



NORTH CAROLINA

In Brief

" The Democratic Party traditionally has dominated the state's politics. But Republicans have gained strength since the mid-1960's. From the Reconstruction period (1865-1877) through 1964, the Democratic candidate won the state's electoral votes in almost every presidential election. But since 1968, the Republican candidate has won in almost all presidential elections. In 1972, James E. Holshouser, Jr., became the first Republican to be elected governor of North Carolina since 1896. Also in 1972, Jesse A. Helms became the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from the state since 1895."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Raleigh

Area: 53,819 sq mi

Population: 8,856,506

Resource: World Almanac 2008

North Carolina is the nation's ninth-fastest growing state... North Carolina has a higher percentage of blacks, a lower percentage of Hispanics and a lower percentage of the foreign born population than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 61 percent of North Carolina's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, which was slightly lower than the national figure of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	North Carolina	U.S.
Population change: 2000-2007	12.6%	7.2%
Median age	36.6	36.4
Women	51.0%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	67.9%	66.4%
Black alone	21.7%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	6.7%	14.8%
Median household income	\$42,625	\$48,451
Foreign born	6.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	14.7%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	24.8%	27.0%
Median home value	\$137,200	\$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 North Carolina http://www.ncgov.com/</p> <p>Governor of North Carolina http://www.governor.state.nc.us/</p> <p>North Carolina - Elected officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/</p> <p>North Carolina - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#ny</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: North Carolina Directory http://www.politics1.com/nc.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: North Carolina 2008 General elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/NC.phtml</p> <p>North Carolina – Board of Elections http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/</p>
Statistics
<p>North Carolina - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/37000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/ncnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/ncradi.html#News%20/%20talk</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease North Carolina http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108254.html</p> <p>50states.com – North Carolina http://www.50states.com/ncarolin.htm</p>