



VERMONT [VT]

Capital: Montpelier
 Area: 9,617 sq. mi.
 Population: 625,741
 Pop. density: 67.7/sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Green Mountain State"
 State motto: "Freedom and Unity"
 Governor: Peter Shumlin (D)
 U.S. Senators: Patrick Leahy (D),
 Bernie Sanders (Independ.)



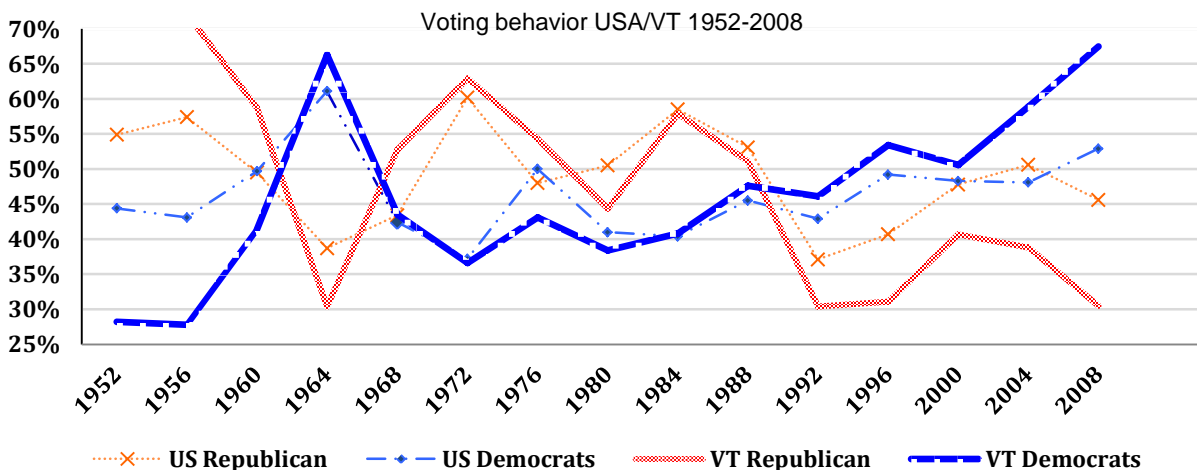
"Vermont." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/626203/Vermont>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Vermont's electoral votes went to the Republican candidate in every presidential election from 1860 through 1960. Since then, however, the state has voted for the Democratic candidate in several presidential elections. All of Vermont's governors from 1854 until 1963 were Republicans. Since then, both Democrats and Republicans have won the office of governor several times. In 1974, Patrick J. Leahy became the first Democrat to be elected to the U.S. Senate from Vermont since the early 1800's."

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) VT
2000	50.3%	63.6%
2004	55.7%	65.2%
2008	57.1%	66.0%

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>>

Vermont had a 2011 population of about 625,000. Vermont has a higher median age, a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of blacks and Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 66 percent of Vermont'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	Vermont	U.S.
Median age	41.0	36.9
Women	50.7%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	94.3%	63.7%
Black persons	1.0%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	1.5%	16.3%
Median household income	\$51,841	\$51,914
Foreign born	4.0%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	11.1%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	33.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$208,400	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/50000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

Vermont's Official Website: <http://www.vermont.gov/>
 Governor of Vermont: <http://governor.vermont.gov/>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Vermont:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=VT
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Vermont:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_vt

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Vermont Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/vt.htm>
The Green Papers – Vermont 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/VT>
My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/vermont.html>
 Secretary of State – Vermont: <http://www.sec.state.vt.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Vermont: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/50000.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/vtnews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/vtnews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Vermont: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108281.html>
50states.com – Vermont: <http://www.50states.com/vermont.htm>
 Official Tourism Website of Vermont: <http://www.1-800-vermont.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.vtdemocrats.org/	http://vtgop.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vermont-Democratic-Party/10906383577	http://www.facebook.com/vtgop
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/VTDemocrats	http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpInI-GpA2y2tAMAFprA_2zq
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/VT Dems	http://twitter.com/vtgop_Chair