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This profile of certain elected officials in Minnesota is a result of a survey and research conducted in 1975 and 1976. It is based on data collected on officials who were in office in 1975. The State Senators and State Representatives included in the profile were members of the Sixty-Ninth Legislature. The United States Senators and Representatives were members of the Ninety-Fourth Congress. Township supervisors were not included in the survey.

SUMMARY OF DATA ON
CONGRESSMEN, STATE SENATORS, STATE REPRESENTATIVES,
CITY COUNCILMEN AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

	<u>U.S. SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN</u>	<u>STATE SENATORS</u>	<u>STATE REPRESENTATIVES</u>	<u>CITY COUNCILMEN</u>	<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>
Average Age	47	46	42	47	55
Average Salary	\$44,625	\$8,400*	\$8,400**	\$1,303	\$6,492
Average Years of Education	17.5	16.9	16.3	14.0	13.0
Average Years Served in Present Position	9.6	7.0	5.0	5.4	6.6
Number and Percent of Members Having Served in an Elective Office	8/80%	25/37%	20/15%	44/17%	139/74%
Number and Percent of Members Having Served in an Appointive Position	2/20%	13/19%	26/19%	97/32%	85/46%
Percent Who Have Served in an Elective or Appointive Position or Both	100%	57%	34%	39%	74%
Number and Percent of Male Members	10/100%	66/99%	127/95%	287/89%	211/97%
Number and Percent of Female Members	0/0%	1/1%	7/5%	34/11%	7/3%

There are: 2 U.S. Senators
 8 Congressmen
 67 State Senators
 134 State Representatives
 321 City Councilmen Responses
 218 County Commissioner Responses

**1976 statistics indicate the average additional per diem of \$2,783 for Metropolitan House members
and per diem of \$3,046 for outstate House members

*1976 statistics indicate the average additional per diem of \$2,420 for Metropolitan Senate members
and per diem of \$2,775 for outstate Senate members

MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA SENATE

MALES	66	99%
FEMALES	1	1%

AGES

Age	Number
21 - 29	2
30 - 39	12
40 - 49	25
50 - 59	15
60 - 69	7
70 - 79	1
Not Stated	5

OCCUPATION

Number

Agriculture	14
Attorney	10
Education	8
Investments & Stocks	5
Banking	4
Dentist	3
Insurance	2
Lumber dealer	2
Businessman	2
Farm Implements	1
Manufacturer	1
Retail hardware, plumbing, heating	1
Self-employed	1
Musician	1
Mortician	1
Management & Data Processing Consultant	1
Veterinarian	1
Collection agency	1
Florist	1
Accountant	1
Management consultant	1
Chemist	1
Personnel counseling & placement	1
Clergy	1
Advertising	1
Law enforcement	1

EDUCATION LEVEL

Number

High School	5
College (Graduated)	23
Graduate School	16
Ph D-Medicine	8
College Not Completed or Trade School	7
Not stated	8

LENGTH OF SERVICE IN SENATE (Based through 1976)

Number of Years	Number
1 year	1
2 years	3
4 years	24
6 years	17
7 years	2
8 years	2
10 years	9
14 years	5
18 years	3
22 years	1

SERVICES IN OTHER ELECTIVE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE

Yes	25
No or not stated	42

SERVICE IN APPOINTED GOVERNMENTAL POSITION

Yes	13
No or not stated	54

SERVICE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Yes	16
No or not stated	51

LENGTH OF SERVICE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Years	Number
2 years	1
4 years	6
5 years	1
6 years	3
8 years	2
10 years	2
19 years	1

MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MALES 127 -- 95%
FEMALES 7 -- 5%

AGES

Age	Percent
21 - 29	10.8
30 - 39	37.2
40 - 49	23.3
50 - 59	23.3
60 - 69	4.6
70 - 79	.8

