



TENNESSEE

In Brief

"Tennessee was a Democratic stronghold for most of its history, though parts of East Tennessee were Republican. During the 1960's, however, Republicans made strong gains in the state legislature. In 1966, Howard H. Baker, Jr., became the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from Tennessee since the 1860's. In 1970, Winfield Dunn became the first Republican in 50 years to be elected governor of Tennessee. By the end of the 1970's, Tennessee had become a two-party state. Democrats carried Tennessee in most presidential elections in the late 1800's and the first half of the 1900's. But Republicans have won the state in most presidential elections after 1948."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Nashville

Area: 42,143 sq mi

Population: 6,038,803

Resource: World Almanac 2008

Tennessee's 2007 population of about 6 million includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white alone population, a higher percentage of blacks, and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 55 percent of Tennessee's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, below than the national rate of 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Tennessee	U.S.
Median age	37.1	36.4
Women	51.1%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	77.5%	66.4%
Black alone	16.9%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	3.2%	14.8%
Median household income	\$40,315	\$48,451
Foreign born	3.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	16.2%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	21.7%	27.0%
Median home value	\$123,100	\$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 Tennessee http://www.tennessee.gov/</p> <p>Governor of Tennessee http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/governor/Welcome.do</p> <p>Tennessee - Elected officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=TN</p> <p>Tennessee- 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: Tennessee Directory http://www.politicsone.com/tn.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: Tennessee 2008 General elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/TN.phtml</p> <p>Tennessee - Department of State - Elections Division http://www.tennessee.gov/sos/election/index.htm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Statistics</p>
<p>Tennessee - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/47000.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Media</p>
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/tnnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/tnradi.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">General Information</p>
<p>Infoplease Tennessee http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108274.html</p> <p>50states.com - Tennessee http://www.50states.com/tennesse.htm</p>