



ILLINOIS

In Brief

"Illinois voters are divided about evenly between the Democratic and Republican parties. Most Chicago voters are Democrats, and the majority of voters in the rest of the state are Republicans. The voters have elected more Republicans as governor of Illinois than they have elected Democrats. Since the Republican Party was formed in 1856, Illinois has voted for Republican presidential candidates more often than Democratic candidates."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Chicago

Area: 57,914 sq mi

Population: 12,831,970

Resource: World Almanac 2008

About 66 percent of Illinois' voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, slightly above the national rate of 64 percent. As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries and caucuses, Illinois' 2007 population of 12.9 million includes a higher median household income and median home value than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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

Selected Characteristics	Illinois	U.S.
Median age	35.7	36.4
Women	50.8%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	65.3%	66.4%
Black alone	15.0%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	14.7%	14.8%
Median household income	\$52,006	\$48,451
Foreign born	13.8%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	12.3%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	28.9%	27.0%
Median home value	\$200,200	\$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 Web site for the State Illinois http://www.illinois.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Illinois http://www.illinois.gov/GOV/</p> <p>Illinois - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=IL</p> <p>Illinois - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Illinois Directory http://www.politicsone.com/il.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Illinois 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/IL.phtml</p> <p>State Board of Elections http://www.elections.state.il.us/</p>
Statistics
<p>Illinois - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/ilnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/ilradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Illinois http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108209.html</p> <p>50states.com - Illinois http://www.50states.com/illinois.htm</p>

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