



## MASSACHUSETTS

### In Brief

"Except for the office of governor, the Democratic Party has dominated state government in Massachusetts. Democrats have won the state's electoral votes in most presidential elections since the late 1920's."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Boston

Area: 10,555 sq mi

Population: 6,437,193

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

About 69 percent of Massachusetts' voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, above the national rate of 64 percent. As one of the 24 states holding "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries or caucuses on Feb. 5, Massachusetts' 2007 population of 6.4 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of Hispanics and blacks 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	Massachusetts	U.S.
Median age	38.2	36.4
Women	51.6%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	80.0%	66.4%
Black alone	6.9%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	7.9%	14.8%
Median household income	\$59,963	\$48,451
Foreign born	14.1%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	9.9%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	37.0%	27.0%
Median home value	\$370,400	\$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 Massachusetts <a href="http://www.mass.gov/">http://www.mass.gov/</a></p> <p>Governor of Massachusetts <a href="http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3homepage&amp;L=1&amp;L0=Home&amp;sid=Agov3">http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3homepage&amp;L=1&amp;L0=Home&amp;sid=Agov3</a></p> <p>Massachusetts - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MA">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MA</a></p> <p>Massachusetts - 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: Massachusetts Directory <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/ma.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/ma.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Massachusetts 2008 General Elections General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MA.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MA.phtml</a></p> <p>Election Division <a href="http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/">http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>Massachusetts - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/25000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/25000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local Newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/manews.html">http://www.newslink.org/manews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/maradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/maradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease Massachusetts <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108225.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108225.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Massachusetts <a href="http://www.50states.com/massachu.htm">http://www.50states.com/massachu.htm</a></p>

Please find more information at

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