



## CONNECTICUT

### In Brief

" Connecticut gave early support to the Republican Party after the party was formed in 1854. In presidential elections between 1856 and 1932, Connecticut voted for 15 Republicans and only 5 Democrats. The voters chose about three times as many Republicans as Democrats for governor during the same period. The Democrats gained strength during the 1930's. Since 1960, registered Democratic voters have outnumbered registered Republicans in Connecticut."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Hartford

Area: 5,543 sq mi

Population: 3,504,809

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

Connecticut, one of the more than 24 states to hold a presidential primary or caucus on "Super Tuesday," had a 2007 population of 3.5 million. Connecticut has a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a higher percentage of college graduates than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 63 percent of Connecticut's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, which was comparable to the national figure of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Connecticut	U.S.
Population change: 2000-2007	2.8%	7.2%
Median age	39.0	36.4
Women	51.3%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	74.8%	66.4%
Black alone	10.2%	12.8%
Hispanic	11.2%	14.8%
Median household income	\$63,422	\$48,451
Foreign born	12.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	8.3%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	33.7%	27.0%
Median home value	\$298,900	\$185,200

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

## More Resources

<b>Government Information</b>
<p>The Official Web site for the State Connecticut <a href="http://www.ct.gov/">http://www.ct.gov/</a></p> <p>Governor <a href="http://www.ct.gov/GovernorRell/site/default.asp">http://www.ct.gov/GovernorRell/site/default.asp</a></p> <p>Elected Officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=CT">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=CT</a></p> <p>Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives <a href="http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de">http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</a></p>
<b>Elections 2008</b>
<p>Politics 1: Connecticut Directory <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/ct.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/ct.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Connecticut 2008 General Elections General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/CT.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/CT.phtml</a></p> <p>Secretary of State - Elections and Voting <a href="http://www.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=415810">http://www.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=415810</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>Connecticut - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/09000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/09000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/ctnews.html">http://www.newslink.org/ctnews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/ctradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/ctradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease Connecticut <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/ct.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/ct.htm</a></p> <p>50states.com - Connecticut <a href="http://www.50states.com/connecti.htm">http://www.50states.com/connecti.htm</a></p>

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