



## MISSOURI

### In Brief

" Missouri voters tend to favor Democratic candidates over Republicans, but the balloting is usually close. Most of the state's governors have been Democrats. In presidential elections, voters have favored the Democratic candidate more often than the Republican candidate. St. Louis and Kansas City have tended to vote strongly Democratic, but the region around St. Louis is mostly Republican. Northeastern Missouri, most of the counties along the Missouri River, and southeastern Missouri have been traditionally Democratic. North-central and southwestern Missouri are chiefly Republican. About 30 counties switch back and forth between the two major parties. The party that wins these counties generally controls the state legislature."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Jefferson City

Area: 69,704 sq mi

Population: 5,842,713

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

About 69 percent of Missouri's 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, Missouri's 2007 population of 5.9 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              | Missouri  | U.S.      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Median age                            | 37.1      | 36.4      |
| Women                                 | 51.1%     | 50.7%     |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino   | 82.6%     | 66.4%     |
| Black alone                           | 11.5%     | 12.8%     |
| Hispanic or Latino                    | 2.8%      | 14.8%     |
| Median household income               | \$42,841  | \$48,451  |
| Foreign born                          | 3.3%      | 12.5%     |
| Persons below poverty                 | 13.6%     | 13.3%     |
| Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+) | 24.3%     | 27.0%     |
| Median home value                     | \$131,900 | \$185,200 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

## More Resources

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| <b>Government Information</b>   |
| <p>The Official Web site for the State Missouri<br/><a href="http://www.mo.gov/">http://www.mo.gov/</a></p> <p>Governor of Missouri<br/><a href="http://governor.mo.gov/">http://governor.mo.gov/</a></p> <p>Missouri - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate<br/><a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MO">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MO</a></p> <p>Missouri - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives<br/><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: Missouri Directory<br/><a href="http://www.politicsone.com/mo.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/mo.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Missouri 2008 General Elections<br/>General<br/><a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MO.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MO.phtml</a></p> <p>Secretary of State - Elections<br/><a href="http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/">http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/</a></p>  |
| <b>Statistics</b>   |
| <p>Missouri - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau<br/><a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/29000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/29000.html</a></p>   |
| <b>Media</b>  |
| <p>Local newspapers<br/><a href="http://www.newslink.org/monews.html">http://www.newslink.org/monews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations<br/><a href="http://www.newslink.org/moradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/moradi.html</a></p>   |
| <b>General Information</b>  |
| <p>Infoplease Missouri<br/><a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108234.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108234.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Missouri<br/><a href="http://www.50states.com/missouri.htm">http://www.50states.com/missouri.htm</a></p>   |

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