



MICHIGAN

In Brief

"The Republicans are strongest in rural areas of the Lower Peninsula. Democratic strength lies in the Upper Peninsula and in Detroit and other urban areas. Michigan has supported the Republican candidate for president much more often than it has supported the Democratic candidate. Michigan has also supported the Republican candidate for governor far more often than it has supported the Democratic candidate."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Lansing

Area: 96,716 sq mi

Population: 10,095,643

Resource: World Almanac 2008

About 67 percent of Michigan's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, slightly above the national rate of 64 percent. As the site of tomorrow's presidential primary, Michigan's 2006 population of 10.1 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.

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

Selected Characteristics	Michigan	U.S.
Women	50.8%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	77.7%	66.4%
Black alone	14.3%	12.8%
Hispanic	3.9%	14.8%
Median household income	\$47,182	\$48,451
Foreign born	5.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	13.5%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	24.5%	27.0%
Median home value	\$153,300	\$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 Michigan http://www.michigan.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Michigan http://www.michigan.gov/gov</p> <p>Michigan - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MI</p> <p>Michigan - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Michigan Directory http://www.politicsone.com/mi.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Michigan 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MI.phtml</p> <p>Michigan Voter Information Center http://www.mi.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633-49313--,00.html</p>
Statistics
<p>Michigan - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/26000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/minews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/miradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Michigan http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108228.html</p> <p>50states.com - Michigan http://www.50states.com/michigan.htm</p>

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