

MINNESOTA STATEWIDE VOTER SURVEY

Field Dates: December 12-15, 2019
 Sample Size: N=500 Registered Voters (40% cell)
 Margin of Error: +/-4.38%

* Denotes result less than 0.5%

NOTE: Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half percent

Question 1

Thinking about past elections for President, Governor, Congress, and other state and local offices, would you say you always vote in elections, vote most of the time, hardly ever vote, or have never voted in an election?

<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
69%	68%	68%	65%	ALWAYS VOTE IN ELECTIONS
28%	28%	27%	30%	VOTE MOST OF THE TIME
1%	3%	3%	4%	HARDLY EVER VOTE
1%	1%	2%	2%	HAVE NEVER VOTED IN AN ELECTION
98%	97%	95%	95%	TOTAL FREQUENT VOTER
2%	3%	5%	5%	TOTAL NON-FREQUENT VOTER

Question 2

Now, some people almost always follow what's going on in politics and current events in the news. Others just are not that interested in these issues. What about you? How closely do you follow what's going on in politics and current events, would you say extremely closely, very closely, somewhat closely, or not at all closely?

<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
20%	22%	20%	22%	EXTREMELY CLOSELY
44%	38%	42%	40%	VERY CLOSELY
30%	37%	31%	32%	SOMEWHAT CLOSELY
5%	3%	6%	5%	NOT AT ALL CLOSELY
*	--	*	*	NOT SURE
*	*	*	--	REFUSED
64%	60%	62%	62%	TOTAL CLOSELY
35%	40%	37%	37%	TOTAL NOT CLOSELY

Question 3

Regarding teacher safety in the classroom, do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE a state law here in Minnesota requiring automatic expulsion as the penalty for any student who assaults a teacher?

51% STRONGLY SUPPORT
19% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
16% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
8% STRONGLY OPPOSE

6% DON'T KNOW
1% REFUSED

69% TOTAL SUPPORT
24% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 4

Regarding political bias in the classroom, do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE a state law to require public and charter schools here in Minnesota to adopt academic balance policies to prevent one-sided political expression in the classroom?

38% STRONGLY SUPPORT
25% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
12% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
14% STRONGLY OPPOSE

9% DON'T KNOW
2% REFUSED

63% TOTAL SUPPORT
26% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 5

Regardless of how you may feel about school choice in general, would you support or oppose an exploratory small-scale experimental pilot program allowing students in one or two failing school districts to attend a public or private school of their choice, and after two years, compare test results with their peers at the original school?

- 32% STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 39% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 9% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 9% STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 10% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

71% TOTAL SUPPORT
18% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 6

And, which of the following issues do you think is the biggest problem for Minnesota's public schools?

- 29% STUDENTS WHO ARE UNDISCIPLINED AND DISRUPTIVE
- 28% INEQUALITY IN FUNDING AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- 21% UNDERPAID TEACHERS
- 8% LACK OF ADEQUATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS
- 5% VIOLENCE AND LACK OF SCHOOL SAFETY
- 4% NONE OF THE ABOVE

- 4% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

Question 7

Regardless of whether you are currently shopping for your next vehicle, what kind of vehicle do you think you would be most interested in buying?

- 40% CROSSOVER OR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE
- 28% CAR
- 21% PICKUP TRUCK
- 7% MINIVAN

- 2% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

Question 8

How likely would you be to purchase an electric car as your next vehicle? Would you say you are very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely to buy an electric car as your next vehicle?

- 7% VERY LIKELY
- 21% SOMEWHAT LIKELY
- 23% NOT TOO LIKELY
- 48% NOT AT ALL LIKELY

- 1% DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

- 28% TOTAL LIKELY**
- 71% TOTAL NOT LIKELY**

Question 9

And, how willing would you be to pay an additional two-thousand-eight-hundred dollars for your next car in order to subsidize the purchase of an electric car by someone else? Would you say you are very willing, somewhat willing, not too willing, or not at all willing?

4% VERY WILLING
14% SOMEWHAT WILLING
17% NOT TOO WILLING
62% NOT AT ALL WILLING

2% DON'T KNOW
1% REFUSED

18% TOTAL WILLING
79% TOTAL NOT WILLING

Question 10

Would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE a proposal to require a certain percentage of vehicles sold in Minnesota to be electric, if that meant that the cost of gasoline-powered vehicles would increase, while electric cars would be subsidized?

9% STRONGLY SUPPORT
16% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
20% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
48% STRONGLY OPPOSE

6% DON'T KNOW
1% REFUSED

25% TOTAL SUPPORT
68% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 11

There is a projected one-point-thirty three billion dollar surplus in the state budget. What do you think should be done with it? Do you think the state should spend it, save it, or give it back to taxpayers?

- 20% SPEND IT
- 34% SAVE IT
- 42% GIVE IT BACK TO TAXPAYERS

- 3% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

Question 12

And, to the extent that the legislature decides to spend the one-point-thirty three billion dollar budget surplus, which of the following areas should it be spent on?

