

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State—Elections Division
Minnesota Election Statistics, 1950–2016

Table 1 Minnesota State Primary Statistics

| Year | Estimate of Eligible Voters | Number of Voters | Percent Turnout | Number of Election Day Registrations | Percent of Voters Registering on Election Day |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1950 | 1,879,000 | 583,617 | 31.06% | | |
| 1952 | 1,899,000 | 652,825 | 34.38% | | |
| 1954 | 1,920,000 | 641,906 | 33.43% | | |
| 1956 | 1,940,000 | 611,197 | 31.51% | | |
| 1958 | 1,960,000 | 632,240 | 32.26% | | |
| 1960 | 1,987,000 | 596,272 | 30.01% | | |
| 1962 | 2,033,000 | 592,719 | 29.15% | | |
| 1964 | 2,078,000 | 442,642 | 21.30% | | |
| 1966 | 2,124,000 | 833,530 | 39.24% | | |
| 1968 | 2,170,000 | 408,541 | 18.83% | | |
| 1970 | 2,226,000 | 718,079 | 32.26% | | |
| 1972 | 2,523,000 | 489,298 | 19.39% | | |
| 1974 | 2,617,000 | 537,284 | 20.53% | 131,724 | 24.52% |
| 1976 | 2,710,000 | 538,382 | 19.87% | 66,557 | 12.36% |
| 1978 | 2,804,000 | 811,581 | 28.94% | 90,219 | 11.12% |
| 1980 | 2,882,406 | 397,145 | 13.78% | 34,215 | 8.62% |
| 1982 | 2,943,169 | 915,180 | 31.10% | 90,048 | 9.84% |
| 1984 | 2,982,015 | 537,342 | 18.02% | 47,218 | 8.79% |
| 1986 | 3,024,070 | 786,230 | 26.00% | 76,531 | 9.73% |
| 1988 | 3,087,194 | 311,145 | 10.08% | 21,470 | 6.90% |
| 1990 | 3,136,830 | 771,850 | 24.61% | 53,462 | 6.93% |
| 1992 | 3,187,255 | 560,659 | 17.59% | 35,967 | 6.42% |
| 1994 | 3,253,779 | 901,002 | 27.69% | 72,108 | 8.00% |
| 1996 | 3,319,509 | 450,120 | 13.56% | 27,542 | 6.12% |
| 1998 | 3,378,089 | 683,433 | 20.23% | 47,940 | 7.01% |
| 2000 | 3,506,432 | 602,690 | 17.19% | 42,943 | 7.13% |
| 2002 | 3,518,184 | 535,972 | 15.23% | 35,798 | 6.68% |
| 2004 | 3,609,185 | 279,132 | 7.73% | 20,438 | 7.32% |
| 2006 | 3,667,707 | 514,373 | 14.02% | 36,503 | 7.10% |
| 2008 | 3,740,142 | 419,474 | 11.22% | 24,700 | 5.89% |
| 2010 | 3,803,192 | 606,394 | 15.94% | 39,669 | 6.54% |
| 2012 | 3,861,043 | 359,682 | 9.32% | 17,975 | 5.00% |
| 2014 | 3,945,136 | 401,878 | 10.19% | 19,358 | 4.82% |
| 2016 | 3,972,330 | 294,797 | 7.42% | 14,438 | 4.90% |

Sources:

1950-1978 eligible voter data from Curtis Gans of the Center for the Study of the American Electorate

1980-2016 eligible voter data from Dr. Michael McDonald, United States Election Project. Estimates adjusted from those reported on election night in 2008 (3,741,514), 2010 (3,799,358) and 2012 (3,876,752).

Other data from election results certified by State Canvassing Boards

Election day registration was first used in 1974

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Table 2 Minnesota State General Election Statistics

| Year | Estimate of Eligible Voters | Number of Voters | Percent Turnout | Number of Election Day Registrations | Percent of Voters Registering on Election Day |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| 1950 | 1,879,000 | 1,067,967 | 56.84% | | |
| 1952 | 1,899,000 | 1,466,326 | 77.22% | | |
| 1954 | 1,920,000 | 1,168,101 | 60.84% | | |
| 1956 | 1,940,000 | 1,613,138 | 83.15% | | |
| 1958 | 1,960,000 | 1,178,173 | 60.11% | | |
| 1960 | 1,987,000 | 1,577,509 | 79.39% | | |
| 1962 | 2,033,000 | 1,267,502 | 62.35% | | |
| 1964 | 2,078,000 | 1,586,173 | 76.33% | | |
| 1966 | 2,124,000 | 1,312,288 | 61.78% | | |
| 1968 | 2,170,000 | 1,606,307 | 74.02% | | |
| 1970 | 2,226,000 | 1,388,525 | 62.38% | | |
| 1972 | 2,523,000 | 1,773,838 | 70.31% | | |
| 1974 | 2,617,000 | 1,296,209 | 49.53% | 280,812 | 20.12% |
| 1976 | 2,710,000 | 1,978,590 | 73.01% | 454,147 | 22.95% |
| 1978 | 2,804,000 | 1,624,911 | 57.95% | 208,985 | 12.86% |
| 1980 | 2,882,406 | 2,079,411 | 72.14% | 433,567 | 20.85% |
| 1982 | 2,943,169 | 1,834,737 | 62.34% | 238,979 | 13.03% |
| 1984 | 2,982,015 | 2,115,317 | 70.94% | 344,157 | 16.27% |
| 1986 | 3,024,070 | 1,456,579 | 48.17% | 137,864 | 9.47% |
| 1988 | 3,087,194 | 2,125,119 | 68.84% | 364,625 | 17.16% |
| 1990 | 3,136,830 | 1,843,104 | 58.76% | 208,625 | 11.32% |
| 1992 | 3,187,255 | 2,355,796 | 73.91% | 427,639 | 18.15% |
| 1994 | 3,253,779 | 1,794,618 | 55.15% | 179,360 | 9.99% |
| 1996 | 3,319,509 | 2,211,161 | 66.61% | 337,297 | 15.25% |
| 1998 | 3,378,089 | 2,105,984 | 62.34% | 332,540 | 15.79% |
| 2000 | 3,506,432 | 2,458,303 | 70.11% | 464,155 | 18.88% |
| 2002 | 3,518,184 | 2,282,860 | 64.89% | 342,978 | 15.02% |
| 2004 | 3,609,185 | 2,842,912 | 78.77% | 581,904 | 20.47% |
| 2006 | 3,667,707 | 2,217,818 | 60.47% | 292,168 | 13.17% |
| 2008 | 3,740,142 | 2,921,498 | 78.11% | 542,257 | 18.56% |
| 2010 | 3,803,192 | 2,123,369 | 55.83% | 227,857 | 10.73% |
| 2012 | 3,861,043 | 2,950,780 | 76.42% | 527,867 | 17.89% |
| 2014 | 3,945,136 | 1,992,566 | 50.51% | 152,101 | 7.63% |
| 2016 | 3,972,330 | 2,968,281 | 74.72% | 353,179 | 11.90% |

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