



MINNESOTA [MN]

Capital: St. Paul
 Area: 86,935 sq. mi.
 Population: 5,303,925
 Pop. density: 174/ sq. mi.
 Nickname: "North Star State" "Gopher State"
 State motto: "The North Star"
 Governor: Mark Dayton (D)
 U.S. Senators: Amy Klobuchar (DFL), Al Franken (DFL)



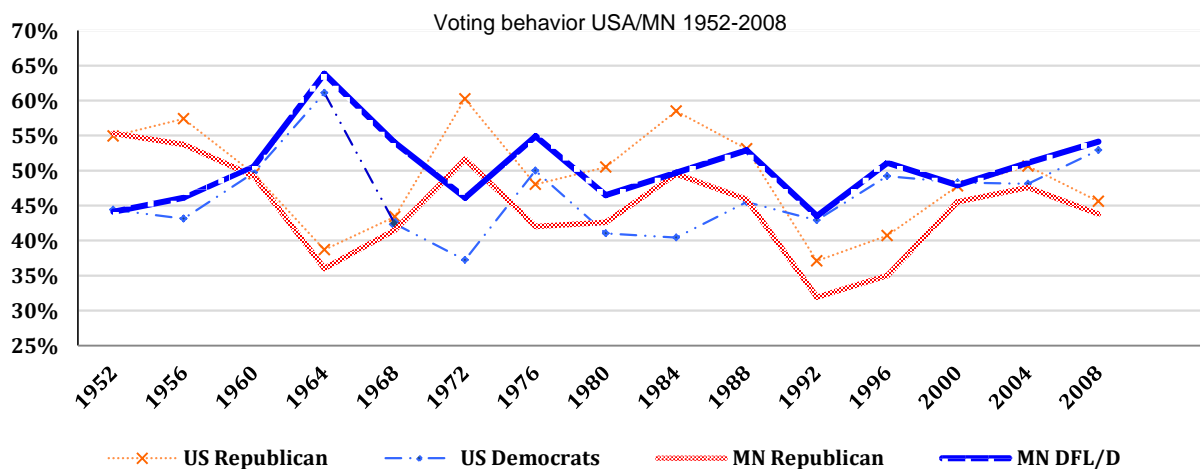
"Minnesota." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Encyclopædia Britannica Online. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 7, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/384342/Minnesota>>.



I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"During most of its early history, Minnesota strongly favored Republicans for state offices and for president... In 1918, a third party, the Farmer-Labor Party, was founded in Minnesota... In 1944, the Farmer-Labor Party joined with the Minnesota Democratic Party to form the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL). Hubert H. Humphrey, a DFL leader, served in the U.S. Senate from 1949 to 1964 and from 1971 to 1978. Humphrey was vice president of the United States from 1965 to 1969... Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota served as a U.S. senator from 1964 to 1976 and as vice president of the United States from 1977 to 1981. He was the Democratic nominee for president in 1984, but he lost the election... Both the DFL and the Republicans have much strength in Minnesota today."

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" Office of the Clerk. February 2008. April 25, 2012. <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx>

VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) MN
2000	50.3%	66.9%
2004	55.7%	74.3%
2008	57.1%	73.3%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

About 73 percent of Minnesota's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, high above the national rate of 57 percent. Minnesota's 2010 population of 5.3 million includes a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a lower percentage of Hispanics and blacks than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>



II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	Minnesota	U.S.
Median age	36.8	36.4
Women	50.3%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	85.9%	63.7%
Black persons	4.5%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	3.8%	16.3%
Median household income	\$54,023	\$51,914
Foreign born	6.6%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	9.8%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	30.4%	27.9%
Median home value	\$208,200	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 7, 2012.
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/27000.html>



III. MORE RESOURCES

Government Information

The Official Website for the State Minnesota: www.state.mn.us/

Governor of Minnesota: www.mn.gov/governor/

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – Minnesota:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MN

Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Minnesota:

http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_mn

Elections 2012

Politics 1 – Minnesota Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/mn.htm>

The Green Papers – Minnesota 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/MN>

My Time to Vote: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/minnesota.html>

Secretary of State – Minnesota: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

Statistics

Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau – Minnesota: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/27000.html>

Election 2008 (Voting and Registration): <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/index.html>

Polling Report – Collection of National Polling Results: <http://www.pollingreport.com/>

Gallup – America's largest Polling Institute: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/election.aspx>

Media

General Media Collection by the U.S. Embassy: <http://usa.usembassy.de/media.htm>

Local newspapers

News Link, newspapers: <http://www.newslink.org/mnnews.html>

U.S. Newspapers List (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/mnnews.php>

Local radio stations

News Link, radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/mnradi.html>

On the Radio: <http://www.ontheradio.net/states/minnesota.aspx>

General Information

Infoplease – Minnesota: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108230.html>

50states.com – Minnesota: <http://www.50states.com/minnesot.htm>

Official Tourism Website: <http://www.exploreminnesota.com>

Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: www.dfl.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaDFL>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/minnesotadfl>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MinnesotaDFL>

Republican Party

www.mngop.com/

<http://www.facebook.com/RepublicanPartyOfMinnesota>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/mngop>

<https://twitter.com/republicansmn>