



## WEST VIRGINIA [WV]

Capital: Charleston  
 Area: 24,230 sq. mi.  
 Population: 1,855,364  
 Pop. density: 77,1/ sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "Mountain State"  
 State motto: "Mountaineers are always free"  
 Governor: Early Ray Tomblin (D)  
 U.S. Senators: Jay Rockefeller (D), Joseph Manchin (D)



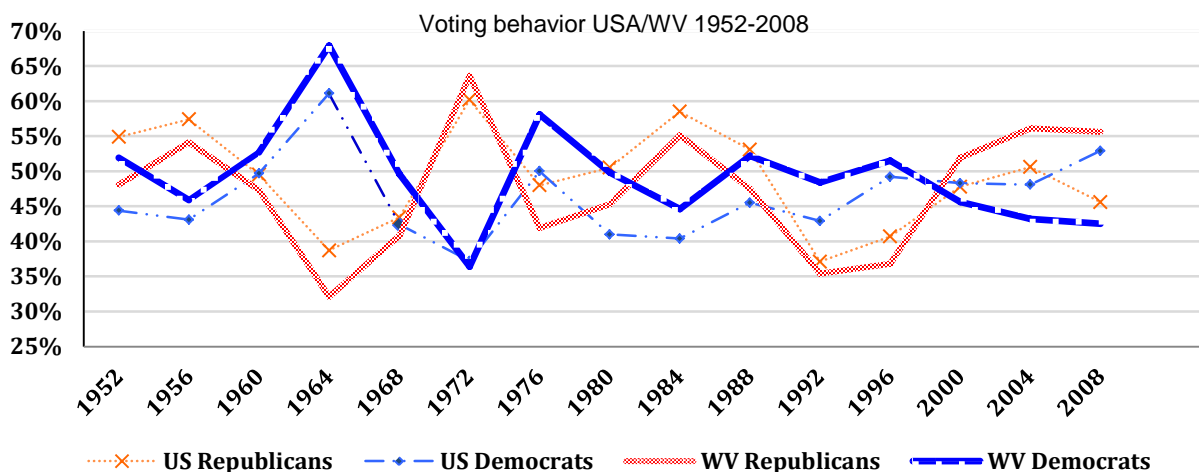
"West Virginia." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 21, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/640396/West-Virginia>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Since 1864, West Virginia has divided its vote about equally between Republicans and Democrats in state elections. From 1896 to 1928, the Republicans won every state election except one. The Democrats won control of the state in 1932 and held it until 1956... Since the early 1930's, West Virginia voters have greatly favored Democratic presidential candidates over Republican presidential 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) WV
2000	50.3%	46.1%
2004	55.7%	53.5%
2008	57.1%	50.0%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. June 21, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

West Virginia has a 2010 population of 1.8 million including a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites, a lower percentage of blacks, and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. 50 percent of West Virginia's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, significantly lower than the national rate of 57 percent.

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



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	West Virginia	U.S.
Median age	34.2	36.9
Women	50.7%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	93,2%	63.7%
Black persons	3,4%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	1,2%	16.3%
Median household income	\$38,380	\$51,914
Foreign born	1,3%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	17,4%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	17.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$94,500	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 21, 2012.

<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/54000.html>>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Website for the State West Virginia: <http://www.wv.gov/>

Governor of West Virginia: <http://www.governor.wv.gov/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - West Virginia:

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

Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – West Virginia:

[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_wv](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_wv)

### Elections 2012

Politics 1 – West Virginia Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/wv.htm>

The Green Papers – West Virginia 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/WV>

My Time to Vote: [http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/west\\_virginia.html](http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/west_virginia.html)

Secretary of State – West Virginia: <http://www.sos.wv.gov/>

### Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – West Virginia: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/54000.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/wvnews.html>

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

### Local radio stations

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

On the Radio: [http://www.ontheradio.net/states/west\\_virginia.aspx](http://www.ontheradio.net/states/west_virginia.aspx)

### General Information

Infoplease – West Virginia: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108289.html>

50states.com – West Virginia: <http://www.50states.com/wvirgini.htm>

West Virginia Travel: <http://wvtourism.com/default.aspx>

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

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://www.wvdemocrats.com/>

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

YouTube: not available

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wvdemocrats>

Republican Party

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

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

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

<https://twitter.com/wvgop>