



GEORGIA

In Brief

"The Democratic Party has controlled Georgia politics throughout most of the state's history. For example, from 1872, during the Reconstruction period, to 2003, all the state's governors were Democrats. In 1964, Georgia elected its first Republican U.S. representative since 1872. Also in 1964, Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona became the first Republican presidential candidate ever to win the electoral votes of Georgia. George C. Wallace of the American Independent Party carried Georgia in 1968. Since then, the Republican presidential candidate has won the state's electoral votes more often than the Democratic candidate."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Atlanta

Area: 59,425 sq mi

Population: 9,363,941

Resource: World Almanac 2008

About 57 percent of Georgia's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, below the national rate of 64 percent. As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries and caucuses, Georgia's 2007 population of 9.5 million includes a higher percentage of the black and non-Hispanic white-alone populations and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. Georgia's population grew 16.6 percent between 2000 and 2007; the nation grew 7.2 percent during that same period.

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

Selected Characteristics	Georgia	U.S.
Population change: 2000-2007	16.6%	7.2%
Median age	34.6	36.4
Women	50.8%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	58.9%	66.4%
Black alone	29.9%	12.8%
Hispanic	7.5%	14.8%
Median household income	\$46,832	\$48,451
Foreign born	9.2%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	14.7%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	26.6%	27.0%
Median home value	\$156,800	\$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 Web site for the State Georgia http://www.georgia.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Georgia http://gov.georgia.gov/</p> <p>Georgia - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=GA</p> <p>Georgia - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Georgia Directory http://www.politicsone.com/ga.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Georgia 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/GA.phtml</p> <p>Georgia Secretary of State - Election Division http://www.sos.ga.gov/Elections/</p>
Statistics
<p>Georgia - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/13000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/ganews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/garadi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Georgia http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108201.html</p> <p>50states.com - Georgia http://www.50states.com/georgia.htm</p>

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