



## ALABAMA [AL]

Capital: Montgomery  
 Area: 51,701 sq. mi.  
 Population: 4,779,736  
 Pop. density: 56,3/ sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "Cotton State", "Yellowhammer State"  
 State motto: "We Dare Defend Our Rights"  
 Governor: Robert Bentley (R)  
 U.S. Senators: Richard Shelby (R), Jeff Sessions (R)



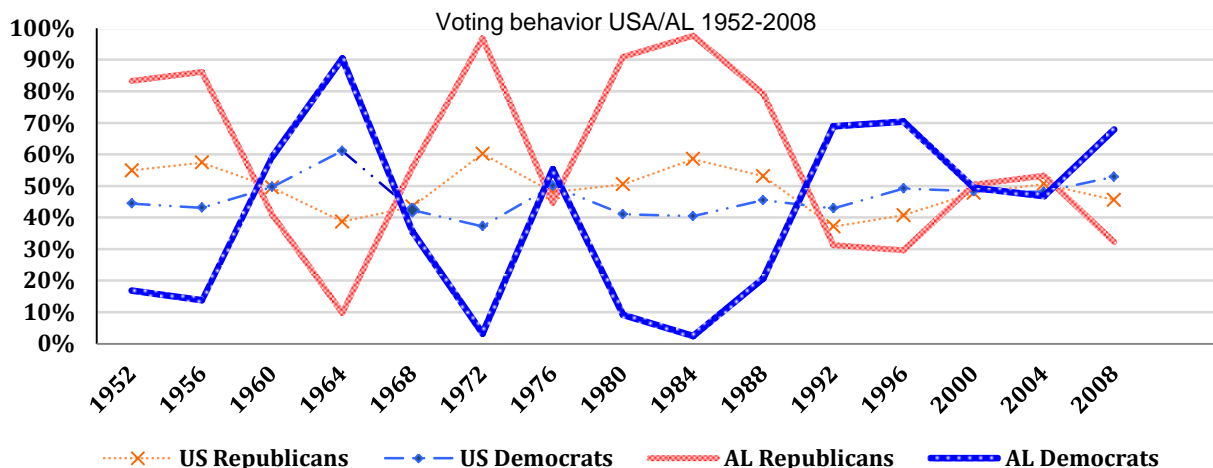
"Alabama." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/11958/Alabama>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Alabama, one of the Southern States of the United States, is known as the Heart of Dixie... Until the 1960's, Alabama voters usually supported Democratic presidential candidates. But in 1964, the state voted for Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona, the Republican candidate. It was the first time since 1872 that the state of Alabama supported a Republican presidential candidate. Since 1964, the Republican candidate has won Alabama's electoral votes in almost every presidential election."

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) AL
2000	50.3%	50.0%
2004	55.7%	55.3%
2008	57.1%	59.2%

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 59 percent of Alabama's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, slightly different from the national rate of 57 percent. Alabama's 2010 population of 4.7 million includes a percentage of the black population that is more than double the national average and a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Alabama	U.S.
Median age	37.1	36.4
Women	51.5%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	67.0%	63.7%
Black persons	26.2%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	3.9%	16.3%
Median household income	\$42,081	\$51,914
Foreign born	3.4%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	17.1%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	21.7%	27.9%
Median home value	\$117,600	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012. <  
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/01000.html>>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Website for the State Alabama: <http://az.gov/webapp/portal/>

Governor of Alabama: <http://www.governor.state.al.us/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Alabama:

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/senate/senate.html>

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

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/house/house.html>

### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – Alabama Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/al.htm>

*The Green Papers* – Alabama 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/AL>

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

Secretary of State – Alabama: <http://www.alsos.gov/election/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Alabama: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/01000.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/alnews.html>

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

### Local radio stations

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

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

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Alabama: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108176.html>

*50states.com* – Alabama: <http://www.50states.com/alabama.htm>

*Facebook* – Alabama Travel: <http://www.facebook.com/AlabamaTravel>

The Official Tourism Website: <http://www.alabama.travel/>

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

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://aldemocrats.org>

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

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/aladems>

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

Republican Party

<http://algop.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaRepublicanParty>

<http://www.youtube.com/algoptv>

<https://twitter.com/ALGOP>