OCCUPATIONS

Percent

Professionals (Teachers, college instructors, doctors, veterinarians, engineers, chemists, and a physicist)	25.4
Agriculture	18.8
Attorneys	15.6
Businessmen (Bankers, insurance agents, real estate agents, small store and business owners)	11.5
Unskilled Manual Labor (& Skilled) (Plumbers, electricians, mechanics, construction, and maintenance)	11.5
Management Executives	5.7
Union Agents	1.6
Student	1.6
Other (Housewives, civil servant, local government)	8.3

EDUCATION LEVEL

Percent

Elementary	.8
High School	16.4
Post High School (Trade School)	3.7
College (Not Complete)	13.4
College (Completed)	29.9
Post-Grad	35.0

LENGTH OF SERVICE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Based through 1976)

Number of years

Number

2 years	54
3 years	1
4 years	33
6 years	20

LENGTH OF SERVICE (Continued)

Number of Years	Number
8 years	9
10 years	5
11 years	1
12 years	2
14 years	3
15 years	1
16 yeras	2
19 years	2
21 years	1

SERVICE IN OTHER ELECTIVE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE

Yes	20
No or not stated	114

SERVICE IN APPOINTED GOVERNMENTAL POSITION

Yes	26
No or not stated	108

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION UNDER 10,000

Big Stone
Clearwater
Cook
Grant

Kanabec
Kittson
Lake of the Woods
Lincoln

Mahnomen *
Red Lake
Traverse
Wilkin

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OF 10,000 TO 30,000

Aitkin
Becker
Beltrami
Benton
Brown
Carlton
Carver
Cass
Chippewa
Chisago
Cottonwood
Dodge
Douglas
Faribault
Fillmore *
Houston
Hubbard *
Isanti

Jackson
Koochiching
Lac Qui Parle
Lake
LeSueur
Lyon
McLeod
Marshall
Martin
Meeker
Mille Lacs
Morrison
Murray
Nicollet
Nobles
Norman
Pennington

Pine
Pipestone
Pope *
Redwood
Renville
Rock
Roseau
Sherburne
Sibley
Steele
Stevens
Swift *
Todd
Wabasha
Wadena *
Waseca *
Watsonwan
Yellow Medicine

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OF 30,000 to 100,000

Blue Earth
Clay
Crow Wing
Freeborn
Goodhue
Itasca

Kandiyohi
Mower *
Olmstead
Otter Tail *
Polk

Rice *
Scott
Stearns
Washington
Winona
Wright

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OVER 100,000

Anoka
Dakota

Hennepin

Ramsey
St. Louis

* Counties not responding to questionnaire

SUMMARY OF COUNTY QUESTIONNAIRES

NUMBER OF COUNTY SURVEYS RETURNED 218

Counties not responding:

Fillmore
Hubbard
Mahnomen
Otter Tail
Pope
Rice
Swift
Wadena
Waseca

MALES RESPONDING 211 -- 97 percent of total

FEMALES RESPONDING 7 -- 3 percent of total

Counties with female commissioners Population

Carlton	10,000 - 30,000
Douglas	10,000 - 30,000
Lake	10,000 - 30,000
Olmsted	50,000 - 100,000
Ramsey	Over 100,000
St. Louis	Over 100,000
Wilkin	0 - 10,000

AVERAGE AGE 55

Age Groups Number Responding

20 - 30	3
31 - 40	13
41 - 50	48
51 - 60	83
61 - 70	62
Over 70	8
Not stated	1

AVERAGE SALARY \$6,818

Salary Groups Number Responding

\$2,000 - \$2,999	3
\$3,000 - \$3,999	28
\$4,000 - \$4,999	22
\$5,000 - \$5,999	39
\$6,000 - \$6,999	55

SUMMARY OF COUNTY QUESTIONNAIRES

Salary Groups Number Responding (Continued)

