

TEXAS [TX]

Capital: Austin
 Area: 266,833 sq. mi.
 Population: 25,145,561
 Pop. Density: 98.1/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "Lone Star State"
 State motto: "Regnat Populus" ("The People Rule")
 Governor: Mike Beebe (D)
 U.S. Senators: Mark Pryor (D), John Boozman (R)



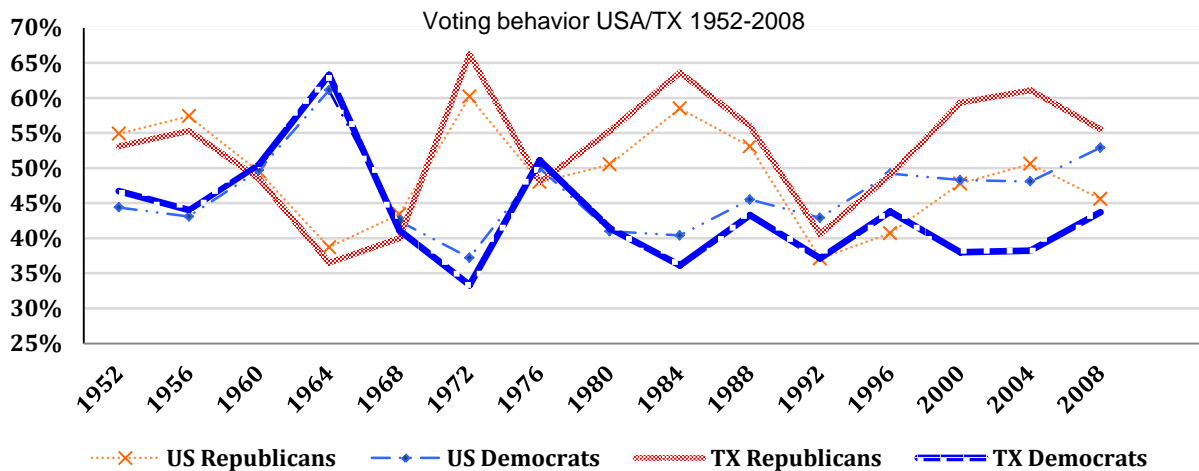
"Texas." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/589288/Texas>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"The Democratic Party controlled Texas politics throughout most of the state's history. But in the 1970's, the Republican Party began gaining strength. In 1978, Bill Clements became the first Republican to be elected governor since 1869. In 1998, George W. Bush became the first Republican governor to be elected to a second term. In every presidential election since 1980, Texas's electoral votes have gone to the Republican candidate and since 1994; Texans have not elected a Democrat to a statewide office. The state's Democratic presence comes primarily from some minority groups."

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) TX
2000	50.3%	42.6%
2004	55.7%	45.9%
2008	57.1%	46.1%

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 46 percent of Texas' citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, one of the lowest percentages in the country. The national figure was 57 percent. Texas' percentage of the Hispanic population is more than twice the national average, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Texas	U.S.
Median age	33.1	36.4
Women	50.4%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	45.3%	63.7%
Black persons	11.8%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	37.6%	16.3%
Median household income	\$49,646	\$51,914
Foreign born	16.1%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	16.8%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.8%	27.9%
Median home value	\$123,500	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.

<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.html>>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Web site for the State Texas: <http://www.texas.gov/en/Pages/default.aspx>

Governor of Texas: <http://www.governor.state.tx.us/>

Texas – Elected Officials in U.S. Senate:

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

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

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

Elections 2012

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

Politics 1: Texas Directory: <http://www.politics1.com/tx.html>

The Green Papers: Texas 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/TX.phtml>

Secretary of State – Texas: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Texas: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.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/txnews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Texas: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108277.html>

50states.com – Texas: <http://www.50states.com/texas.htm>

Official Tourism Website: <http://www.traveltex.com>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
Official website:	http://www.txdemocrats.org	http://www.texasgop.org
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/home.php	http://www.facebook.com/RepublicanPartyofTexas
YouTube:	http://www.youtube.com/user/TXDemocrats	http://www.youtube.com/user/txgoptv
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/#!/TXDemParty	https://twitter.com/#!/texasgop