



MINNESOTA STATEWIDE VOTER SURVEY

Field Dates: December 5-6, 2018
Sample Size: N=500 Registered Voters
Margin of Error: +/-4.38%

Question 1

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

69% ALWAYS VOTE
28% VOTE MOST OF THE TIME
1% HARDLY EVER VOTE
1% HAVE NEVER VOTED

98% TOTAL ALWAYS/MOST
2% TOTAL HARDLY EVER/NEVER

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?

20% EXTREMELY CLOSELY
44% VERY CLOSELY
30% SOMEWHAT CLOSELY
5% NOT AT ALL CLOSELY
* NOT SURE

* REFUSED

64% TOTAL CLOSELY
35% TOTAL NOT CLOSELY

Question 3

Now thinking more about Minnesota, Minnesota's budget surplus could be more than \$1 billion. By law, 33 percent of that goes to a rainy day fund. Of the options below, what should the legislature do with the rest of that money?

- 29% GIVE IT BACK TO TAXPAYERS
- 11% APPLY IT TO AN OVERALL TAX CUT
- 3% APPLY IT TO THE STATE BUDGET WITH CORRESPONDING BUDGET CUTS
- 34% APPLY IT TO THE STATE BUDGET, WITH CORRESPONDING BUDGET INCREASES, ESPECIALLY FOR EDUCATION
- 16% APPLY IT TO THE STATE BUDGET, WITH CORRESPONDING BUDGET INCREASES ESPECIALLY FOR IMPROVING ROADS
- * HEALTH CARE
- 2% OTHER

- 4% REFUSED

Questions 4-7

On average, how often do you drink each of the following beverages?

	WEEKLY	LESS THAN WEEKLY	MORE THAN ONCE/WEEK	ABOUT ONCE/WEEK	ALMOST EVERY WEEK	ONCE OR TWICE/MONTH	A FEW TIMES/YEAR	NEVER	REF
<i>4. Beer</i>	20%	30%	9%	11%	1%	16%	13%	50%	--
<i>5. Wine</i>	15%	39%	6%	10%	2%	14%	24%	45%	--
<i>6. Hard Liquor or Spirits</i>	15%	40%	5%	9%	2%	17%	21%	45%	--
<i>7. Soft Drinks, Soda or Pop</i>	49%	32%	30%	19%	3%	16%	13%	19%	1%

*Question 8***(ASKED AMONG ALCOHOL CONSUMERS, N=372)**

Do you most often drink beer, wine, or hard liquor or spirits?

AMONG ALCOHOL CONSUMERS	AMONG TOTAL	
37%	27%	BEER
33%	24%	WINE
20%	15%	HARD LIQUOR OR SPIRITS
9%	7%	NONE
1%	1%	REFUSED

Question 9

And thinking just about beer, what is your favorite type of beer?

- 20% CRAFT OR LOCAL BRANDS
- 20% TRADITIONAL AMERICAN DOMESTIC BRANDS
- 6% FOREIGN/IMPORTED BRANDS
- 51% DO NOT DRINK BEER
- 3% REFUSED

*Question 10***(ASKED AMONG BEER DRINKERS, N=232)**

And if you had to pick a favorite brand or brands of beer, what specific brands of beer do you enjoy drinking the most?

- 11% BUDWEISER/BUD LIGHT
- 10% MILLER/MILLER LIGHT
- 8% COORS/COORS LIGHT
- 7% MICHELOB/MICHELOB GOLDEN LIGHT
- 6% SUMMIT
- 6% CORONA
- 5% LEINENKUGEL
- 4% SURLY
- 3% OTHER BEERS NOT SPECIFIED
- 3% PABST
- 3% GRAIN BELT
- 3% BLUE MOON
- 2% BUSCH
- 2% BELL'S
- 2% STELLA ARTOIS
- 1% HEINEKEN
- 1% DOS EQUIS
- 1% SCHELLS
- 1% NEW BELGIUM
- 1% FAT TIRE
- 1% SAMUEL ADAMS
- 1% GUINNESS
- 1% FULTON
- 1% BENT PADDLE
- 1% AMBERBOCK
- 1% INDEED
- 1% DARK (NOT SPECIFIC)
- 1% CASTLE DANGER
- 1% HAMM'S
- 13% OTHER

- 5% NONE/NOTHING
- * DON'T KNOW
- REFUSED

Question 11

Now changing topics, currently, regulations from the State of Minnesota prohibit some small craft brewers from selling food on their own sites. Thinking about this issue, do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE regulations that prevent small craft brewers from selling food?

