

A portrait of Sarah Palin, a woman with short brown hair, wearing glasses and a dark blue top. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background of the portrait has a stylized American flag pattern with stars and stripes.

Sarah Palin

Republican party

Born: Feb 11, 1964, Sandpoint, Idaho



■ Education

1987: Graduates from University of Idaho with degree in journalism and political science

■ Professional experience

1987-89: Television sports reporter in Anchorage, Alaska

■ Political experience

1992-96: Wasilla City Council member

1996-2002: Mayor of Wasilla

2002: Runs unsuccessful campaign for lieutenant governor of Alaska

2003-04: Chairs Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

2006-present: Governor of Alaska

■ **Family:** Marries Todd Palin in 1988. Two sons and three daughters

Religion: Attends non-denominational Wasilla Bible Church