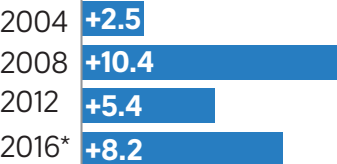


Pennsylvania: Vital stats

Presidential election

20 electoral votes

Republican
Democratic



*RealClearPolitics poll as of Oct 14 showing Clinton's lead over Trump

Race and ethnicity

White

77.4%

Black

11.7%

Hispanic

6.8%

Asian

3.4%

■ North Carolina
■ US average

Economic profile

Median household income

US\$53,115

Unemployment rate

5.7%

Poverty rate

13.2%

College-educated

28.1%

Why the state is important

- A classic swing state for most of the 20th century, Pennsylvania chose Democrats in the 1960s, Republicans in four out of the five races in the 1970s and 1980s, but has turned back to Democrats in every presidential election since 1992.

- Pundits agree that Republican candidate Donald Trump has little chance of winning the White House without winning Pennsylvania, the country's sixth-most populous state which is second to only Florida in electoral votes among battleground states.

- The latest Bloomberg Politics poll of likely voters, less than four weeks before the Nov 8 election, showed Mr Trump's Democrat opponent Hillary Clinton with a 9-point lead over him in a four-way race that includes Libertarian Gary Johnson and the Green Party's Jill Stein.
- In a poll of the Philadelphia suburbs that have played a role historically in determining who carries the state, Mrs Clinton held a daunting 28-point advantage over Mr Trump.
- But Mr Trump's message of bringing steel and coal jobs back and renegotiating trade deals plays well in the struggling manufacturing towns in western Pennsylvania.