

Georgia [GA]

Capital: Atlanta
 Area: 58,921 sq. mi.
 Population: 9,687,653 (2010)
 Pop. density: 164.4/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Empire State of the South"
 "Peach State"
 State motto: "Wisdom, Justice and Moderation"
 Governor: Nathan Deal (R)
 U.S. Senators: Saxby Chambliss (R), Johnny Isakson (R)



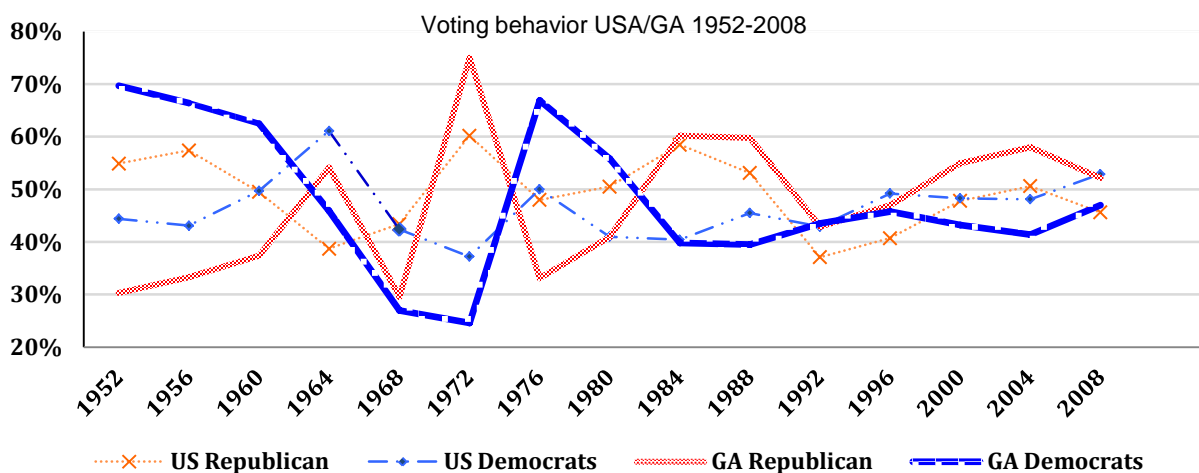
"Georgia." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/230228/Georgia>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party has controlled Georgia politics throughout most of the state's history. For example, from 1872, during the Reconstruction period, to 2003, all the state's governors were Democrats. In 1964, Georgia elected its first Republican U.S. representative since 1872. Also in 1964, Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona became the first Republican presidential candidate ever to win the electoral votes of Georgia. George C. Wallace of the American Independent Party carried Georgia in 1968. Since then, the Republican presidential candidate has won the state's electoral votes more often than the Democratic candidate."

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) GA
2000	50.3%	40.4%
2004	55.7%	47.6%
2008	57.1%	48.0%

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>>

48 percent of Georgia's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, below the national rate of 57.1 percent. As one of the 10 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries and caucuses, Georgia's 2010 population of 9.7 million includes a higher percentage of the black populations and a lower percentage of non-Hispanic white-alone and Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. Georgia's population grew 18.3 percent between 2000 and 2010; the nation grew 9.7 percent during that same period.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Georgia	U.S.
Median age	34.6	36.4
Women	51.2%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	55.9%	63.7%
Black persons	30.5%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	8.8%	16.3%
Median household income	\$49,347	\$51,914
Foreign born	9.6%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	15.7%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	27.2%	27.9%
Median home value	\$161,400	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/13000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Georgia: <http://georgia.gov/>
 Governor of Georgia: <http://gov.georgia.gov>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Georgia:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=GA
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Georgia:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_ga

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Georgia Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ga.htm>
The Green Papers – Georgia 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/GA>
My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/georgia.html>
 Secretary of State – Georgia: <http://sos.georgia.gov/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Georgia: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/13000.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/ganews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/ganews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Georgia: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108201.html>
50states.com – Georgia: <http://www.50states.com/georgia.htm>
Facebook – Explore Georgia: <http://www.facebook.com/ExploreGeorgia>
 The Official Tourism Website: <http://www.exploregeorgia.org/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.georgiademocrat.org/	http://www.gagop.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/georgiademocrat	http://www.facebook.com/GAGOP
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/GAJournalist	http://www.youtube.com/GaRepublicanParty
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/GeorgiaDemocrat	http://twitter.com/garepublicans