

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

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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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