



OREGON [OR]

Capital: Salem
 Area: 97,048 sq. mi.
 Population: 3,831,074
 Pop. density: 40.3/sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Beaver State"
 State motto: "She Flies with Her Own Wings"
 Governor: John Kitzhaber (D)
 U.S. Senators: Ron Wyden (D), Jeff Merkley (D)



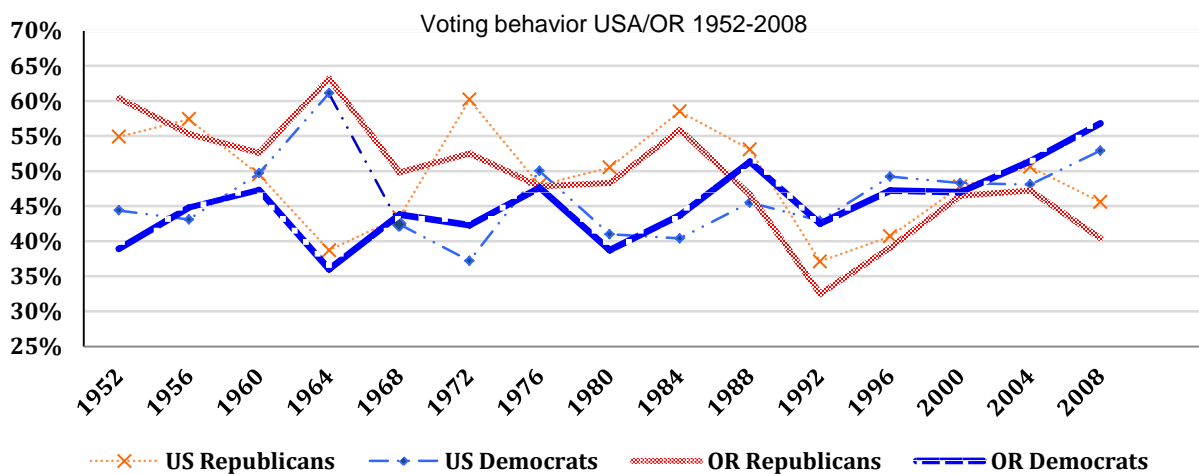
"Oregon." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/431674/Oregon>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Republican Party controlled Oregon politics during most of the state's history. Many industrial workers who settled in Oregon cities after World War II caused changes in the state's politics. In the mid-1950's, registered Democrats began to outnumber registered Republicans. The legislative districts have been changed periodically, beginning in the 1960's. These actions have given more representation to urban areas, where the Democrats have their greatest strength. Since the early 1970's, both Democratic and Republican candidates have won election to the highest state offices."

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) OR
2000	50.3%	59.4%
2004	55.7%	67.4%
2008	57.1%	62.8%

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>>

With its primary on May 15, Oregon's 2011 population of 3.8 million includes a much higher percentage of non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 63 percent of Oregon's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, well above the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Oregon	U.S.
Median age	38.1	36.9
Women	50.5%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	78.5%	63.7%
Black persons	1.8%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	11.7%	16.3%
Median household income	\$49,260	\$51,914
Foreign born	9.7%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	14.0%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	28.6%	27.9%
Median home value	\$252,600	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

Oregon's Official Homepage: <http://www.oregon.gov/>

Governor of Oregon: <http://governor.oregon.gov/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Oregon:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=OR

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

http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_or

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Oregon Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/or.htm>

The Green Papers – Oregon 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/OR>

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

Secretary of State – Oregon: <http://www.sos.state.or.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Oregon: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41000.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/ornews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Oregon: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108262.html>

50states.com – Oregon: <http://www.50states.com/oregon.htm>

Official Tourism Website of Oregon: <http://traveloregon.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://www.dpo.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ordems>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/oregondemocrats>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ORDems>

Republican Party

<http://www.oregonrepublicanparty.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/oregonrepublicanparty>

<http://www.youtube.com/OregonRepublicans>

<http://twitter.com/OregonGOP>