



ARIZONA [AZ]

Capital: Phoenix
 Area: 113,594.08 sq. mi.
 Population: 6,392,017
 Pop. density: 56,3/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "The Grand Canyon State"
 State motto: "Ditat Deus" ("God enriches")
 Governor: John McCain (R)
 U.S. Senators: John McCain (R), Jon Kyl (R)



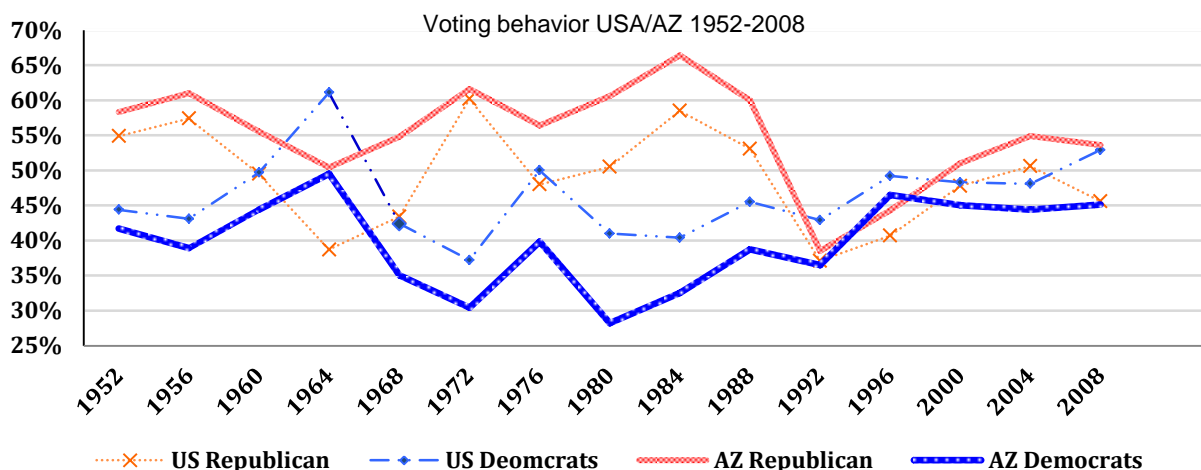
"Arizona." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/34807/Arizona>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"For many years, Democrats controlled Arizona politics, particularly on the local level. Since 1950, however, Republicans have won the support of many voters in Arizona's rapidly growing cities. The state's largest city, Phoenix, usually produces a Republican majority. Democratic strength is greater in rural areas and small towns. In presidential elections, Arizona has voted for Republican candidates about two-thirds of the time, including most of the presidential elections since 1952."

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk*. February 2008. 25. April 2012. <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) AZ
2000	50,3%	40,4%
2004	55,7%	47,6%
2008	57,1%	48,0%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. 25. April 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

48 percent of Arizona's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, nine percentage points less than the national rate of 57 percent. As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and caucus sites on Feb. 5, Arizona's 2011 population estimate of 6.4 million includes a lower percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population than the nation as a whole, and a percentage of Hispanics that is approximately double the national rate, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Arizona	U.S.
Median age	34.2	36.9
Women	50.3%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	57.8%	63.7%
Black persons	4.1%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	29.6%	16.3%
Median household income	\$50,448	\$51,914
Foreign born	14.2%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	15.3%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	26.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$215,000	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. 25. April 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/04000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

Arizona @Your Service: <http://az.gov/webapp/portal/>

Governor of Arizona: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Arizona:

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

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

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

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Arizona Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/az.htm>

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

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

Secretary of State – Arizona: <http://www.azsos.gov/election/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Arizona: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/04000.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/aznews.html>

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

Local radio stations

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

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

General Information

Infoplease – Arizona: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108181.html>

50states.com – Arizona: <http://www.50states.com/arizona.htm>

Facebook – Arizona Travel: <http://www.facebook.com/arizonatravel>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://azdem.org/>

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

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

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/azdemparty>

Republican Party

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

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

<http://www.youtube.com/user/AZGOP>

<http://twitter.com/#!/AZGOP>