

## Chapter Ten Minnesota Elections

STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 Voter Registration and Voter Participation						
COUNTY	PERSONS REGISTERED AS OF 7 A.M.	PERSONS REGISTERING ON ELECTION DAY	REGULAR/MILITARY / OVERSEAS BALLOT	FEDERAL ABSENTEE BALLOT	PRESIDENTIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT	TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING
Aitkin	9,849	65	84	0	0	2,162
Anoka	192,772	713	1,222	9	0	16,926
Becker	18,001	89	77	1	0	1,646
Beltrami	23,955	204	149	3	0	3,346
Benton	20,760	57	110	1	0	1,610
Big Stone	3,430	11	35	1	0	592
Blue Earth	36,799	94	211	0	0	2,608
Brown	14,318	89	118	1	0	1,340
Carlton	19,615	209	174	0	0	4,524
Carver	54,368	291	241	2	0	5,821
Cass	17,720	117	73	3	0	2,934
Chippewa	6,675	65	58	1	0	1,439
Chisago	30,935	184	112	2	0	4,025
Clay	30,745	209	174	0	0	3,510
Clearwater	4,594	18	20	0	0	495
Cook	3,448	25	15	1	0	1,548
Cottonwood	6,145	31	26	0	0	792
Crow Wing	37,319	248	257	3	0	6,059
Dakota	233,146	937	1,305	11	0	20,316
Dodge	11,282	50	49	0	0	1,203
Douglas	22,923	168	212	0	0	3,698
Faribault	8,351	427	182	0	0	3,069
Fillmore	11,990	53	39	0	0	1,006
Freeborn	17,714	153	127	2	0	2,813
Goodhue	27,339	151	266	0	0	2,592
Grant	3,858	10	30	0	0	411
Hennepin	686,244	4,212	4,401	89	0	70,661
Houston	11,644	49	52	0	0	924
Hubbard	12,437	63	65	0	0	2,205
Isanti	21,462	90	73	2	0	2,058
Itasca	25,916	333	297	0	0	7,096
Jackson	5,922	11	4	0	0	607
Kanabec	8,953	436	180	1	0	4,168
Kandiyohi	23,248	160	222	0	0	4,103
Kittson	2,612	5	12	0	0	599
Koochiching	7,124	62	70	0	0	1,675
Lac Qui Parle	4,436	13	30	0	0	497
Lake	7,225	100	102	0	0	1,876
Lake Of The Woods	2,452	4	6	0	0	586
Le Sueur	16,076	69	79	1	0	2,365
Lincoln	3,351	19	11	0	0	252
Lyon	13,450	32	26	0	0	633
McLeod	20,088	112	73	0	0	2,034
Mahnomen	2,660	11	13	0	0	485
Marshall	4,970	6	1	0	0	1,200
Martin	11,911	88	94	2	0	1,680
Meeker	13,401	55	46	0	0	1,316
Mille Lacs	14,457	80	58	0	0	1,807
Morrison	17,692	108	59	0	0	2,943
Mower	20,067	130	133	0	0	2,887

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Murray	4,944	57	27	0	0	1,153
Nicollet	19,639	94	107	0	0	1,754
Nobles	8,992	81	30	0	0	1,537
Norman	3,575	15	28	0	0	536
Olmsted	82,097	340	721	3	0	8,692
Otter Tail	34,298	83	111	4	0	2,350
Pennington	7,113	40	21	0	0	573
Pine	15,306	196	76	1	0	4,277
Pipestone	4,957	39	35	0	0	860
Polk	15,878	74	90	0	0	2,465
Pope	6,924	24	33	0	0	617
Ramsey	285,390	2,071	2,397	28	0	37,857
Red Lake	2,298	15	16	1	0	422
Redwood	9,444	33	29	1	0	630
Renville	8,750	29	26	0	0	919
Rice	34,739	185	180	1	0	4,004
Rock	5,091	32	37	0	0	397
Roseau	8,517	59	52	0	0	941
St. Louis	122,655	1,293	1,224	11	0	28,037
Scott	73,901	239	283	0	0	5,555
Sherburne	47,741	179	174	3	0	3,363
Sibley	8,390	28	49	0	0	719
Stearns	83,978	191	194	3	0	4,634
Steele	20,288	111	202	2	0	2,250
Stevens	5,847	36	15	0	0	439
Swift	5,509	13	7	0	0	920
Todd	13,081	75	41	0	0	1,848
Traverse	2,161	3	9	0	0	321
Wabasha	12,772	95	102	1	0	2,019
Wadena	7,559	105	95	0	0	1,621
Waseca	10,772	52	42	0	0	1,538
Washington	148,250	515	948	12	0	12,398
Watonwan	5,553	5	43	0	0	856
Wilkin	3,469	17	4	0	0	259
Winona	28,210	213	193	4	0	4,268
Wright	69,839	379	282	2	0	6,618
Yellow Medicine	5,790	43	14	1	0	893
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,059,566</b>	<b>17,975</b>	<b>19,410</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>359,682</b>

