



MISSISSIPPI

In Brief

"The Democratic Party controlled Mississippi politics throughout most of the state's history... Before the 1963 election, Republicans rarely nominated candidates for many state and local offices. As a result, nomination by the Democratic Party in primary elections almost always meant election to office. In the 1980's, however, several Republican candidates won election to the United States Congress. In 1991, Kirk Fordice became the first Republican to be elected governor of Mississippi since 1874. He held office from 1992 to 2000. In every presidential election from 1876 through 1944, Mississippi cast its electoral votes for the Democratic candidate. In most presidential elections since 1948, however, the state has voted for non-Democratic candidates.

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: "Jackson

Area: 48,430 sq mi

Population: 2,910,540

Resource: World Almanac 2008

Mississippi had a 2007 population of 2.9 million. The percentage of the state's population that is black is about three times the national average, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 62 percent of Mississippi'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	Mississippi	U.S.
Median age	35.3	36.4
Women	51.6%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	59.3%	66.4%
Black alone	37.1%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	1.8%	14.8%
Median household income	\$34,473	\$48,451
Foreign born	1.8%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	21.1%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	18.8%	27.0%
Median home value	\$88,600	\$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 Mississippi http://www.mississippi.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Mississippi http://www.governorbarbour.com/</p> <p>Mississippi - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MS</p> <p>Mississippi - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Mississippi Directory http://www.politicsone.com/ms.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Mississippi 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MS.phtml</p> <p>Secretary of State - Elections http://www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/elections.asp</p>
Statistics
<p>Mississippi - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/28000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local Newspapers http://www.newslink.org/msnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/msradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Mississippi http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108232.html</p> <p>50states.com - Mississippi http://www.50states.com/mississi.htm</p>

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