voters are Democrats, and the majority of voters in the rest of the state are Republicans. The voters have elected more Republicans as governor of Illinois than they have elected Democrats. Since the Republican Party was formed in 1856, Illinois has voted for Republican presidential candidates more often than Democratic candidates.'

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) IL
2000	50.3%	51.6%
2004	55.7%	56.0%
2008	57.1%	57.2%

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>>

About 57 percent of Illinois' citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, almost the same than the national. Illinois' 2010 population of 12.8 million includes a higher median household income and median home value than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Illinois	U.S.
Median age	35.7	36.4
Women	51.0%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	63.7%	63.7%
Black persons	14.5%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	15.8%	16.3%
Median household income	\$55,735	\$51,914
Foreign born	13.6%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	12.6%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	30.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$202,500	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 11. January 2012. June 11, 2012.  
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17000.html>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Website for the State Illinois: <http://www.illinois.gov/>  
 Governor of Illinois: <http://www.illinois.gov/GOV/>  
 Illinois - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=IL](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=IL)  
 Illinois - 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

Politics 1: Illinois Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/il.htm>  
 The Green Papers: Illinois 2010 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/IL>  
 State Board of Elections: <http://www.elections.state.il.us/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Illinois: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17000.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/aznews.html>  
 U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/aznews.php>

### Local radio stations

Local newspapers: <http://www.newslink.org/ilnews.html>  
 Local radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/ilradi.html>

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Illinois: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108209.html>  
*50states.com* – Illinois: <http://www.50states.com/illinois.html>  
 Official Tourism Website: <http://www.enjoyillinois.com/home.aspx>

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

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	<a href="http://www.ildems.com/">http://www.ildems.com/</a>	<a href="http://www.weareillinois.org/">http://www.weareillinois.org/</a>
Facebook:	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/IllinoisSenateDemocraticCaucus">http://www.facebook.com/IllinoisSenateDemocraticCaucus</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/ilgop">http://www.facebook.com/ilgop</a>
YouTube:	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/ilsendems/">http://www.youtube.com/user/ilsendems/</a>	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/WeAreIllinois">http://www.youtube.com/WeAreIllinois</a>
Twitter:	<a href="https://twitter.com/ILSenDems">https://twitter.com/ILSenDems</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/ilgop">https://twitter.com/ilgop</a>