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**How does same-day registration affect voter turnout?**

Minnesota leads the nation in voter participation and has consistently done so since implementing same-day registration. Same-day registration allows hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans who may have moved just prior to the election or who need to update their registration to do so on Election Day.

In the 2012 presidential election, voter turnout in same-day voter registration states was 8 percent higher than states that did not have it. In the 2010 midterm elections, states with same-day voter registration had turnout rates 6 percent higher than in other states.

Thanks to this important safety net, Minnesota is consistently number-one in voter turnout.

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STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012									
Vote for U.S. Senate									
COUNTY	STEPHEN WILLIAMS - IP	GLEN R. ANDERSON MENZE - IP	DAVID CARLSON - R	BOB CARNEY JR. - R	KURT BILLS - R	JACK EDWARD SHEPARD - DFL	AMY KLOBUCHAR - DFL	DICK FRANSON - DFL	DARRYL STANTON - DFL
Aitkin	15	6	235	91	276	48	1,266	80	45
Anoka	146	96	2,437	983	4,168	385	7,126	272	169
Becker	18	15	373	98	273	49	676	33	18
Beltrami	39	22	464	92	463	53	1,851	52	70
Benton	9	14	284	111	375	38	542	26	24
Big Stone	11	18	44	23	73	18	326	21	15
Blue Earth	27	14	534	185	553	30	915	31	19
Brown	10	4	238	100	509	14	336	20	8
Carlton	16	8	230	88	264	70	3,398	120	103
Carver	27	7	1,347	462	2,040	53	1,052	28	28
Cass	26	17	509	163	356	84	1,470	81	41
Chippewa	6	17	117	49	118	28	903	39	36
Chisago	35	21	408	182	717	103	2,053	110	65
Clay	30	31	545	289	467	38	1,735	39	36
Clearwater	6	5	97	17	122	11	194	12	13
Cook	11	9	134	53	134	8	933	23	18
Cottonwood	17	11	149	54	130	10	324	24	14
Crow Wing	35	21	757	291	706	176	3,272	209	148
Dakota	145	58	2,573	1,004	6,774	355	7,719	220	180
Dodge	12	9	270	91	291	11	342	22	13
Douglas	35	51	635	220	461	56	1,754	113	81
Faribault	80	39	488	170	284	68	1,164	49	36
Fillmore	13	5	257	58	190	12	348	10	5
Freeborn	52	21	508	184	437	42	1,178	40	40
Goodhue	26	18	484	198	676	38	867	42	16
Grant	8	9	47	17	60	7	239	8	4
Hennepin	415	272	6,169	2,554	12,125	1,358	41,576	1,036	965
Houston	12	7	209	80	237	14	255	12	10
Hubbard	13	5	539	125	252	66	964	35	30
Isanti	19	16	188	76	374	58	1,101	62	21
Itasca	48	17	697	242	699	119	4,367	208	138
Jackson	9	1	100	32	116	8	212	16	7
Kanabec	76	50	732	265	514	64	1,734	82	85
Kandiyohi	43	22	321	93	319	68	2,777	132	85
Kittson	0	1	82	22	74	7	332	7	14
Koochiching	9	8	155	64	153	32	1,006	46	34
Lac Qui Parle	21	12	49	20	56	19	280	25	9
Lake	8	8	108	27	129	26	1,375	34	34
Lake Of The Woods	18	29	71	29	83	11	287	15	11
Le Sueur	33	23	446	214	433	44	818	32	37
Lincoln	7	5	41	13	60	5	102	9	3
Lyon	9	5	115	36	127	3	284	18	12
McLeod	47	43	365	126	466	45	731	65	25
Mahnomen	5	3	90	28	58	4	217	10	10
Marshall	8	8	147	41	136	16	629	39	19
Martin	24	13	360	157	454	11	379	16	19
Meeker	40	28	216	60	270	16	544	30	23
Mille Lacs	18	11	272	91	276	53	861	56	27