- 50% ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE
- 35% PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATION
- 8% SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS
- * SOMETHING ELSE
- 4% ALL OF THE ABOVE
- 1% TAX CUT/REBATE

- 2% DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

Question 13

And, if the legislature decides to give the one-point-thirty three billion dollar budget surplus back to taxpayers, how should they do so?

- 52% ISSUE A REBATE CHECK TO EVERY MINNESOTA TAXPAYER BASED ON HOW MUCH HE PAID IN TAXES
- 18% CUT TAXES ON THE LOWEST PERSONAL INCOME TAX BRACKET PAID BY EVERY WORKER
- 15% CUT TAXES ON SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME
- 8% REDUCE THE COST OF VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
- SOMETHING ELSE
- 1% ALL OF THE ABOVE/REDUCE ALL TAXES
- 1% KEEP/SPEND ON SERVICES

- 5% DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

Question 14

In general, do you think Minnesota's social welfare benefits are too generous, not generous enough, or about right?

- 34% TOO GENEROUS
- 14% NOT GENEROUS ENOUGH
- 39% ABOUT RIGHT

- 12% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

Question 15

Current interest rates are at near-historic lows. Knowing this, how should the state pay for new long-term infrastructure projects?

- 45% MOSTLY WITH CASH FROM THE BUDGET SURPLUS
- 39% APPROXIMATELY HALF CASH FROM THE BUDGET SURPLUS AND HALF BORROWING
- 7% MOSTLY BY BORROWING

- 8% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

Question 16

Do you think crime in the Twin Cities is rising, declining, or staying about the same?

- 57% RISING
- 4% DECLINING
- 29% STAYING ABOUT THE SAME

- 10% DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

Question 17

And, how concerned are you about violent crime in the Twin Cities?

- 34% VERY CONCERNED
- 42% SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
- 18% NOT TOO CONCERNED
- 5% NOT CONCERNED AT ALL

- 2% DON'T KNOW
- REFUSED

76% TOTAL CONCERNED
23% TOTAL NOT CONCERNED

Question 18

In your opinion, which of the following options is the most effective way to fight crime in the Twin Cities?

- 41% INCREASE THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS ON PATROL
- 39% INCREASE THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- 12% CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF PATROL OFFICERS WHILE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF THOSE FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- 1% STRONGER PENALTIES
- 1% SOMETHING ELSE
- 1% ALL OF THE ABOVE

- 5% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

Question 19

It has been proposed that Minnesota's laws should be changed to allow grocery stores and convenience stores to sell wine and beer. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE that proposal?

33% STRONGLY FAVOR
25% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
14% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
19% STRONGLY OPPOSE
8% NO OPINION

1% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

58% TOTAL FAVOR

33% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 20

As you may know, Minnesota currently has a state estate tax, which is a tax on the property and money people leave behind when they die. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE ELIMINATING the Estate Tax, as most other states have done?

58% STRONGLY SUPPORT ELIMINATING
15% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT ELIMINATING
8% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE ELIMINATING
14% STRONGLY OPPOSE ELIMINATING

5% DON'T KNOW
1% REFUSED

73% TOTAL SUPPORT

22% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 21

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion with regard to Minnesota's estate tax, or as it is sometimes called, the death tax:

- 12% I FAVOR IT BECAUSE IT IS PAID BY WEALTHY PEOPLE
- 10% I FAVOR IT BECAUSE IT RAISES SOME REVENUE FOR THE STATE
- 61% I OPPOSE IT BECAUSE IT ISN'T FAIR TO PAY TAXES ALL YOUR LIFE AND THEN BE TAXED AGAIN WHEN YOU DIE
- 10% I OPPOSE IT BECAUSE STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT MINNESOTA ACTUALLY LOSES MONEY ON THE ESTATE TAX BECAUSE IT DRIVES TAXPAYERS OUT OF THE STATE
- 1% NONE OF THE ABOVE

- 5% DON'T KNOW
- 1% REFUSED

21% TOTAL FAVOR IT
71% TOTAL OPPOSE IT

Question 22

As you may know last year, Minnesota made a small reduction in the state personal income tax for taxpayers in the middle tax bracket. This year, a modest reduction in taxes for the LOWEST income tax bracket has been proposed. Would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE a modest reduction in taxes for the LOWEST income tax bracket?

- 54% STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 32% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 6% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 6% STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 3% DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

85% TOTAL SUPPORT
12% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 23

A recent Minnesota Court of Appeals decision blocked a dairy farmer from expanding his dairy herd on the ground that adding more cows might damage the Earth's climate. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the use of Carbon Dioxide emissions as a reason to block agricultural development?

15% STRONGLY SUPPORT
 12% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 17% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 46% STRONGLY OPPOSE

10% DON'T KNOW
 1% REFUSED

27% TOTAL SUPPORT
63% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 24

As you may have heard, Minnesota's Department of Human Services has had a series of scandals involving multiple instances of fraud, waste, and mismanagement in the Department. Based on what you know, do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE legislation requiring an audit of the Department of Human Services' spending?

