



ALASKA

In Brief

"Fewer contests take place between political parties in Alaska than in most other states. Almost all of Alaska's state and local government officials are appointed or are elected on a nonpartisan (no-party) basis. The state's elections for governor have resulted in several victories for both Democrats and Republicans. In elections for president, Alaska's voters have favored the Republican candidate almost every time."
Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Anchorage
 Area: 663,267 sq mi
 Population: 670,053
Resource: World Almanac 2008

As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and caucus sites on Feb. 5, Alaska's 2007 population of about 680,000 has a lower poverty rate and higher median household income than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 68 percent of Alaska's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, slightly above the national rate of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Alaska	U.S.
Median age	33.4	36.4
Women	48.3%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino alone	66.4%	66.4%
Black alone	3.7%	12.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	15.4%	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino	5.6%	14.8%
Median household income	\$59,393	\$48,451
Foreign born	7.0%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	10.9%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	26.9%	27.0%
Median home value	\$213,200	\$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 Alaska http://state.ak.us/</p> <p>Governor of Alaska http://gov.state.ak.us/</p> <p>Alaska - Elected Officials in the U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=AK</p> <p>Alaska - Elected Officials in the U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#ak</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Alaska Directory http://www.politicsone.com/ak.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Alaska 2008 General Elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/AK.phtml</p> <p>Division of Elections http://www.elections.alaska.gov/2008_genr_info.php</p>
Statistics
<p>Alaska QuickFacts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/02000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local Newspapers http://www.newslink.org/aknews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/akradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease: Alaska http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108178.html</p> <p>50states.com - Alaska http://www.50states.com/alaska.htm</p>

Please find more information at
<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>