

MASSACHUSETTS

Winner: The Democratic Party

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been a key battle ground state with the Democratic Party attempting to reach every political leader insight, attempting to gain various endorsements that will gather them the Presidential Primary vote. Massachusetts has been a full-fledged Democratic state since the beginning of the Reagan Era and will stay a liberal state during this year's election in the fall.

It is evident that the state will be casting a democratic vote in the fall, however by the demographic makeup it's not a usual matter. The states geography is a carbon copy of most northern states where the cities are toward the east and rural towns westward. The state is 82 percent Caucasian, 5 Black percent, 7 percent Hispanic and 4 percent Asian. While the over whelming white vote leads, gender and age also plays a large role in the upcoming election as well socioeconomic status. There is a 17 percent age gap within those who are between the ages of 35-44 being the primary voters of the state, which tend to be well established middle age citizens. Women also play a large role in voting, with the state being 52 to 48 percent female, women are more likely to vote for more liberal topics such as "The Right to Choose", and however the educational factor outweighs the other with men holding a 35 percent of bachelor 's degrees.

The past Presidential and state elections have placed this state as a Red state from the beginning of the Ted Kennedy era in the mid-1960. From year to year the state has given its Electoral College votes to the Democratic President candidate within the past six elections. The state fell short within that time period in 1992 during the highly contested campaign between William Clinton and George Bush, Sr., delegating the Democratic candidate 47.5 percent of the votes counting as the lost received for a Democratic candidate. The state has over delegated the most votes to its own native during the 2004 election to Mass. Senator John Kerry against incumbent George Bush, receiving 62 percent of the democratic vote.

Looking at other elected offices that are heavily contested but are only sought as Democratic victories, the Democratic Party has dominated statewide elections. For example the past thirty plus years in "Class One" of the Senate race there has been a Democrat representing the state, Ted Kennedy

along with John Kerry in “Class Two” since 1979. The gubernatorial race has not been as easy with the Republican Party dominating the state leading elected official. Massachusetts has voted Republican throughout the gubernatorial races for the past fifteen years until the jump in political parties in 2006 when Governor Deval Patrick took office in 2006. Moreover, the voting trend wasn’t as common within the state, the citizens voted for a Republican Governor until recent but voted constantly Democratic for their Lower an Upper House representatives. Within the past six years the state has been teetering with gaining a seat for the Democratic Party or losing seats from the minority party within the states legislature, the Republican Party.

As Massachusetts becoming one of the most progressive northern states, the barrier that Republicans have crossed for Presidential elections have been extremely doubtful. The state has seemed to hold strong to the exact same voting method pledging all 12 of their Electoral votes for the Democratic Party. It’s also been constant that the state usually supports their own natives as well during national elections and primaries. John Kerry won the state by a large margin in the 2004 election and this year during the Republican primary Mitt Romney won his forty-three pledged delegate count. As 2008 fall election rapidly approaches, I believe I can safely say that the Democratic Party has Massachusetts in “The Bag”.

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