



## LOUISIANA

### In Brief

"The Democratic Party controlled Louisiana politics throughout most of the state's history. The Republican Party gained strength during the 1950's and 1960's. Democratic candidates carried the state in all presidential elections from 1880 through 1944. Since then, Republican presidential candidates have won the state's electoral votes more often than Democratic candidates have."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Baton Rouge

Area: 51,840 sq mi

Population: 4,287,768

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

Louisiana, which is holding a Democratic primary and Republican caucus on Feb. 9, had a 2007 population of 4.3 million that includes a lower percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a higher percentage of blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 64 percent of Louisiana's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, the same as the overall national rate

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

Selected Characteristics	Louisiana	U.S.
Median age	35.7	36.4
Women	51.4%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	62.8%	66.4%
Black alone	31.7%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	14.8%
Median household income	\$39,337	\$48,451
Foreign born	2.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	19.0%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	20.3%	27.0%
Median home value	\$114,700	\$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 Louisiana <a href="http://www.louisiana.gov/">http://www.louisiana.gov/</a></p> <p>Governor of Louisiana <a href="http://www.gov.louisiana.gov/">http://www.gov.louisiana.gov/</a></p> <p>Louisiana - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=LA">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=LA</a></p> <p>Louisiana - 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: Louisiana Directory <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/la.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/la.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Louisiana 2008 General Elections General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/LA.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/LA.phtml</a></p> <p>Secretary of State - Elections Division <a href="http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/68/Default.aspx">http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/68/Default.aspx</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>Louisiana - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/22000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/22000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/lanews.html">http://www.newslink.org/lanews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/laradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/laradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease Louisiana <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108219.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108219.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Louisiana <a href="http://www.50states.com/louisian.htm">http://www.50states.com/louisian.htm</a></p>

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

