



SOUTH CAROLINA

In Brief

"The Democratic Party has controlled South Carolina politics throughout most of the state's history. But the Republican Party gained strength during the 1950's and 1960's... From 1880 through 1964, Democratic candidates won South Carolina's electoral votes in every presidential election except 1948... Since 1964, the Republican candidate has won South Carolina's electoral votes in almost all the presidential elections."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Columbia

Area: 32,020 sq mi

Population: 4,321,249

Resource: World Almanac 2008

South Carolina is the nation's 11th fastest-growing state. The U.S. population grew by 7.2 percent during that same time period. South Carolina has a higher percentage of blacks, a lower percentage of Hispanics and a lower percentage of foreign born than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 63 percent of South Carolina's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, which was not statistically different from the national figure of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	South Carolina	U.S.
Population change: 2000-2007	9.9%	7.2%
Median age	37.1	36.4
Women	51.3%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	65.4%	66.4%
Black alone	29.0%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	3.5%	14.8%
Median household income	\$41,100	\$48,451
Foreign born	4.1%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	15.7%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	22.7%	27.0%
Median home value	\$122,400	\$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

The official web site for the State South Carolina

<http://www.sc.gov/>

Governor of South Carolina

<http://www.scgovernor.com/>

South Carolina - Elected officials in U.S. Senate

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=SC

South Carolina - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives

http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de

Elections 2008

Politics 1: South Carolina Directory

<http://www.politicsone.com/sc.htm>

The Green Papers: South Carolina 2008 General elections - General

<http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/SC.phtml>

South Carolina State Election Commission

<http://scvotes.org/>

State Election Commission Voter Registration

<http://www.state.sc.us/scsec/vr.html>

Statistics

South Carolina - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/45000.html>

Media

Local newspapers

<http://www.newslink.org/scnews.html>

Local radio stations

<http://www.newslink.org/scradi.html>

General Information

Infoplease South Carolina

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108268.html>

50states.com - South Carolina

<http://www.50states.com/scarolin.htm>

Please find more information at

<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>