



OHIO

In Brief

" Both the Democratic and Republican parties have much strength in Ohio. The Democratic Party is strongest in Cleveland and other metropolitan areas in northeastern Ohio. The Republican Party is dominant in most rural areas and is also strong in the Cincinnati and Columbus metropolitan areas. Since the end of World War II in 1945, Democratic and Republican candidates have won elections for governor about an equal number of times. Ohio is often called a barometer state in national politics. That is, the political views of Ohioans frequently indicate those of most Americans. For example, the winning presidential candidates have won Ohio's electoral votes in a great majority of presidential elections since 1804."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Columbus

Area: 44,825 sq mi

Population: 11,478,006

Resource: World Almanac 2008

Ohio had a 2007 population of about 11.5 million. Ohio has 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. About 66 percent of Ohio's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election.

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

Selected Characteristics	Ohio	U.S.
Median age	37.6	36.4
Women	51.2%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	82.9%	66.4%
Black alone	12.0%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.3%	14.8%
Median household income	\$44,532	\$48,451
Foreign born	3.6%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	13.3%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	23.0%	27.0%
Median home value	\$135,200	\$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 Ohio http://www.ohio.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Ohio http://governor.ohio.gov/</p> <p>Ohio - Elected officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=OH</p> <p>Ohio - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Ohio Directory http://www.politicsone.com/oh.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Ohio 2008 General elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/OH.phtml</p> <p>Ohio - Secretary of State - Voter Services http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/voter.aspx</p>
Statistics
<p>Ohio - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/39000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/ohnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/ohradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Ohio http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108258.html</p> <p>50states.com - Ohio http://www.50states.com/ohio.htm</p>

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