



## DELAWARE

### In Brief

" Republicans held the state's governorship during most of the first half of the 1900's. But since that time, the office has passed back and forth between Republicans and Democrats. In presidential elections, the Republican and Democratic parties have both played an important role. Since 1852, Republican and Democratic presidential candidates have won Delaware's electoral votes about the same number of times.

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Dover

Area: 2,489 sq mi

Population: 853,476

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

As one of the 24 states holding a "Super Tuesday" presidential primary or caucus, Delaware is the nation's 10<sup>th</sup> fastest-growing state. Its 2007 population of about 865,000 grew by 10.4 percent between 2000 and 2007. The U.S. population grew by 7.2 percent during that same period. Delaware has a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites, a higher percentage of blacks and a higher median household income than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 66 percent of Delaware's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, which was slightly higher than the national figure of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Delaware	U.S.
Population change: 2000-2007	10.4%	7.2%
Median age	37.5	36.4
Women	51.5%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	69.0%	66.4%
Black alone	20.9%	12.8%
Hispanic	6.3%	14.8%
Median household income	\$52,833	\$48,451
Foreign born	8.1%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	11.1%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	27.0%	27.0%
Median home value	\$227,100	\$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 Delaware <a href="http://delaware.gov/">http://delaware.gov/</a></p> <p>Governor of Delaware <a href="http://governor.delaware.gov/">http://governor.delaware.gov/</a></p> <p>Delaware - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=DE">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=DE</a></p> <p>Delaware - 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: Delaware Directory <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/de.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/de.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Delaware 2008 General Elections General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/DE.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/DE.phtml</a></p> <p>Commissioner of Elections <a href="http://elections.delaware.gov/">http://elections.delaware.gov/</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>Delaware - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/10000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/10000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/denews.html">http://www.newslink.org/denews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/deradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/deradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease Delaware <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108194.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108194.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Delaware <a href="http://www.50states.com/delaware.htm">http://www.50states.com/delaware.htm</a></p>

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