71% STRONGLY SUPPORT
 19% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 4% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 3% STRONGLY OPPOSE

2% DON'T KNOW
 * REFUSED

90% TOTAL SUPPORT
8% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question D1

In what year were you born?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
15%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	18 - 34
18%	18%	20%	19%	18%	18%	18%	35 - 44
22%	21%	20%	19%	19%	20%	20%	45 - 54
22%	22%	21%	22%	23%	22%	23%	55 - 64
23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	65 AND ABOVE
*	*	*	1%	1%	1%	*	REFUSED

Question D2

Gender.

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	TOTAL MALE
30%	29%	33%	25%	29%	33%	30%	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	EMPLOYED PART-TIME
*	1%	*	*	*	*	1%	HOMEMAKER
12%	14%	12%	19%	16%	13%	14%	RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	REFUSED
52%	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%	TOTAL FEMALE
23%	22%	23%	20%	23%	20%	25%	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
7%	7%	4%	8%	10%	4%	4%	EMPLOYED PART-TIME
3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	HOMEMAKER
17%	19%	19%	19%	14%	22%	19%	RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
1%	1%	2%	--	1%	*	1%	REFUSED

Question D3

And what is the last grade you completed in school?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
--	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	SOME GRADE SCHOOL
3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL
16%	20%	21%	24%	21%	22%	22%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL
9%	5%	4%	7%	4%	5%	6%	TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
24%	25%	21%	21%	19%	19%	23%	SOME COLLEGE
31%	33%	35%	33%	33%	35%	30%	GRADUATED COLLEGE
17%	14%	16%	13%	19%	15%	16%	POST-GRADUATE
*	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	REFUSED
19%	22%	23%	26%	23%	26%	24%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
33%	30%	25%	27%	23%	23%	29%	SOME COLLEGE
48%	47%	51%	46%	53%	50%	46%	COLLEGE+

Question D4

In politics today, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
14%	13%	18%	18%	20%	20%	20%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
6%	10%	6%	8%	7%	6%	8%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
10%	11%	13%	13%	10%	10%	9%	LEAN REPUBLICAN
32%	28%	21%	20%	20%	22%	20%	INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE
7%	9%	10%	11%	12%	9%	11%	LEAN DEMOCRAT
8%	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%	7%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
22%	20%	22%	22%	24%	23%	23%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	2%	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	NOT SURE/REFUSED
30%	34%	37%	38%	37%	36%	37%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
32%	28%	21%	20%	20%	22%	20%	INDEPENDENT
37%	37%	41%	42%	42%	40%	41%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT

Question D5

Generally speaking, on most political issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
15%	15%	20%	18%	17%	16%	17%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
19%	18%	15%	17%	18%	17%	20%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
36%	35%	34%	34%	37%	34%	36%	MODERATE
14%	15%	14%	13%	12%	16%	11%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
12%	11%	13%	14%	12%	12%	11%	VERY LIBERAL
2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	REFUSED
34%	33%	35%	35%	35%	33%	37%	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
36%	35%	34%	34%	37%	34%	36%	MODERATE
25%	26%	27%	27%	24%	28%	23%	TOTAL LIBERAL

Question D6

And, thinking about the recent 2016 presidential election, regardless of how you may feel today, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President?

AMONG TOTAL SAMPLE

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
38%	39%	39%	37%	39%	38%	38%	DONALD TRUMP
39%	42%	41%	40%	42%	41%	40%	HILLARY CLINTON
4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	2%	4%	GARY JOHNSON
1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	JILL STEIN
2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	SOMEONE ELSE
5%	3%	5%	7%	6%	8%	5%	DID NOT VOTE
12%	8%	8%	9%	5%	5%	9%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

AMONG VOTERS (N=430)

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
45%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	DONALD TRUMP
47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	HILLARY CLINTON
5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	3%	4%	GARY JOHNSON
1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	JILL STEIN
2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	5%	3%	SOMEONE ELSE

Question D7

How would you describe the area where you currently live?

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
28%	26%	23%	20%	26%	29%	24%	A CITY
37%	34%	35%	32%	31%	33%	36%	A SUBURBAN AREA
20%	18%	22%	24%	19%	22%	20%	A SMALL TOWN
12%	20%	18%	20%	22%	16%	18%	A RURAL AREA
--	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
3%	*	1%	2%	1%	--	1%	REFUSED

Question D8

Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union or a teacher's association, employed by the city, county, state, or federal government, including as a firefighter or law enforcement officer?

<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>12/19</u>	
12%	12%	15%	12%	9%	10%	LABOR UNION
8%	7%	6%	8%	9%	8%	TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION
7%	7%	7%	9%	7%	8%	GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	FIREFIGHTER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
73%	74%	72%	73%	77%	74%	NO
1%	--	*	*	1%	*	NOT SURE
2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	REFUSED
25%	25%	25%	26%	22%	24%	TOTAL YES, UNION HOUSEHOLD
73%	74%	72%	73%	77%	74%	NOT UNION HOUSEHOLD