



MISSOURI [MO]

Capital: Jefferson City
 Area: 69,704 sq. mi.
 Population: 6,392,017
 Pop. density: 56.3/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Show-Me State"
 State motto: "Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto" ("The Welfare of the People Shall Be the Supreme Law")
 Governor: Jay Nixon (D)
 U.S. Senators: Claire McCaskill (D), Roy Blunt (R)



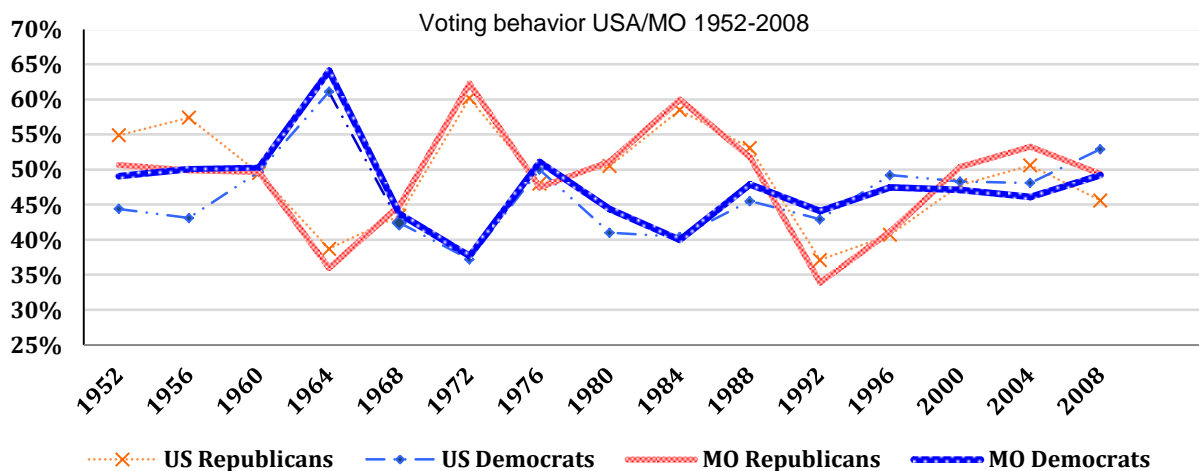
"Missouri." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Encyclopædia Britannica Online. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/385713/Missouri>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Missouri voters tend to favor Democratic candidates over Republicans, but the balloting is usually close. Most of the state's governors have been Democrats. In presidential elections, voters have favored the Democratic candidate more often than the Republican candidate. St. Louis and Kansas City have tended to vote strongly Democratic, but the region around St. Louis is mostly Republican. Northeastern Missouri, most of the counties along the Missouri River, and southeastern Missouri have been traditionally Democratic. North-central and southwestern Missouri are chiefly Republican. About 30 counties switch back and forth between the two major parties. The party that wins these counties generally controls the state legislature."

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) MO
2000	50.3%	56.5%
2004	55.7%	63.0%
2008	57.1%	64.7%

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 65 percent of Missouri's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, above the national rate of 57 percent. Missouri's 2011 population of 6.4 million includes a significantly higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics 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	Missouri	U.S.
Median age	37.6	36.9
Women	51.0%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	81.0%	63.7%
Black persons	11.6%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	3.5%	16.3%
Median household income	\$46,262	\$51,914
Foreign born	3.7%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	14.0%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.0%	27.9%
Median home value	\$137,700	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/29000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Missouri: <http://www.mo.gov/>

Governor of Missouri: <http://governor.mo.gov/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Missouri:

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

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

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Missouri Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/mo.htm>

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

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

Secretary of State – Missouri: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Missouri: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/29000.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/monews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Missouri: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108234.html>

50states.com – Missouri: <http://www.50states.com/missouri.htm>

Official Missouri Tourism Website: <http://www.visitmo.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://www.missouridems.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/modemparty>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/missouridemocrats>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/MoDemParty>

Republican Party

<http://www.mogop.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/missourigop>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/missourigop>

<http://twitter.com/morepublicans>