OKLAHOMA

In Brief

" Oklahoma was once almost solidly Democratic. The state began to develop a two-party system during the 1960's. Oklahoma voters elected the state's first Republican governor in 1962. Oklahomans have favored Republican candidates in most presidential elections held since 1948."
Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Oklahoma City
Area: 69,898 sq mi
Population: 3,579,212
Resource: World Almanac 2008

Oklahoma has one of the highest American Indian and Alaska Native population percentages in the United States, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 62 percent of Oklahoma's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, not statistically different from the national rate of 64 percent. Overall, Oklahoma has a lower median household income and median home value than the nation as a whole.

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

Selected Characteristics	Oklahoma	U.S.
Population change: 2000-2007	4.8%	7.2%
Women	50.7%	50.7%
Median age	36.0	36.4
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	72.1%	66.4%
Black alone	7.8%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	6.9%	14.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	8.0%	1.0%
Median household income	$38,770	$48,451
Foreign born	4.9%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	17.0%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	22.1%	27.0%
Median home value	$94,500	$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 Oklahoma http://www.ok.gov/ Governor of Oklahoma http://www.governor.state.ok.us/index.php Oklahoma - Elected officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=OK Oklahoma - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de
Elections 2008
Politics 1: Oklahoma Directory http://www.politicsone.com/ok.htm The Green Papers: Oklahoma 2008 General elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/OK.phtml Oklahoma State Elections Board http://www.ok.gov/~elections/
Statistics
Oklahoma - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/40000.html
Media
Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/oknews.html Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/okradi.html
General Information
Infoplease Oklahoma http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108260.html 50states.com - Oklahoma http://www.50states.com/oklahoma.htm

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