

From 1933 to 2008 (a period of 75 years), West Virginia has had only two Republican governors<sup>[1]</sup>, serving for a total of 16 years. In 2007, West Virginia elected Democrats to the majority in the state legislature for the 74<sup>th</sup> straight year.

Because of her steadfast dedication to the Democratic Party, West Virginia is:

- 48<sup>th</sup> in per capita income.<sup>[2]</sup>
- 50<sup>th</sup> in average household income.<sup>[3]</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> in percentage of persons below poverty level.<sup>[4]</sup>
- **19<sup>th</sup>** in taxes per capita.<sup>[5]</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> in number of full time state government employees.<sup>[6]</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> in Federal Aid dollars per capita<sup>[7]</sup>
- 50<sup>th</sup> in number of people over 25 with a bachelor's degree or higher.<sup>[8]</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> in Infant Mortality Rate<sup>[9]</sup>

Remember, in national elections:

# Vote Democrat in '08!

*Because it's easier to drag everyone else down to our level than to climb up to theirs.*

1. Moore and Underwood, both of whom were elected for two (non-consecutive) terms.
2. Source: <http://www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank29.html>
3. Source: <http://www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank33.html>
4. Source: <http://www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank34.html>
5. Source: U. S. Census - <http://www.census.gov/govs/statetax/04staxrank.html>
6. Source: <http://www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank23.html> (In case you wondered where all those taxes were going)
7. Source: <http://www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank22.html> (Since Manchin's already changed the slogan on our welcome signs, maybe he should change our nickname, too. Why should we be called the Mountain state when we could be "The Welfare State"?)
8. Source: <http://www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank19.html>
9. While not necessarily a political issue, a lot of Democrats wanted to use it to bash the American health care system in general (and Republican politics regarding it specifically), so it's interesting to note. Source: <http://www.census.gov/statab/ranks/rank17.html>