



Kansas [KS]

Capital: Topeka
 Area: 82,278 sq. mi.
 Population: 2,853,118
 Pop. Density: 56,3/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Sunflower State"
 State motto: "Ad Astra Per Aspera" ("To the Stars Through Difficulties")
 Governor: Sam Brownback (R)
 U.S. Senators: Pat Roberts (R), Jerry Moran (R)



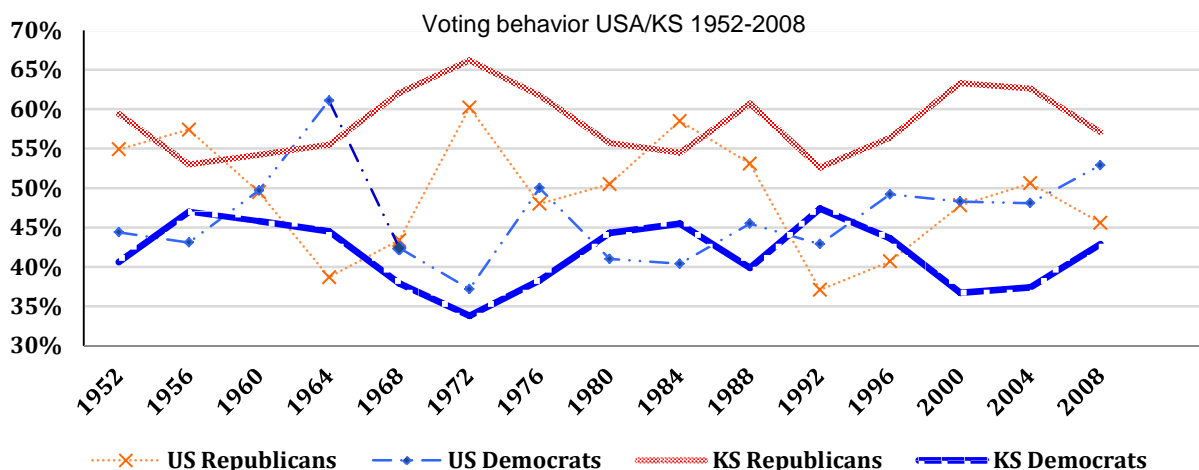
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I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Kansas was settled by antislavery Republicans and has remained strongly Republican in both national and local elections. Kansas voters usually elected Republican governors during the late 1800's and early 1900's. But since 1956, Democrats have won more gubernatorial elections than Republicans. Kansas voters have chosen the Republican candidate in most presidential elections."

Resource: World Book 2008



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk.* February 2008. June 6, 2012. <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) KS
2000	50.3%	54.2%
2004	55.7%	58.5%
2008	57.1%	58.9%

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 Kansas' citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, almost two percent higher than the national rate. Kansas' 2010 population of 2.8 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics and blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Kansas	U.S.
Median age	36.0	36.4
Women	50.4%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	81.1%	63.7%
Black persons	6.0%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	8.6%	16.3%
Median household income	\$45,478	\$51,914
Foreign born	6.3%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	12.4%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	28.6%	27.9%
Median home value	\$114,400	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 6, 2012.

<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/20000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Web site for the State Kansas: <http://www.kansas.gov/government/>

Governor of Kansas: <http://www.governor.ks.gov/>

Kansas - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=KS

Kansas - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/>

Elections 2012

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

Politics 1: Kansas Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ks.htm>

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

Secretary of State- Elections & Legislative: <http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections.html>

Statistics

Kansas - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/20000.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/ksnews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Kansas: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108215.html>

50states.com – Kansas: <http://www.50states.com/kansas.htm>

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

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://www.ksdp.org/>

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

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

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

Republican Party

<http://ksGOP.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansas-Republican-Party/>

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

<http://twitter.com/kansasgop>