



WISCONSIN [WI]

Capital: Madison
 Area: 65,496 sq. mi.
 Population: 5,686,986
 Pop. density: 105/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Badger State", "America's Dairyland"
 State motto: "Forward"
 Governor: Scott Walker (R)
 U.S. Senators: Herb Kohl (D), Ron Johnson (R)



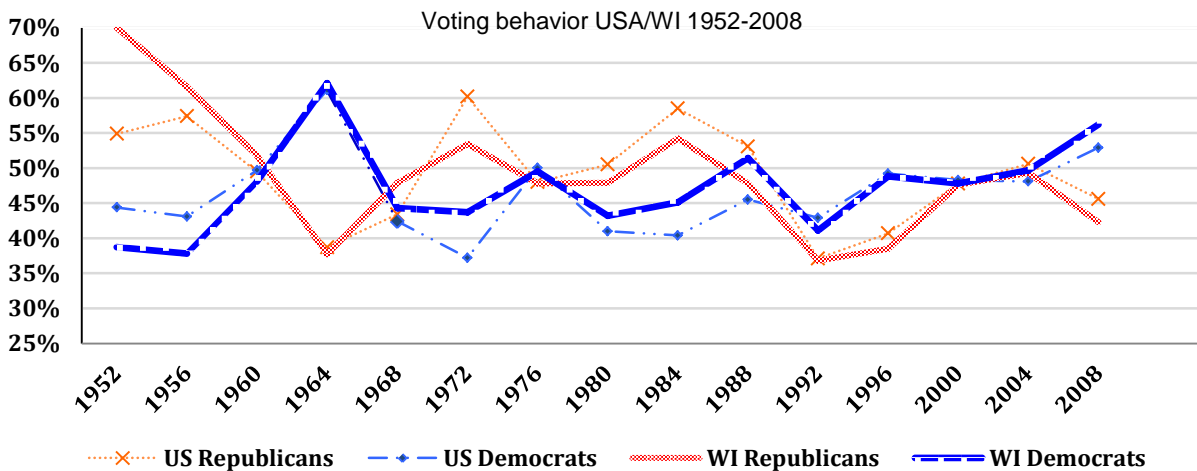
"Wisconsin." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 21, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/645844/Wisconsin>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party's strength is centered in Milwaukee, Madison, and other urban areas. Republican strength lies mainly in rural and suburban areas. Throughout most of its early history, Wisconsin strongly favored the Republican Party. The Democratic Party gained strength in the 1950's and was the majority party from the 1970's through the 1980's. In presidential elections, Wisconsin has supported the Republican candidate more often than the Democratic candidate. In the 1924 presidential election, Wisconsin cast its votes for a native son, Senator Robert M. La Follette, Sr., who ran unsuccessfully as a Progressive."

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk*. February 2008. June 21, 2012. <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) WI
2000	50.3%	64.9%
2004	55.7%	71.9%
2008	57.1%	69.2%

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>>

Wisconsin had a 2010 population of 5.7 million that included a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 69 percent of Wisconsin's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, above the national rate of 57 percent and one of the highest voting percentages nationwide.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Wisconsin	U.S.
Median age	34.2	36.9
Women	50.4%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	83.3%	63.7%
Black persons	6.3%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	5.9%	16.3%
Median household income	\$51,598	\$51,914
Foreign born	4.6%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	11.6%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.8%	27.9%
Median home value	\$169,000	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Wisconsin: <http://www.wisconsin.gov/>
 Governor of Wisconsin: <http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Wisconsin:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=WI
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Wisconsin:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_wi

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Wisconsin Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/wi.htm>
The Green Papers – Wisconsin 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/WI>
My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/wisconsin.html>
 Secretary of State – Wisconsin: <http://www.sos.state.wi.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Wisconsin: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.htm>
 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/winews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/winews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Wisconsin: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108291.html>
50states.com – Wisconsin: <http://www.50states.com/wisconsin.htm>
Facebook – Wisconsin Travel: <http://www.facebook.com/travelwisconsin>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.wisdems.org/	http://www.wisgop.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/WisDems	http://www.facebook.com/wisgop
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/wisdems09	http://www.youtube.com/user/wisgop
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/#!/wisdems	http://twitter.com/#!/wisgop