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Morrison	33	26	387	184	475	49	1,274	90	65
Mower	60	21	449	141	379	30	1,304	65	55
Murray	30	19	168	52	122	21	525	56	24
Nicollet	18	7	332	133	374	8	626	11	8
Nobles	29	24	308	103	225	27	507	57	46
Norman	9	6	57	20	47	8	330	12	20
Olmsted	73	28	1,743	521	1,876	42	3,253	67	64
Otter Tail	39	56	438	184	360	75	982	64	50
Pennington	2	4	101	33	122	6	242	8	6
Pine	27	19	635	264	700	78	1,865	99	46
Pipestone	13	14	261	48	102	8	274	22	25
Polk	28	27	407	138	296	29	1,167	68	59
Pope	9	30	85	41	99	13	306	9	10
Ramsey	307	164	2,131	1,089	4,366	1,046	25,083	859	684
Red Lake	7	2	40	11	47	6	239	14	7
Redwood	9	7	89	32	200	12	237	13	9
Renville	9	19	92	44	118	10	498	30	24
Rice	20	16	666	262	886	60	1,615	35	28
Rock	5	4	120	51	71	5	89	7	5
Roseau	7	4	203	57	179	15	343	22	23
St. Louis	89	57	1,298	560	1,460	420	21,338	684	502
Scott	27	22	914	357	1,783	83	1,689	57	34
Sherburne	23	13	542	238	1,201	62	948	47	25
Sibley	5	13	108	42	191	15	282	23	10
Stearns	34	30	865	362	1,180	116	1,435	71	48
Steele	9	10	577	199	645	10	440	15	8
Stevens	8	8	43	21	90	11	231	10	11
Swift	3	7	76	24	103	17	592	20	9
Todd	44	50	300	103	330	36	741	89	42
Traverse	8	5	28	12	41	5	185	11	4
Wabasha	41	16	403	108	406	27	754	49	32
Wadena	22	21	276	99	337	18	513	25	25
Waseca	7	14	439	163	374	9	270	9	6
Washington	104	58	1,488	627	3,026	223	5,836	219	141
Watonwan	8	8	143	59	191	6	314	11	8
Wilkin	3	4	52	22	41	6	118	3	5
Winona	69	31	786	235	525	68	1,876	66	63
Wright	71	57	1,041	419	1,999	85	2,129	91	52
Yellow Medicine	20	17	125	33	88	15	502	20	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>43,852</b>	<b>16,759</b>	<b>63,383</b>	<b>6,632</b>	<b>183,766</b>	<b>6,837</b>	<b>5,155</b>

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**Which age groups are most likely to use same-day registration?**

Minnesotans most likely to use same-day registration are between the ages of 18 and 38, and age 93 and older.

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STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 Vote for U.S. Representative District 1			
COUNTY	MIKE PARRY - R	ALLEN QUIST - R	TIM WALZ - DFL
Blue Earth	635	821	968
Brown	375	532	349
Cottonwood	41	59	30
Dodge	283	454	354
Faribault	428	577	1,270
Fillmore	342	226	367
Freeborn	703	594	1,166
Houston	261	316	281
Jackson	140	119	225
Le Sueur	519	703	862
Martin	283	817	400
Mower	524	553	1,365
Nicollet	417	578	637
Nobles	243	409	556
Olmsted	2,384	2,304	3,288
Rice	552	712	443
Rock	91	162	101
Steele	868	809	437
Waseca	541	623	281
Watonwan	176	243	318
Winona	816	929	1,999
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,622</b>	<b>12,540</b>	<b>15,697</b>

STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 Vote for U.S. Representative District 2			
COUNTY	DAVID GERSON - R	JOHN KLINE - R	MIKE OBERMUELLER - DFL
Dakota	1,584	9,629	7,159
Goodhue	187	1,320	723
Rice	150	706	1,089
Scott	594	2,836	1,508
Wabasha	138	789	630
Washington	119	579	519
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>15,859</b>	<b>11,628</b>

STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 Vote for U.S. Representative District 3			
COUNTY	ERIK PAULSEN - R	JOHN W. HOWARD III - R	BRIAN BARNES - DFL
Anoka	1,397	121	1,329
Carver	2,205	304	626
Hennepin	15,070	1,607	9,831
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,672</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>11,786</b>

STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 Vote for U.S. Representative District 4						
COUNTY	STEVE CARLSON - IP	RON SEIFORD - R	TONY HERNANDEZ - R	BETTY MCCOLLUM - DFL	DIANA LONGRIE - DFL	BRIAN STALBOERGER - DFL
Ramsey	423	2,508	4,832	23,111	2,677	1,549
Washington	122	1,348	2,044	4,180	535	364
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>6,876</b>	<b>27,291</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>1,913</b>

STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 Vote for U.S. Representative District 5				
COUNTY	CHRIS FIELDS - R	KEITH ELLISON - DFL	GARY BOISCLAIR - DFL	GREGG A. IVERSON - DFL
Anoka	704	1,761	194	306
Hennepin	5,213	28,708	1,187	1,816
Ramsey	49	140	16	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,966</b>	<b>30,609</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>2,143</b>

STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 Vote for U.S. Representative District 6				
COUNTY	MICHELE BACHMANN - R	STEPHEN THOMPSON - R	AUBREY IMMELMAN - R	JIM GRAVES - DFL
Anoka	5,014	680	293	3,262
Benton	671	117	96	541
Carver	1,311	356	102	352
Hennepin	27	3	2	13
Sherburne	1,775	242	126	952
Stearns	1,691	281	378	1,151
Washington	920	142	60	545
Wright	3,160	501	185	1,784
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,569</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>8,600</b>

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7**

A primary was not held for this district seat.

**STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012  
Vote for U.S. Representative District 8**

COUNTY	CHIP CRAVAACK - R	TARRYL L. CLARK - DFL	JEFF ANDERSON - DFL	RICHARD NOLAN - DFL
Aitkin	636	545	172	698
Beltrami	478	315	78	301
Carlton	631	1,278	1,070	1,360
Cass	1,064	611	189	844
Chisago	1,428	962	299	994
Cook	390	305	124	544
Crow Wing	1,900	888	396	2,537
Hubbard	938	453	152	447
Isanti	681	548	165	498
Itasca	1,784	1,711	1,282	1,844
Kanabec	1,689	982	349	534
Koochiching	400	404	166	561
Lake	299	448	454	595
Mille Lacs	687	390	145	435
Morrison	1,163	563	160	709
Pine	1,737	928	368	738
St. Louis	3,802	6,007	10,410	6,915
Wadena	764	216	56	286
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,471</b>	<b>17,554</b>	<b>16,035</b>	<b>20,840</b>

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**In which Minnesota counties are voters most likely to use same-day registration?**

Blue Earth, Clay and Winona counties.

**What other states use same-day registration?**

Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Wisconsin and Wyoming, and the District of Columbia.

Recently, California adopted, and Connecticut re-adopted, same-day registration.

**Which state led the way for same-day registration?**

Connecticut passed a law in 1839 allowing for same-day registration.

**STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 VOTE FOR FOR STATE SENATOR**

District	REPUBLICAN PARTY		DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY		INDEPENDENCE PARTY	
	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE
1	JUAL CARLSON	589	LEROY STUMPF	3,218		
	STEVE NORDHAGEN	1,574				
5	JOHN CARLSON	2,654	TOM SAXHAUG	3,981		
			LAVERNE H. PEDERSON	1,518		
10	CARRIE RUUD	2,350	ANNE MARCOTTE	2,134		
			TAYLOR STEVENSON	2,873		
13	MICHELLE FISCHBACH	1,484	PEGGY BOECK	765		
	FADUMO YUSUF	160				
15	DAVE BROWN	1,725	RON THIESSEN	708		
			SALLY KNOX	1,183		
17	JOE GIMSE	1,490	LARRY D. RICE	2,259		
			LYLE KOENEN	3,019		
20	GENE THOMAS KORNDER	400	KEVIN L. DAHLE	2,323		
	MIKE DUDLEY	2,590				
30	MARY KIFFMEYER	1,620	PAUL PEROVICH	806		
	PAUL BOLIN	586				
33	CONNIE DOEPKE	2,778	JUDY ROGOSHESKE	1,187		
	DAVID OSMEK	2,885				
39	ERIC MICHAEL LANGNESS	945	JULIE BUNN	2,235		
	KARIN HOUSLEY	1,941				
40			CHRIS EATON	2,005		
			TIMOTHY A. DAVIS SR.	470		
45	TIMOTHY HALL	821	ANN H. REST	3,851		
	BLAIR TREMERE	978				

