

# 2023 Senate Opinion Poll Questions

5736 Ballots Cast

- I. What area best describes where you live?
- a. Minneapolis / Saint Paul    2136    (38.1%)
  - b. Rural    685    (12.2%)
  - c. Suburban    2393    (42.7%)
  - d. Regional hub of at least 40,000 people (Rochester, Duluth, Saint Cloud, Mankato, Moorhead)    242    (4.3%)
  - e. Another state    116    (2.2%)
  - f. I prefer not to answer.    27    (0.5%)

Total Responses: 5599

- II. What is your age?
- a. 17 or younger    203    (3.6%)
  - b. 18-24    420    (7.5%)
  - c. 25-34    740    (13.2%)
  - d. 35-49    996    (17.7%)
  - e. 50-64    1465    (26.1%)
  - f. 65 or older    1749    (31.1%)
  - g. I prefer not to answer.    48    (0.8%)

Total Responses: 5621

1. When the state budget forecast indicates a surplus, the legislature may use the surplus to reduce taxes, provide tax rebates, or increase spending on various programs. Should Minnesota provide automatic rebates to individual taxpayers when a surplus is forecasted, leaving less to allocate to other budget priorities?
- a. Yes    1954    (35%)
  - b. No    3162    (56.5%)
  - c. Undecided / no opinion    471    (8.5%)

2. Currently, local governments in Minnesota can place restrictions on the types of housing built in their jurisdictions by zoning exclusively for single-family residences. Should the state prohibit local governments from restricting duplex, triplex, or accessory dwelling unit (ADU) housing construction on lots currently zoned for single-family residences?
  - a. Yes 2145 (38.6%)
  - b. No 2520 (45.4%)
  - c. Undecided / no opinion 890 (16%)
  
3. The Metropolitan Council is a regional taxing authority, planning agency, and provider of services such as sewage, parks, and transportation in the Twin Cities metro area. The Council is currently composed of 17 members who are appointed by the governor for a four-year term. Should members of the Metropolitan Council be elected to office rather than appointed?
  - a. Yes 3296 (58.8%)
  - b. No 1347 (24%)
  - c. Undecided / no opinion 963 (17.2%)
  
4. Should transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft be required to provide a standard compensation model, insurance coverage, and a clear grievance process to drivers who contract with them even if it affects trip prices or where rideshare services are offered?
  - a. Yes 3392 (60.6%)
  - b. No 1439 (25.7%)
  - c. Undecided / no opinion 768 (13.7%)
  
5. Should employers be required to disclose salary ranges when posting open job positions in Minnesota?
  - a. Yes 4284 (76.5%)
  - b. No 953 (17%)
  - c. Undecided / no opinion 358 (6.5%)
  
6. In 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a near-total federal prohibition on sports betting. Since then, 38 states have authorized sports betting, including all the states bordering Minnesota. Under current Minnesota law, sports betting is illegal. Should Minnesota legalize sports betting?
  - a. Yes 2381 (42.5%)
  - b. No 2376 (42.4%)
  - c. Undecided / no opinion 849 (15.1%)

7. In 1988, Minnesota voters approved a constitutional amendment establishing an Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) that relies on funding from the Minnesota State Lottery to protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota’s natural resources. Voters will be asked to renew the ENRTF in the 2024 general election. If the election were today, how would you vote?
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| a. Yes                    | 4388 | (86%)  |
| b. No                     | 391  | (7.7%) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 318  | (6.3%) |
8. Should a wolf hunting season be reestablished in Minnesota if the federal government delists the species under the Endangered Species Act?
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| a. Yes                    | 1472 | (29%)   |
| b. No                     | 2679 | (52.6%) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 940  | (18.4%) |
9. Several states have recently enacted legislation aimed at regulating social media use by minors. Should Minnesota regulate social media use by minors through mechanisms such as requiring parental consent, imposing time restrictions, requiring obscenity and content filters, and/or enacting other social media safety measures?
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| a. Yes                    | 2896 | (56.8%) |
| b. No                     | 1550 | (30.4%) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 652  | (12.8%) |
10. Currently, schools in Minnesota are limited to using no more than five e-learning days in one school year. Should schools in Minnesota be allowed to use a greater number of e-learning days?
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| a. Yes                    | 2558 | (50%)   |
| b. No                     | 1879 | (36.8%) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 672  | (13.2%) |
11. Should cursive writing be a curriculum mandate for all Minnesota students?
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| a. Yes                    | 2787 | (54.5%) |
| b. No                     | 1719 | (33.6%) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 610  | (11.9%) |

12. Should Minnesota designate *Castoroides ohioensis*, commonly known as the giant beaver, as the official state fossil?

- a. Yes 2183 (42.7%)
- b. No 613 (12%)
- c. Undecided / no opinion 2313 (45.3%)