



MASSACHUSETTS [MA]

Capital: Boston
 Area: 8,262 sq. mi.
 Population: 6,547,629
 Pop. density: 840/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Bay State", "Old Colony State"
 State motto: "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty"
 Governor: Deval Patrick (D)
 U.S. Senators: John Kerry (D), Scott P. Brown (R)



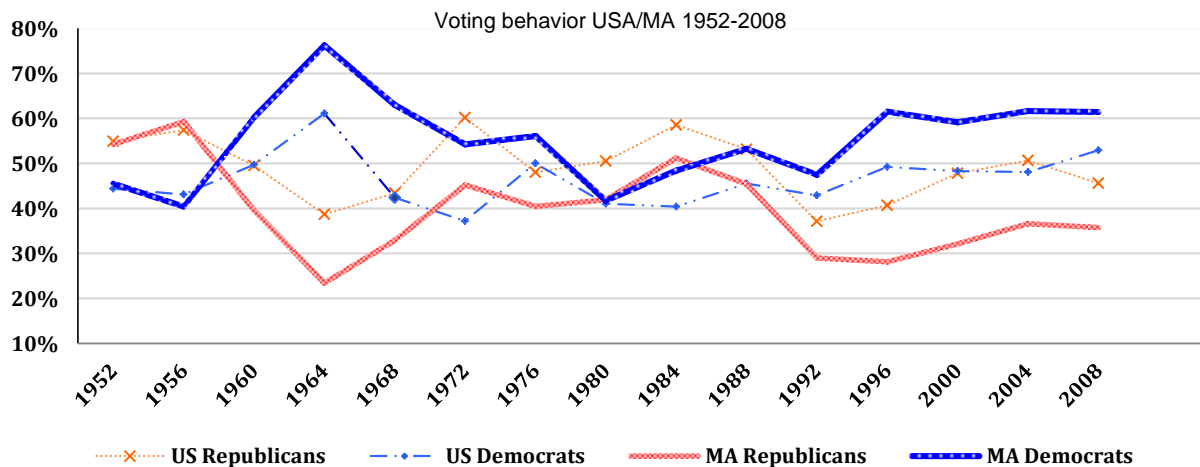
"Massachusetts." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 7, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/368402/Massachusetts>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Except for the office of governor, the Democratic Party has dominated state government in Massachusetts. Democrats have won the state's electoral votes in most presidential elections since the late 1920's."

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) MA
2000	50.3%	56.2%
2004	55.7%	58.9%
2008	57.1%	60.8%

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 61 percent of Massachusetts' citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, above the national rate of about 57 percent. As one of the 10 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries or caucuses on March 6, Massachusetts' 2010 population of 6.5 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	Massachusetts	U.S.
Median age	38.2	36.4
Women	51.6%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	76.1%	63.7%
Black persons	6.6%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	9.6%	16.3%
Median household income	\$64,509	\$51,914
Foreign born	14.5%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	10.5%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	38.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$352,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 7, 2012.
< <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/25000.html> >



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Massachusetts: <http://www.mass.gov/>
 Governor of Massachusetts: <http://www.mass.gov/governor/>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Massachusetts:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MA
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Massachusetts:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_ma

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Massachusetts Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ma.htm>
The Green Papers – Massachusetts 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/MA>
My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/massachusetts.html>
 Secretary of State – Massachusetts: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Massachusetts: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/25000.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/manews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/manews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Massachusetts: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108225.html>
50states.com – Massachusetts: <http://www.50states.com/massachu.htm>
Official Tourism Website: <http://www.massvacation.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.massdems.org/	http://www.massgop.com/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/MassDems	http://www.facebook.com/massgop
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/massachusettsdems	http://www.youtube.com/user/massstategop
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/massdems	https://twitter.com/massgop