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	REPUBLICAN PARTY		DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY		INDEPENDENCE PARTY	
District	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE
46	PAUL SCOFIELD	544	RON LATZ	3,205		
	ROGER W CHAMPAGNE	420				
47	BRUCE R. SCHWICHTENBERG	1,504	JAMES F. WEYGAND	824		
	JULIANNE ORTMAN	2,114				
55	ERIC PRATT	1,666	JOSH D. ONDICH	151		
			KATHY BUSCH	1,059		
57	PAT HALL	1,937	MIKE GERMAIN	395		
			GREG CLAUSEN	1,456		
64	SHARON ANDERSON	632	ALEXANDER H. JEFFRIES	685		
			DICK COHEN	5,797		
65	RICK KARSCHNIA	442	MARCUS WALKER	756		
			SANDY PAPPAS	2,505		
67	MIKE CAPISTRANT	425	FOUNG HAWJ	2,142		
			TOM DIMOND	806		
			ROBERT HUMPHREY	1,897		

STATE PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012 VOTE FOR FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE						
	REPUBLICAN PARTY		DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY		INDEPENDENCE PARTY	
District	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE
2B	DAVID COLLINS	688	BRITA SAILER	1,188		
	STEVE GREEN	790				
4A	BENJAMIN LARSON	76	BEN LIEN	853		
	TRAVIS REIMCHE	768	SUE WIGER	295		
	KEN LUCIER	262				
6B	DAN DARBO	384	LORRIE JANATOPOULOS	2,590		
	JESSE COLANGELO	689	JASON METSA	3,396		
			DAVE MEYER	307		
7A	THERESE BOWER	400	BRANDON CLOKEY	757		
			THOMAS HUNTLEY	3,337		
8B	MARY FRANSON	1,167	BRUCE CAMPBELL	428		
			BOB CUNNIFF	1,342		
10B	DALE K. LUECK	1,538	JOE RADINOVICH	2,422		
			DAVID SCHAAF	765		
11A	JIM PUTNAM	621	BRUCE AHLGREN	1,740	CORY M. PYLKKA	27
			MIKE SUNDIN	2,364		
11B	MITCH PANGERL	1,372	TIM FAUST	2,193		
	BEN WIENER	1,848	NATHAN JOHNSON	1,312		
15B	JIM NEWBERGER	679	BRUNO S. GAD	137		
			BRIAN JOHNSON	480		
17B	BRUCE VOGEL	689	MARY SAWATZKY	1,994	ZACHARY LIEBL	63
			JESSICA J. ROHLOFF	1,031		
24A	JOHN PETERSBURG	1,488	CRAIG A. BRENDEN	484		
	LARRY JOHNSON	763				
33B	STEVE SMITH	949	DENISE BADER	681		
	CINDY PUGH	2,251				
35B	PEGGY SCOTT	987	SAM SCOTT	497		
			SAMUEL BEARD	205		
37B	TOREY HALL	112	JON CHLEBECK	522		
	TIM SANDERS	978				

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District	REPUBLICAN PARTY		DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY		INDEPENDENCE PARTY	
	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE	CANDIDATE	VOTE
43A	STACEY STOUT	774	BOB HILL	1,324		
			PETER FISCHER	1,534		
43B	BOB ZICK	270	LEON M. LILLIE	1,224		
	KEVIN J. KLEIN	336				
51A	DIANE ANDERSON	979	MILTON M. WALDEN	112		
			SANDRA A. MASIN	828		
52A	DAVID MEISINGER	606	RICK HANSEN	1,242		
	JOE BLUM	704				
55B	TIM JESPERSON	242	TRAVIS BURTON	449		
	TONY ALBRIGHT	897				
59A	CINDY LILLY	225	MARCUS HARCUS	424		
			JOE MULLERY	1,441		
59B	GARY J. MAZZOTTA	98	RAYMOND DEHN	877		
	BILL MCGAUGHEY	79	IAN L ALEXANDER	627		
			TERRA COLE	857		

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**Leading the Nation**

Since 1980, Minnesota has led the nation in voter turnout in eight of the nine presidential elections. Maine had the highest voter turnout in 1992 (74.3 percent) with Minnesota following in a very close second place (73.7 percent).

Source: United States Election Project, George Mason University