- 8% STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 16% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 31% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 32% STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 11% NOT SURE

3% REFUSED

24% TOTAL SUPPORT

63% TOTAL OPPOSE

Question 12

And taking a step back from beer, and thinking about the state as a whole, generally, how would you describe the state of Minnesota's economy?

- 7% IT IS ROBUST
- 38% IT IS VERY GOOD
- 37% IT IS OK
- 15% IT IS NOT AS GOOD AS IT SHOULD BE
- 2% IT IS POOR
- 1% NOT SURE

* REFUSED

45% TOTAL GOOD

37% OK

17% TOTAL NOT AS GOOD/POOR

Question 13

One more about the economy. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings about the state's economy?

- 30% MINNESOTA'S ECONOMY IS GROWING FASTER THAN THE REST OF THE NATION
- 53% MINNESOTA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH IS ABOUT THE SAME AS THE REST OF THE NATION
- 11% MINNESOTA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH LAGS THE REST OF THE NATION
- 6% NOT SURE

- 1% REFUSED

Question 14

On a similar topic, turning to some questions about jobs, economists are forecasting that that the number of open jobs in Minnesota will soon be much greater than the number of people available to fill them. How much of a problem do you see this being?

- 33% DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS A PROBLEM
- 27% A PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO FIX
- 21% A PROBLEM THAT WILL BE FIXED BY THE MARKET ECONOMY
- 9% A LARGE PROBLEM THAT COULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE OUR ECONOMY
- 7% A PROBLEM THAT CAN FIXED ONLY THROUGH GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP
- 3% NOT SURE

- 1% REFUSED

Question 15

Manufacturers, in particular, talk about a skills gap in the workplace. They say there are far too few people who have the training they need to work in modern manufacturing. If you had to choose from the list below, which of the following statements best describes the reason for that problem?

- 31% TOO MANY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS UNDERMINE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, THEY STILL ADVISE STUDENTS AND PARENTS A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE IS THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE CAREER PROSPERITY
- 22% THE CURRENT GENERATION OF YOUNG WORKERS DOESN'T HAVE INTEREST IN THOSE KINDS OF CAREERS
- 14% POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS DON'T OFFER AN ADEQUATE TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM
- 14% DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS A PROBLEM
- 11% MANUFACTURERS COULD SOLVE THIS ISSUE BY INCREASING PAY FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES
- 1% OTHER REASON
- 5% NOT SURE

- 2% REFUSED

Question 16

Now, some policymakers are pushing to increase the minimum wage to \$15. Which of the following comes closest to how you feel about this proposal for increasing the minimum wage?

- 47% THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL HURT SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE JOBS THEY CREATE BECAUSE BUSINESSES CANNOT AFFORD IT
- 24% THE MINIMUM WAGE IS DESERVED BY WORKERS AND WILL NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECT BUSINESS
- 21% THE MINIMUM WAGE MIGHT NEGATIVELY AFFECT BUSINESS, BUT IS WORTH IT
- 6% NOT SURE

- 2% REFUSED

Question 17

Similarly, some policymakers say that increased legal immigration will help to alleviate the worker shortage. Do you AGREE or DISAGREE with that statement?

30% STRONGLY AGREE
27% SOMEWHAT AGREE
15% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
23% STRONGLY DISAGREE
4% NOT SURE

1% REFUSED

57% TOTAL AGREE
39% TOTAL DISAGREE

Question 18

Some people argue that there is an increasing legislative orientation that favors urban areas over rural areas. There are different ways of looking at this issue, so after I read a couple viewpoints, please tell me which one of the following views is closest to your own?

Some folks say that yes, the urban areas can be favored and that political structures are typically dominated by urban representation, but that's where all the people are.

Other folks say that while there may be a bias towards urban areas, Minnesota is a unique state whose rural areas need and deserve special attention.

And, then there are others who don't believe urban areas are shown legislative favoritism at all.

29% URBAN AREAS
45% RURAL AREAS
17% NO FAVORITISM
7% NONE/NOT SURE

2% REFUSED

Question 19

Changing topics, some people say that media reporting about public policy is increasingly slanted to reflect the personal bias of reporters. Do you AGREE or DISAGREE with that statement?

39% STRONGLY AGREE
22% SOMEWHAT AGREE
19% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
17% STRONGLY DISAGREE
3% NOT SURE

1% REFUSED

61% TOTAL AGREE
36% TOTAL DISAGREE

Before we wrap up, I would like to read you a list of potential proposals that might be considered here in Minnesota. After I read each one, please tell me if you SUPPORT or OPPOSE that proposal.

