



OREGON

In Brief

"The Republican Party controlled Oregon politics during most of the state's history. Many industrial workers who settled in Oregon cities after World War II caused changes in the state's politics. In the mid-1950's, registered Democrats began to outnumber registered Republicans. The legislative districts have been changed periodically, beginning in the 1960's. These actions have given more representation to urban areas, where the Democrats have their greatest strength. Since the early 1970's, both Democratic and Republican candidates have won election to the highest state offices."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Salem

Area: 98,381 sq mi

Population: 3,700,758

Resource: World Almanac 2008

With its primary on May 20, Oregon's 2007 population of 3.7 million includes a much higher percentage of non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 74 percent of Oregon's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, well above the national rate of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Oregon	U.S.
Median age	37.5	36.4
Women	50.3%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	81.0%	66.4%
Black alone	1.9%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	10.2%	14.8%
Median household income	\$46,230	\$48,451
Foreign born	9.7%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	13.3%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	27.5%	27.0%
Median home value	\$236,600	\$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 Oregon http://www.oregon.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Oregon http://governor.oregon.gov/</p> <p>Oregon - Elected officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=OR</p> <p>Oregon - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: Oregon Directory http://www.politicsone.com/or.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Oregon 2008 General elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/OR.phtml</p> <p>Oregon - State Secretary - Elections Division http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/</p>
Statistics
<p>Oregon - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/ornews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/orradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease Oregon http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108262.html</p> <p>50states.com - Oregon http://www.50states.com/oregon.htm</p>