



MARYLAND

In Brief

"Maryland is strongly Democratic, with the greatest Democratic strength in Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and the city of Baltimore. The Republican Party is strong in only a few counties. Only six Republicans have ever served as governor of Maryland. But in presidential elections since 1920, about an equal number of Democratic and Republican candidates have won the state's electoral votes.

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Baltimore

Area: 12,407 sq mi

Population: 5,615,727

Resource: World Almanac 2008

Maryland, which is holding primaries on Feb. 12, had a 2007 population of 5.6 million that includes a higher percentage of blacks, a lower percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 66 percent of Maryland's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, not significantly different from the national rate of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Maryland	U.S.
Median age	37.2	36.4
Women	51.6%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	58.4%	66.4%
Black alone	29.5%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	6.0%	14.8%
Median household income	\$65,144	\$48,451
Foreign born	12.2%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	7.8%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	35.1%	27.0%
Median home value	\$334,700	\$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 Maryland http://www.maryland.gov/portal/server.pt?</p> <p>Governor of Maryland http://www.gov.state.md.us/</p> <p>Maryland - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MD</p> <p>Maryland - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Maryland Directory http://www.politicsone.com/md.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Maryland 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MD.phtml</p> <p>State Board of Elections http://www.elections.state.md.us/</p>
Statistics
<p>Maryland - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/24000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/mdnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/mdradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Maryland http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108223.html</p> <p>50states.com - Maryland http://www.50states.com/maryland.htm</p>

Please find more information at

<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>