

ARKANSAS [AR]

Capital: Little Rock
 Area: 53,179 sq. mi.
 Population: 2,915,918
 Pop. density: 56.4/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Natural State"
 State motto: "Regnat Populus" ("The People Rule")
 Governor: Mike Beebe (D)
 U.S. Senators: Mark Pryor (D), John Boozman (R)



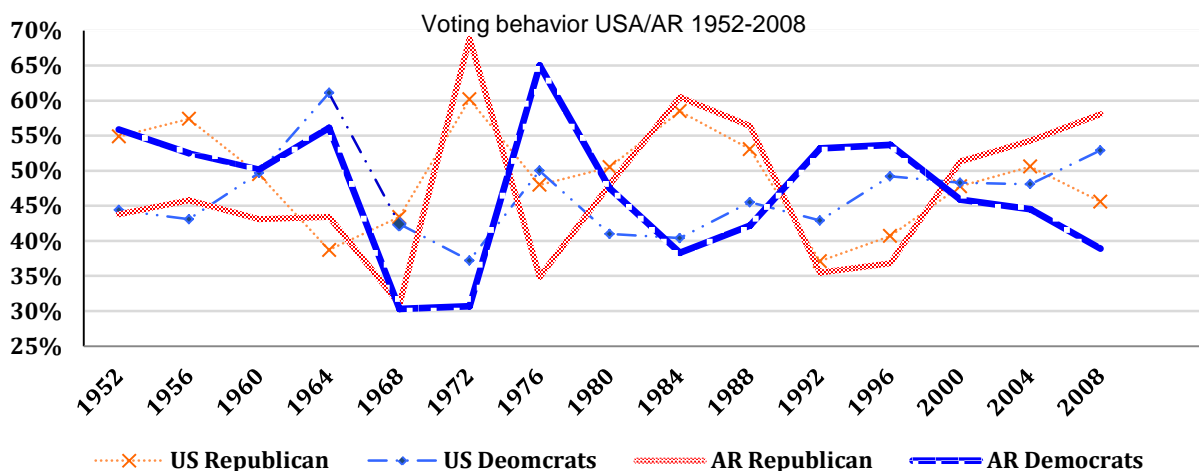
"Arkansas." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/34888/Arkansas>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party controlled Arkansas politics from the late 1800's until the 1960's. From 1874 until 1966, no Republican was elected governor of the state nor elected to a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, from the 1870's until 1996, no Republican was elected to the U.S. Senate from Arkansas. However, the Republican Party has gained strength in the state since the 1960's. In the 1968 presidential election, American Independent Party candidate George C. Wallace carried Arkansas. It was the first time in a hundred years that the state did not support a Democratic presidential candidate. In 1972, Richard M. Nixon became the first Republican presidential candidate since 1868 to win Arkansas's electoral votes."

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) AR
2000	50.3%	46.1%
2004	55.7%	51.1%
2008	57.1%	50.3%

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>>

As one of the 10 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and caucus sites on March 6, Arkansas' 2010 population of 2.9 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population, a higher percentage of blacks, and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 50 percent of Arkansas' voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, lower than the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Arkansas	U.S.
Median age	36.8	36.4
Women	50.9%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	74.5%	63.7%
Black persons	15.4%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	6.4%	16.3%
Median household income	\$39,267	\$51,914
Foreign born	4.3%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	18.0%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	19.1%	27.9%
Median home value	\$102,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/05000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Arkansas: <http://www.state.ar.us/>

Governor of Arkansas: <http://www.governor.arkansas.gov/>

Arkansas – Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/senators/one_item_and_teasers/arkansas.htm

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

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/>

Elections 2012

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

Politics 1: Arkansas Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ar.htm>

The Green Papers: Arkansas 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/AR.phtml>

Secretary of State – Arkansas: <http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections.html>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Arkansas : <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/05000.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/arnews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Arkansas: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108184.html>

50states.com – Arkansas: <http://www.50states.com/arkansas.htm>

Official Tourism Website: <http://www.arkansas.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: arkdems.org

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

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/arkdems567>

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

Republican Party

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

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

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

<https://twitter.com/ARGOP>