	TOT SUP	TOT OPP	STR SUP	SMWT SUP	STR OPP	STR OPP	NOT SURE	REF
20. A proposal to streamline the permitting process for mining projects in Minnesota								
12/18	49%	41%	22%	26%	13%	28%	8%	2%
8/18	46%	43%	19%	28%	17%	26%	2%	9%
21. A proposal to abolish Minnesota's estate tax, also commonly known as the death tax								
12/18	58%	34%	39%	19%	18%	16%	6%	1%
8/18	50%	39%	36%	14%	18%	21%	--	11%
22. A proposal to lower Minnesota's personal income tax rates for all tax brackets								
12/18	71%	26%	45%	26%	13%	14%	2%	1%
8/18	65%	31%	40%	26%	15%	16%	1%	3%
23. A proposal to limit the power of the Metropolitan Council to dictate housing and transportation policy in the Twin Cities metro area								
12/18	48%	36%	20%	27%	24%	12%	13%	3%
8/18	46%	34%	24%	23%	21%	13%	2%	18%
24. A proposal to impose a requirement that 50 percent of Minnesota's energy come from wind and solar								
12/18	67%	29%	43%	24%	12%	17%	3%	1%
8/18	66%	31%	41%	25%	14%	18%	1%	2%
25. A proposal to cut the state government spending by 10 to 20 percent across the board by eliminating waste and fraud								
12/18	76%	19%	50%	26%	11%	8%	3%	3%
8/18	76%	18%	51%	25%	8%	10%	1%	5%

Question D1

In what year were you born?

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

Question D2

Gender

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	
48%	48%	48%	48%	TOTAL MALE
30%	29%	33%	25%	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
4%	3%	2%	2%	EMPLOYED PART-TIME
*	1%	*	*	HOMEMAKER
12%	14%	12%	19%	RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
1%	1%	1%	1%	REFUSED
52%	52%	52%	52%	TOTAL FEMALE
23%	22%	23%	20%	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
7%	7%	4%	8%	EMPLOYED PART-TIME
3%	3%	5%	4%	HOMEMAKER
17%	19%	19%	19%	RETIRED/STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED
1%	1%	2%	--	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>	
--	1%	*	*	SOME GRADE SCHOOL
3%	2%	1%	2%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL
16%	20%	21%	24%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL
9%	5%	4%	7%	TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
24%	25%	21%	21%	SOME COLLEGE
31%	33%	35%	33%	GRADUATED COLLEGE
17%	14%	16%	13%	POST-GRADUATE
*	1%	1%	*	REFUSED
19%	22%	23%	26%	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
33%	30%	25%	27%	SOME COLLEGE
48%	47%	51%	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>	
14%	13%	18%	18%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
6%	10%	6%	8%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
10%	11%	13%	13%	LEAN REPUBLICAN
32%	28%	21%	20%	INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE
7%	9%	10%	11%	LEAN DEMOCRAT
8%	8%	8%	9%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
22%	20%	22%	22%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	2%	1%	*	NOT SURE/REFUSED
30%	34%	37%	38%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
32%	28%	21%	20%	INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE
37%	37%	41%	42%	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>	
15%	15%	20%	18%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
19%	18%	15%	17%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
36%	35%	34%	34%	MODERATE
14%	15%	14%	13%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
12%	11%	13%	14%	VERY LIBERAL
2%	4%	3%	2%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
2%	1%	1%	2%	REFUSED
34%	33%	35%	35%	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
36%	35%	34%	34%	MODERATE
25%	26%	27%	27%	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, Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson, Jill Stein, OR someone else?

AMONG TOTAL SAMPLE

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

AMONG VOTERS

<u>3/18</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	
45%	44%	44%	44%	DONALD TRUMP
47%	47%	47%	47%	HILLARY CLINTON
5%	4%	5%	6%	GARY JOHNSON
1%	1%	3%	2%	JILL STEIN
--	--	--	1%	BERNIE SANDERS
2%	4%	2%	1%	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>	
28%	26%	23%	20%	A CITY
37%	34%	35%	32%	A SUBURBAN AREA
20%	18%	22%	24%	A SMALL TOWN
12%	20%	18%	20%	A RURAL AREA
--	1%	1%	2%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
3%	*	1%	2%	REFUSED

Question D8

Thinking about you for a moment, 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>	
12%	12%	15%	LABOR UNION
8%	7%	6%	TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION
7%	7%	7%	GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
2%	2%	1%	FIREFIGHTER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
73%	74%	72%	NO
1%	--	*	NOT SURE
2%	1%	3%	REFUSED
25%	25%	25%	TOTAL YES
73%	74%	72%	NO