



KENTUCKY

In Brief

"Kentucky has traditionally favored Democrats. Since the American Civil War (1861-1865), most of its governors have been Democrats. But Kentucky voters began electing an increasing number of Republicans to Congress and to the state legislature during the mid-1900's. Democrats carried Kentucky in every presidential election from 1932 through 1952. Since then, Republicans have won the state's electoral votes more often than Democrats have.

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: St. Frankfort

Area: 40,409 sq mi

Population: 4,206,074

Resource: World Almanac 2008

With its primary on May 20, Kentucky's 2007 population of 4.2 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 65 percent of Kentucky's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, not statistically different from the national rate of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Kentucky	U.S.
Median age	37.2	36.4
Women	51.0%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	88.4%	66.4%
Black alone	7.5%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.0%	14.8%
Median household income	\$39,372	\$48,451
Foreign born	2.7%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	17.0%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	20.0%	27.0%
Median home value	\$111,000	\$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 Kentucky http://kentucky.gov/Pages/home.aspx</p> <p>Governor of Kentucky http://governor.ky.gov/</p> <p>Kentucky - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=KY</p> <p>Kentucky - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Kentucky Directory http://www.politicsone.com/ky.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Kentucky 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/KY.phtml</p> <p>State Board of Elections http://elect.ky.gov/</p>
Statistics
<p>Kentucky - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/21000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local Newspapers http://www.newslink.org/kynews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/kyradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Kentucky http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108217.html</p> <p>50states.com - Kentucky http://www.50states.com/kentucky.htm</p>

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