



## MICHIGAN [MI]

Capital: Lansing  
 Area: 96,713 sq. mi.  
 Population: 9,883,640  
 Pop. density: 174/ sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "Wolverine State" "Great Lake State"  
 State motto: "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you"  
 Governor: Rick Snyder (R)  
 U.S. Senators: Carl Levin (D), Debbie Stabenow(D)



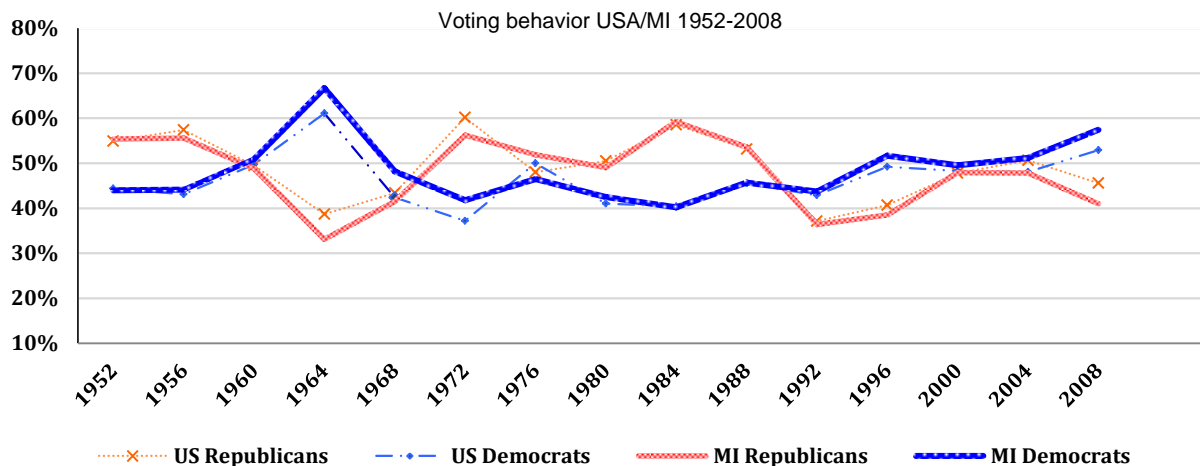
"Michigan." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 7, 2012. < <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/380086/Michigan>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Republicans are strongest in rural areas of the Lower Peninsula. Democratic strength lies in the Upper Peninsula and in Detroit and other urban areas. Michigan has supported the Republican candidate for president much more often than it has supported the Democratic candidate. Michigan has also supported the Republican candidate for governor far more often than it has supported 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](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx)>

### VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) MI
2000	50.3%	57.5%
2004	55.7%	64.1%
2008	57.1%	65.7%

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>>

Almost 66 percent of Michigan's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, significantly above the national rate of 57 percent. Michigan's 2010 population of 9.8 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics 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	Michigan	U.S.
Median age	38.2	36.4
Women	50.8%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	77.1%	63.7%
Black persons	14.3%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	3.9%	16.3%
Median household income	\$47,182	\$51,914
Foreign born	5.9%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	13.5%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	24.5%	27.9%
Median home value	\$153,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 7, 2012.  
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/26000.html>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Website for the State Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/>  
 Governor of Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder>  
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Michigan:  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=MI](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MI)  
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Michigan:  
[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_mi](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_mi)

### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – Michigan Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/mi.htm>  
*The Green Papers* – Michigan 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/MI>  
*My Time to Vote*: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/michigan.html>  
 Secretary of State – Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Michigan: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/26000.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/minews.html>  
*U.S. Newspapers List* (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/minews.php>

### Local radio stations

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

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Michigan: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108228.html>  
*50states.com* – Michigan: <http://www.50states.com/michigan.htm>  
*Official Tourism Website*: <http://www.michigan.org/>

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

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	<a href="http://www.michigandems.com/">http://www.michigandems.com/</a>	<a href="http://migop.org/">http://migop.org/</a>
Facebook:	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/michigandems">http://www.facebook.com/michigandems</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/MIGOP">http://www.facebook.com/MIGOP</a>
YouTube:	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/midemocraticparty">http://www.youtube.com/user/midemocraticparty</a>	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/migopf">http://www.youtube.com/user/migopf</a>
Twitter:	<a href="https://twitter.com/MichiganDems">https://twitter.com/MichiganDems</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/migop">https://twitter.com/migop</a>