



ARIZONA

In Brief

"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

Capital: Phoenix

Area: 113,996 sq mi

Population: 6,166,318

Resource: World Almanac 2008

About 64 percent of Arizona's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, the same as the national rate. As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and caucus sites on Feb. 5, Arizona's 2007 population of 6.3 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>

Selected Characteristics	Arizona	U.S.
Median age	34.6	36.4
Women	50.0%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	59.7%	66.4%
Black alone	3.8%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	29.2%	14.8%
Median household income	\$47,265	\$48,451
Foreign born	15.1%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	14.2%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.5%	27.0%
Median home value	\$236,500	\$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
Arizona @Your Service http://az.gov/webapp/portal/
Governor of Arizona http://www.azgovernor.gov/
Arizona - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=AZ
Arizona - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#ar
Elections 2008
Politics 1: Arizona Directory http://www.politicsone.com/az.htm
The Green Papers: Arizona 2008 General Elections http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/AZ.phtml
Secretary of State - Arizona http://www.azsos.gov/election/
Campaign Clean Elections http://www.publiccampaign.org/where
Quotes from State Elected Officials http://www.publiccampaign.org/node/39242
Statistics
Arizona - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/04000.html
Media
Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/aznews.html
Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/azradi.html
General Information
Infoplease: Arizona http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108181.html
50states.com - Arizona http://www.50states.com/arizona.htm