



## WASHINGTON

### In Brief

"In the 1912 presidential election, Washington supported the Progressive Party. In other presidential elections, the state has supported Republicans and Democrats almost the same number of times. Voters of farm areas and suburbs have generally favored Republicans. People in the cities of western Washington have usually supported the Democrats."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Olympia

Area: 71,300 sq mi

Population: 6,395,798

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

Washington had a 2007 population of 6.5 million that includes a higher percentage of Asians and a lower percentage of blacks and Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 68 percent of Washington's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, above the national rate of 64 percent.

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

<b>Selected Characteristics</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Median age	36.7	36.4
Women	50.1%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	76.5%	66.4%
Black alone	3.6%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	9.1%	14.8%
Median household income	\$52,583	\$48,451
Foreign born	12.4%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	11.8%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	30.5%	27.0%
Median home value	\$267,600	\$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 Washington <a href="http://access.wa.gov/">http://access.wa.gov/</a></p> <p>Governor of Washington <a href="http://www.governor.wa.gov/">http://www.governor.wa.gov/</a></p> <p>Washington - Elected officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=WA">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=WA</a></p> <p>Washington - 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: Washington Directory <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/wa.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/wa.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Washington 2008 General elections - General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/WA.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/WA.phtml</a></p> <p>Secretary of State- Elections <a href="http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/">http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>Washington - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/wanews.html">http://www.newslink.org/wanews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/waradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/waradi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease Washington <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108286.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108286.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Washington <a href="http://www.50states.com/washingt.htm">http://www.50states.com/washingt.htm</a></p>