\$7,000 - \$7,999	25
\$8,000 - \$8,999	16
\$9,000 - \$9,999	3
\$10,000 - \$10,999	4
\$11,000 - \$11,999	1
\$15,000 - \$15,999	7
\$16,000 - \$16,999	3
\$27,000 - \$27,999	1
\$28,000 - \$28,999	3
Not Stated	7

EMPLOYMENT

Occupations Number Responding

Sales (Insurance, Real Estate, etc.)	13
Retired	31
Medical	2
County Commissioner	17
Self-Employed	31
Farming	88
General Business	18
Attorney	4
Education	1
Miscellaneous	9
Not Stated	4

Most frequent occupation -- Farming

	Number	Percent
Self employed (including farming)	119	55
Employed	99	45
Farming	88	40

EDUCATION LEVEL COMPLETED

Elementary	34
High School	99
College (Not Completed)	25
College (Graduate)	13
Masters	13

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION UNDER 10,000

Big Stone
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Red Lake
Traverse
Wilkin

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OF 10,000 TO 30,000

Aitkin
Becker
Beltrami
Benton
Brown
Carlton
Carver
Cass
Chippewa
Chisago
Cottonwood
Dodge
Douglas
Faribault
Fillmore *
Houston
Hubbard *
Isanti

Jackson
Koochiching
Lac Qui Parle
Lake
LeSueur
Lyon
McLeod
Marshall
Martin
Meeker
Mille Lacs
Morrison
Murray
Nicollet
Nobles
Norman
Pennington

Pine
Pipestone
Pope *
Redwood
Renville
Rock
Roseau
Sherburne
Sibley
Steele
Stevens
Swift *
Todd
Wabasha
Wadena *
Waseca *
Watsonwan
Yellow Medicine

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OF 30,000 to 100,000

Blue Earth
Clay
Crow Wing
Freeborn
Goodhue
Itasca

Kandiyohi
Mower *
Olmstead
Otter Tail *
Polk

Rice *
Scott
Stearns
Washington
Winona
Wright

COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OVER 100,000

Anoka
Dakota

Hennepin

Ramsey
St. Louis

* Counties not responding to questionnaire

SUMMARY OF DATA ON
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTIES
GROUPED BY POPULATION

	<u>UNDER 10,000</u>	<u>10,000- 30,000</u>	<u>30,000- 100,000</u>	<u>OVER 100,000</u>	<u>ALL COUNTIES</u>
Average Age	56	56	55	45	53
Average Salary	\$3,875	\$5,663	\$7,521	\$16,105	\$6,492
Average Years of Education	13	12	13	16	14
Average Years Served in Present Position	5	7	9	5	7
Number and Percent Having Served in an Elective Office ¹	18/66%	91/68%	24/63%	7/37%	140/64%
Number and Percent Having Served in an Elective Office ²	18/69%	91/70%	24/63%	7/37%	140/65%
Number and Percent Having Served in an Appointive Office ¹	13/48%	51/38%	11/29%	10/53%	85/39%
Number and Percent Having Served in an Appointive Office ²	13/52%	51/46%	11/38%	10/53%	85/46%
Number and Percent Having Served in an Elective or Appointive Position or Both	21/78%	101/75%	27/71%	13/68%	162/74%

¹No response to question counted as not served

²Omitting No Responses

218 Questionnaires Returned from 77 Counties

CITIES RECEIVING SURVEY

Adrian
Aitkin
Akeley
Albert Lea
Alexandria
Alpha
Appleton
Arlington
Atwater
Austin

Bejou
Bemidji
Blackduck
Blaine
Blooming Prairie
Bloomington
Brainerd
Breckenridge
Brooklyn Center
Brooks
Browns Valley

Campbell
Cannon Falls
Carlton
Cedar Mills
Clara City
Clearwater
Comstock
Cottonwood
Crookston

