



RHODE ISLAND

In Brief

" Rhode Island became a Republican state shortly before the American Civil War (1861-1865). Most voters in Rhode Island favored the antislavery and pro-Northern policies of the Republican Party... Rhode Island voters supported the Republican presidential candidate in every election but one from 1856 to 1928... Since 1928, the state has voted Democratic in most presidential elections."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Providence

Area: 1,545 sq mi

Population: 1,067,610

Resource: World Almanac 2008

Rhode Island, which is holding its presidential primaries on March 4, had a 2007 population of 1.1 million. The state has a higher percentage of people with a bachelor's degree or more and a higher median household income than the nation as a whole. About 64 percent of Rhode Island's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, not statistically different from the national rate.

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

Selected Characteristics	Rhode Island	U.S.
Median age	38.2	36.4
Women	51.6%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	79.6%	66.4%
Black alone	6.3%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	11.0%	14.8%
Median household income	\$51,814	\$48,451
Foreign born	12.6%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	11.1%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	29.6%	27.0%
Median home value	\$295,700	\$185,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

More Resources

<p style="text-align: center;">Government Information</p>
<p>The official web site for the State Rhode Island http://www.ri.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Rhode Island http://www.governor.ri.gov/</p> <p>Rhode Island - Elected officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=RI</p> <p>Rhode Island - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Elections 2008</p>
<p>Politics 1: Rhode Island Directory http://www.politicsone.com/ri.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Rhode Island 2008 General elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/RI.phtml</p> <p>Rhode Island Board of Elections http://www.elections.state.ri.us/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Statistics</p>
<p>Rhode Island - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/44000.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Media</p>
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/rinews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/riradi.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">General Information</p>
<p>Infoplease Rhode Island http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108266.html</p> <p>50states.com - Rhode Island http://www.50states.com/rdisland.htm</p>

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