



MONTANA

In Brief

" In the early days, the Democratic Party dominated Montana politics. Many people voted Democratic because they came to Montana from the traditionally Democratic South. Montanans joked that part of the Confederate Army never surrendered, it just retreated to Montana. During the 1900's, the Republican and Democratic parties shared power in Montana. About two-thirds of the state's governors were Democrats. Most of the Republican gubernatorial victories took place in the last half of the 1900's. In presidential elections, Montana has given its electoral votes to the Republican candidate more often than the Democratic candidate."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Helena

Area: 147,042 sq mi

Population: 944,632

Resource: World Almanac 2008

About 70 percent of Montana's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, which was higher than the national rate of 64 percent. As one of 24 "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and caucus sites on Feb. 5, Montana's 2007 population of 958,000 includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of blacks and 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	Montana	U.S.
Median age	39.2	36.4
Women	50.0%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	88.7%	66.4%
Black alone	0.4%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.5%	14.8%
Median household income	\$40,627	\$48,451
Foreign born	1.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	13.6%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	27.4%	27.0%
Median home value	\$155,500	\$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 Montana http://mt.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Montana http://governor.mt.gov/</p> <p>Montana - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MT</p> <p>Montana - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Montana Directory http://www.politicsone.com/mt.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Montana 2008 General Elections General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/MT.phtml</p> <p>Secretary of State - Elections http://sos.mt.gov/elb/voter_information.asp</p>
Statistics
<p>Montana - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/30000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/mtnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/mtradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Montana http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108237.html</p> <p>50states.com - Montana http://www.50states.com/montana.htm</p>

Please find more information at

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