Dassel
Detroit Lakes
Dodge Center
Donaldson
Duluth
Dumont

Echo
Edina
Ely
Erskine

Fergus Falls

Garfield
Glenwood
Grand Rapids
Granite Falls
Greenwood

Hallock
Hardwick
Hayfield
Hendricks
Hills
Hibbing
Hoffman
Hutchinson

Isanti

Jackson

LaCrescent
Lafayette
Lake Benton
LaPorte
LeSueur
Little Falls
Long Prairie

Madelia
Mankato
Marshall
Meadowlands
Miltona
Minneapolis
Mizpah
Montevideo
Mora
Morrison

Nassau
New Brighton
Newfolden
New Market
New Ulm
Norcross
Northfield

Ogilvie
Olivia
Ortonville

Pine City
Pine River
Pipestone
Princeton

Red Lake Falls
Red Wing
Redwood Falls
Renville
Revere
Robbinsdale
Rochester
Rockford
Roseville
Rush City

St. Cloud
St. Leo
St. Mary's Point
St. Paul
Sauk Rapids
Slayton
Sleepy Eye
South St. Paul
Stillwater

Thomson
Truman
Twin Lakes
Two Harbors

Vergas

Wadena
Waltham
Warroad
White Bear Lake
Williams
Willmar
Wilmont
Winona
Worthington

Zimmerman

CITIES RESPONDING TO QUESTIONNAIRE

POPULATION OF 100,000 AND OVER

Duluth

Minneapolis

St. Paul

POPULATION OF 20,000 TO 100,000

Austin

Edina

St. Cloud

Blaine

Mankato

South St. Paul

Bloomington

Rochester

White Bear Lake

Brooklyn Center

Roseville

Winona

POPULATION OF 10,000 to 20,000

Albert Lea

Hibbing

Robbinsdale

Benidji

New Brighton

Stillwater

Brainerd

New Ulm

West St. Paul

Fergus Falls

Red Wing

Willmar

POPULATION OF 2,500 TO 10,000

Alexandria

Hutchinson

Pipestone

Breckenridge

La Crescent

Princeton

Chaska

Le Sueur

Redwood Falls

Detroit Lakes

Little Falls

Sauk Rapids

Ely

Montevideo

Sleepy Eye

Glenwood

Mora

Wadena

Grand Rapids

Olivia

Windom

Granite Falls

Ortonville

Worthington

POPULATION OF 1,000 TO 2,500

Adrian

Hallock

Renville

Aitkin

Long Prairie

Rush City

Appleton

Madelia

Slayton

Arlington

Pine City

Truman

Cannon Falls

Red Lake Falls

Warroad

Dassel

POPULATION OF UNDER 1,000

Alpha

Hardwick

Nassau

Atwater

Hayfield

Newfolden

Bejou

Hendricks

New Market

Blackduck

Hoffman

Ogilvie

Brooks

Isanti

Revere

Browns Valley

Lafayette

Rockford

Carlton

Lake Benton

St. Leo

Clearwater

La Porte

Twin Lakes

Cosmos

Meadowlands

Waltham

Cottonwood

Mizpah

Williams

Echo

Morristown

Wilmont

Garfield

SUMMARY OF DATA
ON CITY COUNCILMEN OF CITIES
GROUPED BY POPULATION*

	<u>UNDER 1,000</u>	<u>1,000- 2,500</u>	<u>2,500- 10,000</u>	<u>10,000- 20,000</u>	<u>20,000- 100,000</u>	<u>100,000 & OVER</u>	<u>ALL CITIES</u>
Average Age	48	47	48	47	45	39	47
Average Salary	\$185	\$360	\$1,155	\$1,455	\$2,656	\$14,233	\$1,303
Average Years of Education	12	13	14	15	16	16	14
Average Years Served in Present Position	5	6	7	5	5	5	5
Number and Percent of Members Having Served in an Elective Office	17/16%	10/19%	6/9%	5/12%	6/17%	1/5%	44/17%
Number and Percent of Members Having Served in an Appointive Position	25/24%	14/26%	22/33%	13/32%	15/43%	8/40%	97/32%
Percent Who Have Served in an Elective or Appointive Position or Both	34/32%	17/32%	27/41%	18/44%	19/54%	9/45%	124/39%

* Total Responses 321

SUMMARY OF CITY QUESTIONNAIRES

OTHER ELECTORAL GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE SERVICE

Yes	44
No	261
Not stated	17

Average of those who have served in other electoral governmental office-14 percent.

