

IOWA [IA]

Capital: Des Moines
 Area: 56,273 sq. mi.
 Population: 3,046,355
 Pop. density: 54.8/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Hawkeye State"; "Corn State"
 State motto: "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain"
 Governor: Terry Branstad (R)
 U.S. Senators: Chuck Grassley (R), Tom Harkin (D)



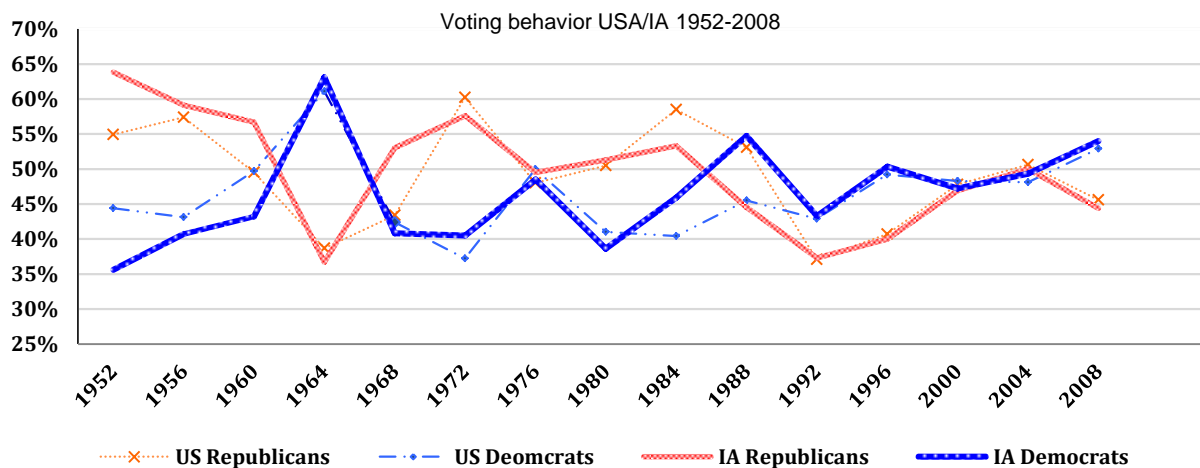
"Iowa." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 7 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/293163/Iowa>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party controlled Iowa politics when the state entered the Union in 1846. During the 1850's, many Iowa Democrats became dissatisfied with their party for not opposing slavery. They joined with members of the Whig Party to help form the Republican Party. A Republican became governor of Iowa in 1858. Since then, the Republican candidate has defeated the Democratic candidate in most of Iowa's gubernatorial elections. Most of Iowa's Republican strength lies in rural areas, while most Democratic strength is in the cities. Members of both parties seek as much representation as possible from areas where their party is strong. In 1964 and 1965, the state legislative districts were temporarily reapportioned (redivided). The reapportionment gave the cities greater representation, which resulted in more Democrats in the legislature. Beginning with the 1970 census, the state has been reapportioned after each U.S. census."

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>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) IA
2000	50.3%	61.6%
2004	55.7%	67.6%
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>>

Iowa has a 2010 population of about 3 million, including a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics and blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 67 percent of Iowa's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election. The national rate was 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Iowa	U.S.
Median age	34.2	36.4
Women	50.5%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	88.7%	63.7%
Black persons	2.9%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	5.0%	16.3%
Median household income	\$48,472	\$51,914
Foreign born	4.1%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	11.6%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	24.5%	27.9%
Median home value	\$119,200	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/19000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Iowa: <http://www.iowa.gov/>

Governor of Iowa: <https://governor.iowa.gov/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Iowa:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=IA

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

http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_ia

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Iowa Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ia.htm>

The Green Papers – Iowa 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/IA>

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

Secretary of State – Iowa: http://www.secstates.com/IA_Iowa_Secretary_of_State_Corporation_Search/

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Iowa: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/19000.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/ianews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Iowa: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108213.html>

50states.com – Iowa: <http://www.50states.com/iowa.htm>

Facebook – Iowa Travel: <http://www.facebook.com/IowaTourism>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party
 Official website: <http://www.iowademocrats.org/>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/IowaDemocrats>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/iowademocraticparty>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/iowademocrats>

Republican Party
<http://www.iowagop.org/>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Republican-Party-of-Iowa/23084441315>
<http://www.youtube.com/user/iowagop>
<https://twitter.com/IowaGOP>