



## NEW YORK

### In Brief

"Enrolled Democratic voters in New York City usually significantly outnumber Republicans. But in the rest of the state, there are slightly more enrolled Republicans than Democrats. Albany and Erie Counties are often the only upstate counties to vote Democratic. Therefore, the two parties are fairly evenly matched, because New York City has about 40 per cent of the state's total population... New York has 31 electoral votes-more than any other state except California and Texas. For this reason, New York plays a key role in United States presidential elections and its governors have always been considered possible presidential candidates... Four men served as governor of New York before becoming president-Martin Van Buren, Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin D. Roosevelt... New Yorkers have voted for the winning candidate in most presidential elections."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Albany

Area: 54,556 sq mi

Population: 19,306,183

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

About 60 percent of New York's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election. The national rate was 64 percent. New York's 2007 population of more than 19 million has a lower percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a higher percentage of blacks and Hispanics than the population as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

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

Selected Characteristics	New York	U.S.
Median age	37.3	36.4
Women	51.5%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	60.5%	66.4%
Black alone	17.4%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	16.3%	14.8%
Median household income	\$51,384	\$48,451
Foreign born	21.6%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	14.2%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	31.2%	27.0%
Median home value	\$303,400	\$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 New York <a href="http://www.state.ny.us/">http://www.state.ny.us/</a></p> <p>Governor of New York <a href="http://www.ny.gov/governor/">http://www.ny.gov/governor/</a></p> <p>New York - Elected officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NY">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NY</a></p> <p>New York - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives <a href="http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#ny">http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#ny</a></p>
<b>Elections 2008</b>
<p>Politics 1: NewYork Directory <a href="http://www.politics1.com/ny.htm">http://www.politics1.com/ny.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: New York 2008 General elections - General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/NY.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/NY.phtml</a></p> <p>New York State Board of Elections <a href="http://www.elections.state.ny.us/">http://www.elections.state.ny.us/</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>New York - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/36000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/36000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/nynews.html">http://www.newslink.org/nynews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/nyradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/nyradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease New York <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108252.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108252.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - New York <a href="http://www.50states.com/newyork.htm">http://www.50states.com/newyork.htm</a></p>

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