



NORTH CAROLINA [NC]

Capital: Raleigh
 Area: 48,617.91 sq. mi.
 Population: 9,656,401
 Pop. density: 196,1/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Tar Heel State" ("Old North State")
 State motto: "Esse Quam Videri"
 ("To Be Rather Than To Seem")
 Governor: Beverly Perdue (D)
 U.S. Senators: Richard Burr (R), Kay Hagan (D)



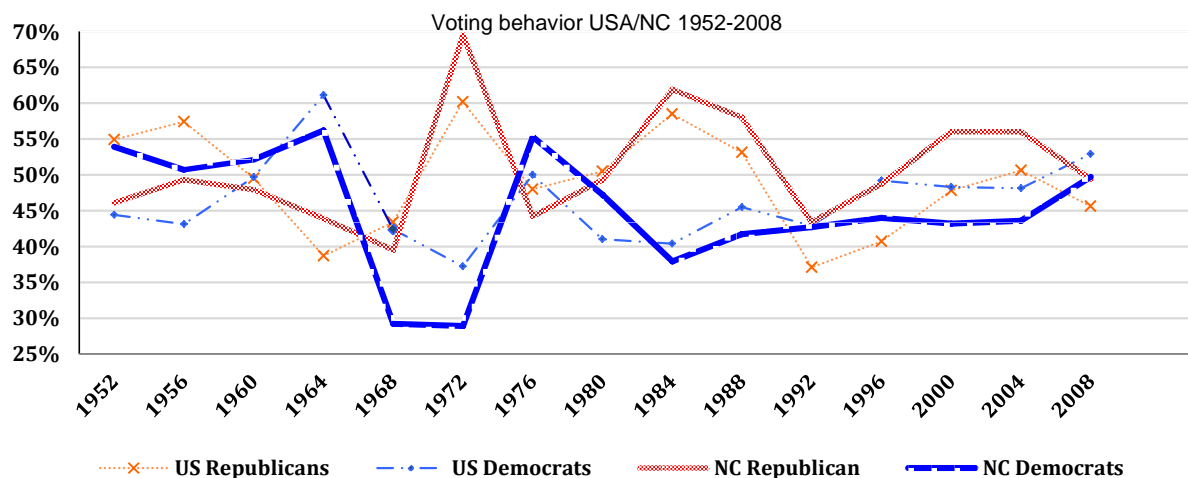
"North Carolina." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/419058/North-Carolina>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party traditionally has dominated the state's politics. But Republicans have gained strength since the mid-1960s. From the Reconstruction period (1865-1877) through 1964, the Democratic candidate won the state's electoral votes in almost every presidential election. But since 1968, the Republican candidate has won in almost all presidential elections. In 1972, James E. Holshouser, Jr., became the first Republican to be elected governor of North Carolina since 1896. Also in 1972, Jesse A. Helms became the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from the state since 1895."

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) NC
2000	50.3%	47.7%
2004	55.7%	54.3%
2008	57.1%	61.5%

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>>

North Carolina is the nation's ninth-fastest growing state. North Carolina has a higher percentage of blacks, a lower percentage of Hispanics and a lower percentage of the foreign born population than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 61 percent of North Carolina's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, which was higher than the national figure of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	North Carolina	U.S.
Median age	37,1	36.9
Women	51.3%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	65.3%	63.7%
Black persons	21.5%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	8.4%	16.3%
Median household income	\$45,570	\$51,914
Foreign born	7.4%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	15.5%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	26.1%	27.9%
Median home value	\$ 149,100	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/37000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

North Carolina's Official Website: <http://www.ncgov.com/>
 Governor of North Carolina: <http://www.governor.state.nc.us/>
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - North Carolina:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NC
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – North Carolina:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_al

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – North Carolina Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/nc.htm>
The Green Papers – North Carolina 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/NC>
My Time to Vote: http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/north_carolina.html
 Secretary of State – North Carolina: <http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/Corporations/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – North Carolina: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/37000.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/ncnews.html>
U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/ncnews.php>

Local radio stations

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

General Information

Infoplease – North Carolina: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108254.html>
50states.com – North Carolina: <http://www.50states.com/northcarolina.htm>
 Official Tourism Website of North Carolina: <http://www.visitnc.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.ncdp.org/	http://www.ncgop.org/
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/NCDemParty	https://www.facebook.com/ncgop
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/NCDemParty	http://www.youtube.com/user/NorthCarolinaGOP
Twitter:	http://twitter.com/ncdemparty	http://twitter.com/ncgop