



## MISSISSIPPI [MS]

Capital: Jackson  
 Area: 48,430 sq. mi.  
 Population: 2,967,297  
 Pop. density: 63.5/sq.mi.  
 Nickname: "The Magnolia State"  
 State motto: "Virtute et armis" ("Valor and arms")  
 Governor: Phil Bryant (R)  
 U.S. Senators: Thad Cochran (R), Roger Wicker (R)



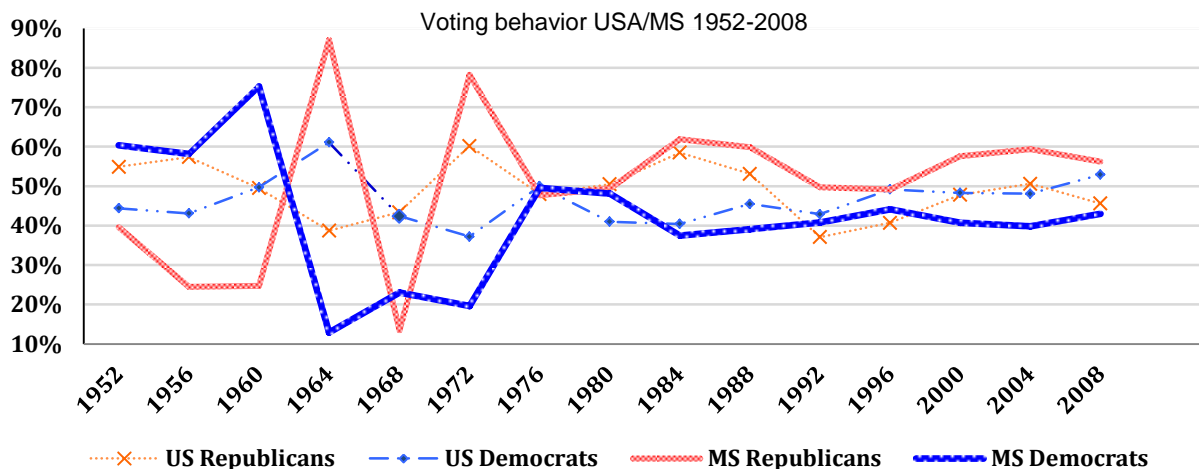
"Mississippi." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Encyclopædia Britannica Online. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/385567/Mississippi>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party controlled Mississippi politics throughout most of the state's history... Before the 1963 election, Republicans rarely nominated candidates for many state and local offices. As a result, nomination by the Democratic Party in primary elections almost always meant election to office. In the 1980's, however, several Republican candidates won election to the United States Congress. In 1991, Kirk Fordice became the first Republican to be elected governor of Mississippi since 1874. He held office from 1992 to 2000. In every presidential election from 1876 through 1944, Mississippi cast its electoral votes for the Democratic candidate. In most presidential elections since 1948, however, the state has voted for non-Democratic candidates."

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) MS
2000	50.3%	47.9%
2004	55.7%	53.7%
2008	57.1%	59.4%

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>>

Mississippi had a 2010 population of 2.9 million. The percentage of the state's population that is black is about three times the national average, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 59 percent of Mississippi's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, not statistically different from the national rate of 57 percent.

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



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Mississippi	U.S.
Median age	36.0	36.9
Women	51.4%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	58.0%	63.7%
Black persons	37.0%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	2.7%	16.3%
Median household income	\$37,881	\$51,914
Foreign born	2.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	21.2%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	19.5%	27.9%
Median home value	\$96,500	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.  
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/28000.html>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Website of the State Mississippi: <http://www.ms.gov>

Governor of Mississippi: <http://www.governorbryant.com/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Mississippi:

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=MS](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MS)

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

[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_ms](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_ms)

### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – Mississippi Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/ms.htm>

*The Green Papers* – Mississippi 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/MS>

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

Secretary of State – Mississippi: <http://www.sos.ms.gov/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Mississippi: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/28000.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/msnews.html>

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

### Local radio stations

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

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

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Mississippi: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108219.html>

*50states.com* – Mississippi: <http://www.50states.com/mississi.htm>

Official Mississippi Tourism Website: <http://www.visitmississippi.org/>

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

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	<a href="http://msdemocrats.net/">http://msdemocrats.net/</a>	<a href="http://www.msgop.org/">http://www.msgop.org/</a>
Facebook:	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/msdemocrats">http://www.facebook.com/msdemocrats</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mississippi-Republican-Party/10532729833">http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mississippi-Republican-Party/10532729833</a>
YouTube:	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/msdemocrats">http://www.youtube.com/user/msdemocrats</a>	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/mississippigop">http://www.youtube.com/user/mississippigop</a>
Twitter:	<a href="http://twitter.com/msdemocrats">http://twitter.com/msdemocrats</a>	<a href="http://twitter.com/MSGOP">http://twitter.com/MSGOP</a>