LENGTH OF SERVICE

less than 1 year	1
1 year	4
2 years	9
3 "	5
4 "	10
5 "	1
6 "	4
7 "	1
8 "	2
10 "	2
11 "	1
12 "	1
15 "	1
17 "	1
18 "	1
28 "	1

Average length served	6 years
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APPOINTED POSITION

Yes	97
No	202
Not Stated	22

Average of those who have served in an appointed position - 32 percent.

POSITION SERVED

Boards and Commissions	51
Committees	13
Civil Defense	3
Mayor	6
Councils	8
Recreation & Youth Programs	3
Clerk-Treasurer	3
Miscellaneous	10

Percentage having held elective, appointive or both -- 39%

SUMMARY OF CITY QUESTIONNAIRES

OCCUPATIONS

Education	35
Self-employed	32
Medical	13
Insurance	13
Homemaker	11
Banking	11
General manager	10
Salesman	9
Engineering	9
Public utilities	8
Farming	7
Businessman	7
County Employee	7
Retired	6
Electrician	6
Grocer/butcher	6
Accounting/bookkeeping	5
Carpenter	4
Barber	4
State Employee	4
Journalism	4
Auto Dealer	4
Laborer	4
Oil Agent	4
Driver	3
Mechanic	3
Plumbing & heating	3
City Employee	3
Retail lumber	3
Real estate	3
Pharmacist	3
Contractor	3
Armed Forces	3
Secretary	2
Grain elevator	2
Federal Employee	2
Construction	2
Maintenance engineer	2
Personnel executive	2
Corporate President	2
Attorney	2
Not stated	2
Railroad	2
Steamfitter	2
Service Station	2
Heavy equipment operator	2
Union representative	1

OCCUPATIONS (Continued)

Catalog merchant	1
Advertising Agency	1
Partsman	1
Bricklayer	1
Clerk	1
Industrial Worker	1
Mayor	1
Law enforcement	1
Office manager	1
Oil refinery	1
Transportation Foreman	1
School bus driver	1
Machinist	1
Priest	1
Custom fabricating	1
Baker	1
Oil jobber	1
Hatchery	1
Interviewer	1
Piano technician	1
Supervisor	1
Funeral director	1
Fruit farm	1
Appliance sales & service	1
Heating & A/C troubleshooter	1
Student	1
Logger	1
Travel agent	1
Photographer	1
Bartender	1
Chemist	1
Director-residential center	1
Machine shop	1
Tiling	1
Nursing home administrator	1
Research assistant	1
Plant supervisor	1
painter	1
Millwright	1
School custodian	1
Broadcasting	1
Warehouse foreman	1
Order filler	1
Ditch digger	1
Surveyor	1
Masonry	1

	Number	Percent
Employed	282	88
Self-employed		
(including farming)	39	12
Farming	7	2

MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

The HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RESEARCH DEPARTMENT was established in 1967 to assist Representatives in the development, introduction, and evaluation of legislation. The department is non-partisan and serves the entire membership of the House. All work for Representatives is carried out in an objective manner and a confidential relationship with each Representative is preserved.

During the LEGISLATIVE SESSION each legislative analyst in the department works in one or more areas and is available as a resource person to the corresponding House committee. Analysts also provide research assistance, issue analysis and background information directly to House members.

During the INTERIM the department conducts in-depth research on pertinent issues and provides research support for active committees. The staff develops materials and drafts legislation and amendments for the committees. Analysts also continue to provide research assistance to individual House members.