



ALABAMA

In Brief

"Alabama, one of the Southern States of the United States, is known as the Heart of Dixie... Until the 1960's, Alabama voters usually supported Democratic presidential candidates. But in 1964, the state voted for Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona, the Republican candidate. It was the first time since 1872 that the state of Alabama supported a Republican presidential candidate. Since 1964, the Republican candidate has won Alabama's electoral votes in almost every presidential election."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Montgomery

Area: 52,419 sq mi

Population: 4, 599, 030

Resource: World Almanac 2008

About 63 percent of Alabama's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, not significantly different from the national rate of 64 percent.

As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and caucus sites on Feb. 5, Alabama's 2007 population of 4.6 million includes a percentage of the black population that is more than double the national average and a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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

Selected Characteristics	Alabama	U.S.
Median age	37.1	36.4
Women	51.5%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	69.0%	66.4%
Black alone	26.3%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.5%	14.8%
Median household income	\$38,783	\$48,451
Foreign born	2.8%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	16.6%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	21.1%	27.0%
Median home value	\$107,000	\$185,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

More Resources

Government Information
<p>The Official Website of the State of Alabama http://www.alabama.gov/portal/index.jsp</p> <p>Governor of Alabama http://www.governor.state.al.us/</p> <p>Alabama - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.legislature.state.al.us/house/house.html</p> <p>Alabama - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.legislature.state.al.us/senate/senate.html</p>
Election 2008
<p>Politics 1: Alabama Directory http://www.politicsone.com/al.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Alabama 2008 General Elections http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/AL.phtml</p> <p>Office of the Secretary Alabama State - Elections http://www.sos.state.al.us/elections/default.aspx</p> <p>Voting and Elections http://www.alabama.gov/portal/secondary.jsp?page=Government_Voting</p>
Statistics
<p>Alabama QuickFacts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/01000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/alnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/alradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease: Alabama http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108176.html</p> <p>50states.com - Alabama http://www.50states.com/alabama.htm</p>

Please find more information at

<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>