



## WISCONSIN

### In Brief

"The Democratic Party's strength is centered in Milwaukee, Madison, and other urban areas. Republican strength lies mainly in rural and suburban areas. Throughout most of its early history, Wisconsin strongly favored the Republican Party. The Democratic Party gained strength in the 1950's and was the majority party from the 1970's through the 1980's. In presidential elections, Wisconsin has supported the Republican candidate more often than the Democratic candidate. In the 1924 presidential election, Wisconsin cast its votes for a native son, Senator Robert M. La Follette, Sr., who ran unsuccessfully as a Progressive."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Madison

Area: 65,498 sq mi

Population: 5,556,506

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

Wisconsin had a 2007 population of 5.6 million that included a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a lower percentage of Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 77 percent of Wisconsin's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, above the national rate of 64 percent and one of the highest voting percentages nationwide

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

Selected Characteristics	Wisconsin	U.S.
Median age	37.7	36.4
Women	50.3%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	85.7%	66.4%
Black alone	6.0%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	4.7%	14.8%
Median household income	\$48,772	\$48,451
Foreign born	4.4%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	11.0%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.1%	27.0%
Median home value	\$163,500	\$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 Wisconsin

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

Governor of Wisconsin

<http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/>

Wisconsin - Elected officials in U.S. Senate

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=WI](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=WI)

Wisconsin - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives

[http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW\\_by\\_State.shtml#de](http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de)

### Elections 2008

Politics 1: Wisconsin Directory

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

The Green Papers: Wisconsin 2008 General elections - General

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

Government Accountability Board - Elections Division

<http://elections.state.wi.us/>

### Statistics

Wisconsin - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

### Media

Local newspapers

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

Local radio stations

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

### General Information

Infoplease Wisconsin

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108291.html>

50states.com - Wisconsin

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

Please find more information at

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