

TENNESSEE [TN]

Capital: Nashville
 Area: 42,145 sq. mi.
 Population: 6,346,105
 Pop. density: 153.9/sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Volunteer State"
 State motto: "Agriculture and Commerce"
 Governor: Bill Haslam (R)
 U.S. Senators: Lamar Alexander (R), Bob Corker (R)



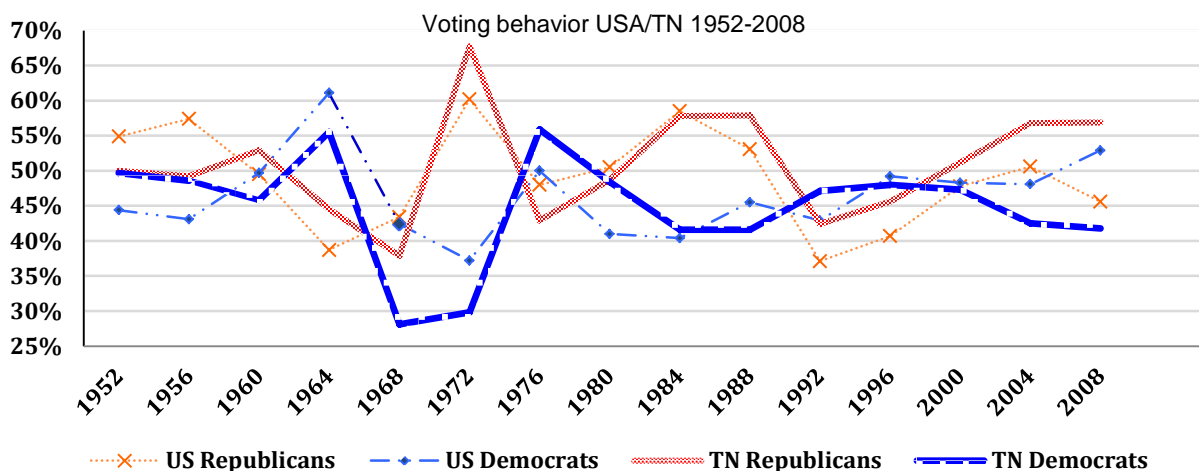
"Tennessee." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Encyclopædia Britannica Online. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/587314/Tennessee>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Tennessee was a Democratic stronghold for most of its history, though parts of East Tennessee were Republican. During the 1960's, however, Republicans made strong gains in the state legislature. In 1966, Howard H. Baker, Jr., became the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from Tennessee since the 1860's. In 1970, Winfield Dunn became the first Republican in 50 years to be elected governor of Tennessee. By the end of the 1970's, Tennessee had become a two-party state. Democrats carried Tennessee in most presidential elections in the late 1800's and the first half of the 1900's. But Republicans have won the state in most presidential elections after 1948."

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) TN
2000	50.3%	48.2%
2004	55.7%	54.3%
2008	57.1%	54.7%

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>>

Tennessee's 2011 population of about 6.4 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white alone population, a higher percentage of blacks, and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 55 percent of Tennessee's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, below the national rate of 57 percent.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Tennessee	U.S.
Median age	37.6	36.9
Women	51.3%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	75.6%	63.7%
Black persons	16.7%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	4.6%	16.3%
Median household income	\$43,314	\$51,914
Foreign born	6.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	16.5%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	22.7%	27.9%
Median home value	\$134,100	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/47000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

Tennessee's Official Website: <http://www.tn.gov/>

Governor of Tennessee: <http://www.tn.gov/governor/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Tennessee:

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

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

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Tennessee Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/tn.htm>

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

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

Secretary of State – Tennessee: <http://www.tn.gov/sos/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Arizona: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/47000.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/tnnews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Tennessee: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108274.html>

50states.com – Tennessee: <http://www.50states.com/tennesse.htm>

Official Tourism Website of Tennessee: <http://www.tnvacation.com/>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/tn-dem>

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

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/tn-dp>

Republican Party

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

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

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

<http://twitter.com/TNGOP>