



MONTANA [MT]

Capital: Helena
 Area: 147,039 sq. mi.
 Population: 989,415
 Pop. density: 56.3/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Treasure State"
 State motto: "Oro y Plata" ("Gold and Silver")
 Governor: Brian Schweitzer (D)
 U.S. Senators: Max Baucus (D), Jon Tester (D)



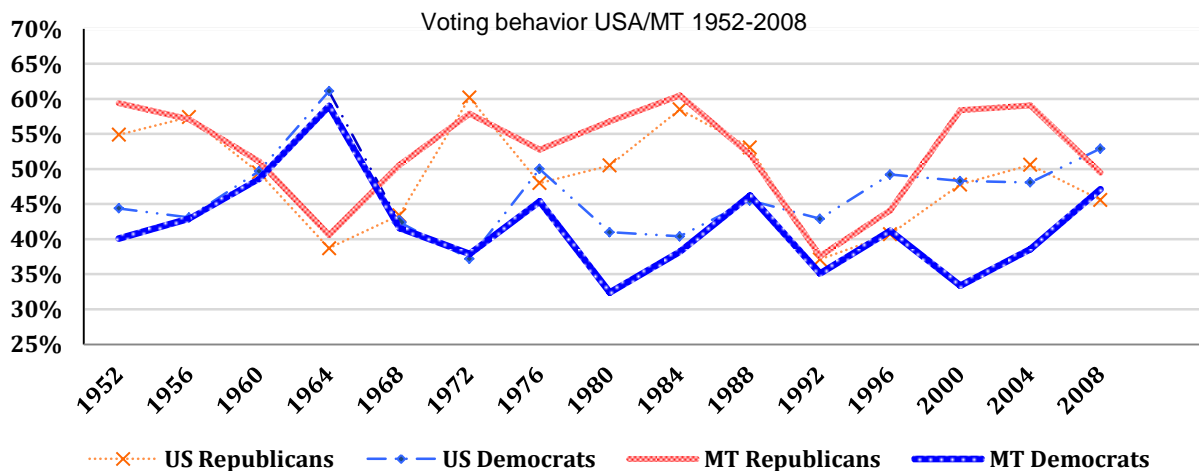
"Montana." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/390518/Montana>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"In the early days, the Democratic Party dominated Montana politics. Many people voted Democratic because they came to Montana from the traditionally Democratic South. Montanans joked that part of the Confederate Army never surrendered, it just retreated to Montana. During the 1900s, the Republican and Democratic parties shared power in Montana. About two-thirds of the state's governors were Democrats. Most of the Republican gubernatorial victories took place in the last half of the 1900s. In presidential elections, Montana has given its electoral votes to the Republican candidate 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) MT
2000	50.3%	61.0%
2004	55.7%	63.8%
2008	57.1%	65.6%

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 66 percent of Montana's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, which was higher than the national rate of 57 percent. Montana's 2011 population of almost one million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of blacks and 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	Montana	U.S.
Median age	39.7	36.9
Women	49.8%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	87.8%	63.7%
Black persons	0.4%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	16.3%
Median household income	\$43,872	\$51,914
Foreign born	2.0%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	14.5%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	27.9%	27.9%
Median home value	\$173,300	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/30000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

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

Elections 2012

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

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Montana: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/30000.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/mtnews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/mtnews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – Montana: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108237.html>
50states.com – Montana: <http://www.50states.com/montana.htm>
 Official Tourism Website of Montana: <http://www.visitmt.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.montanademocrats.org/	http://www.mtgop.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/montanademocrats	http://www.facebook.com/MTGOP
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/montanademocrats	http://www.youtube.com/user/mtgop
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/MtDems	http://twitter.com/MontanaGOP