



## VERMONT

### In Brief

"Vermont's electoral votes went to the Republican candidate in every presidential election from 1860 through 1960. Since then, however, the state has voted for the Democratic candidate in several presidential elections. All of Vermont's governors from 1854 until 1963 were Republicans. Since then, both Democrats and Republicans have won the office of governor several times. In 1974, Patrick J. Leahy became the first Democrat to be elected to the U.S. Senate from Vermont since the early 1800's."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Montpelier

Area: 9,614 sq mi

Population: 623,908

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

Vermont had a 2007 population of about 620,000. Vermont has a higher median age, a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a lower percentage of blacks and Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 67 percent of Vermont's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election; the national rate was 64 percent.

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

Selected Characteristics	Vermont	U.S.
Median age	40.4	36.4
Women	50.8%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	95.7%	66.4%
Black alone	0.7%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	1.1%	14.8%
Median household income	\$47,665	\$48,451
Foreign born	3.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	10.3%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	32.4%	27.0%
Median home value	\$193,000	\$185,200

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

## More Resources

<b>Government Information</b>
<p>The official web site for the State Vermont <a href="http://www.vermont.gov/portal/">http://www.vermont.gov/portal/</a></p> <p>Governor of Vermont <a href="http://governor.vermont.gov/">http://governor.vermont.gov/</a></p> <p>Vermont - Elected officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=VT">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=VT</a></p> <p>Vermont - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives <a href="http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de">http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</a></p>
<b>Elections 2008</b>
<p>Politics 1: Vermont Directory <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/vt.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/vt.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Vermont 2008 General elections - General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/VT.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/VT.phtml</a></p> <p>Secretary of State - Elections &amp; Campaign Finance Division <a href="http://vermont-elections.org/">http://vermont-elections.org/</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>Vermont- Quick facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/50000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/50000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/vtnews.html">http://www.newslink.org/vtnews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/vtradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/vtradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease Vermont <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108281.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108281.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Vermont <a href="http://www.50states.com/vermont.htm">http://www.50states.com/vermont.htm</a></p>

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