

2025 State Fair Poll Results (7773 voters)

What area best describes where you live?

Minneapolis/St Paul	2905	37%
Rural	854	11%
Suburban	3360	43%
Regional hub	340	4%
Another State	194	2%
I prefer not to answer	41	1%
Over Votes	29	0%
Under Votes	50	1%

What is your age?

17 or younger	250	3%
18-24	540	7%
25-34	1173	15%
35-49	1450	19%
50-64	1808	23%
65 or older	2406	31%
I prefer not to answer	76	1%
Over Votes	6	0%
Under Votes	64	1%

Question 1: Should the legislature pass a new law to prohibit cat declawing?

Yes	2619	34%
No	3058	39%
Undecided/No Opinion	1943	25%
Over Votes	41	1%
Under Votes	112	1%

Question 2: Some Minnesota state agencies have established offices to independently oversee and investigate fraud in programs administered by that agency. Should the legislature create a new state agency dedicated to investigating fraud, waste, and abuse across all state agencies?

Yes	4846	62%
No	1717	22%
Undecided/No Opinion	1035	13%
Over Votes	25	0%
Under Votes	150	2%

Question 3: Should it be illegal for Minnesota employers to use artificial intelligence (AI) hiring tools in lieu of more traditional labor-intensive recruiting, screening, and interviewing methods?

Yes	4076	52%
No	2314	30%
Undecided/No Opinion	1242	16%
Over Votes	46	1%
Under Votes	95	1%

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Question 4: Under current law, IT equipment and software purchased for use in certain data centers is exempt from Minnesota sales tax. A data center may benefit from the sales tax exemption for up to 35 years. Do you support this tax benefit for data centers?

Yes	971	12%
No	5451	70%
Undecided/No Opinion	1213	16%
Over Votes	19	0%
Under Votes	119	2%

Question 5: Under current law, the owner of an agricultural crop or pasture may be compensated by the state for damage to a crop or fence caused by wild elk. Should this program be expanded to include damage caused by wild deer?

Yes	3273	42%
No	2886	37%
Undecided/No Opinion	1471	19%
Over Votes	23	0%
Under Votes	120	2%

Question 6: For-profit social media platform businesses operating in Minnesota pay tax to the state based on the business' taxable income and sales in Minnesota. Should the state create an additional new tax on these businesses based on the number of Minnesota consumers from whom the businesses collect personal data?

Yes	4392	57%
No	1986	26%
Undecided/No Opinion	1218	16%
Over Votes	26	0%
Under Votes	151	2%

Question 7: Currently, vacancies in the Minnesota legislature are filled only through special elections, which can leave districts unrepresented for a period of time. Should the governor have the authority to appoint a temporary replacement until the special election takes place?

Yes	1177	15%
Yes, from same party	3332	43%
No	2545	33%
Undecided/No Opinion	479	6%
Over Votes	118	2%
Under Votes	122	2%

Question 8: Students in kindergarten through grade 12 who attend nonpublic schools or homeschools are eligible to receive certain publicly-funded materials and services, including textbooks and other educational materials, guidance and counseling services, health services, and transportation to school. Should the state continue to spend public funds on these services and materials for nonpublic students?

Yes	3555	46%
No	3606	46%
Undecided/No Opinion	472	6%
Over Votes	51	1%
Under Votes	89	1%

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Question 9: Under current law, non-licensed hourly school employees such as bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and paraprofessionals are eligible to receive state-funded unemployment benefits during the summer when school is not in session. Should Minnesota change the law to exclude these part-year school employees from eligibility for unemployment benefits?

Yes	1980	25%
No	5056	65%
Undecided/No Opinion	563	7%
Over Votes	54	1%
Under Votes	120	2%

Question 10: Currently, cities may pass local zoning ordinances allowing duplexes, triplexes, or ADU (e.g. mother-in-law suite) on lots zoned for single family residences. Should the legislature enact statewide laws requiring all cities to approve these types of dwellings on lots currently zoned for single family units?

Yes	3035	39%
No	3041	39%
Undecided/No Opinion	1552	20%
Over Votes	27	0%
Under Votes	118	2%