

Minnesota Senate
2022 State Fair Poll
5,037 TOTAL RESPONDENTS

Demographics

Residence:

Minneapolis/St. Paul	37.58% (1873)
Rural	13.22% (659)
Suburban	42.21% (2104)
Regional hub of at least 40,000 people (Rochester, Duluth, St. Cloud, Mankato, Moorhead)	04.23% (211)
Another state	02.26% (113)
Prefer not to answer	00.48% (24)

Age:

17 or younger	03.62% (181)
18-24	06.90% (345)
25-34	12.49% (624)
35-49	16.43% (821)
50-64	28.80% (1439)
65 and older	30.67% (1532)
Prefer not to answer	01.06% (53)

Preferred method for monitoring Senate proceedings:

Attend in-person	05.35% (263)
PBS Minnesota Channel	17.97% (882)
YouTube channel or the Minnesota Senate website	15.08% (740)
Senate Facebook page	01.79% (88)
Senate Twitter accounts	01.14% (56)
I prefer to use a variety of these platforms	29.38% (1442)
I do not monitor Senate proceedings	29.26% (1436)

Questions:

1. Currently, only boaters between the ages of 12-16 are required to take a boating safety education course before operating private watercraft on inland waterways in Minnesota. Should all operators of private watercraft in Minnesota be required to take a boating safety education course?
 - a. Yes **70.03% (3480)**
 - b. No **21.43% (1065)**
 - c. Undecided / no opinion **08.53% (424)**

2. Lead is commonly used in tackle and ammunition because it is highly malleable and relatively inexpensive to manufacture. It is also known to be toxic to humans and wildlife. Should lead ammunition and tackle be prohibited from being sold and used in Minnesota?
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| a. Yes | 74.62% (3702) |
| b. No | 15.94% (791) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 09.43% (424) |
3. Should owners of productive agricultural land be prohibited from converting their land to solar energy production?
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| a. Yes | 10.57% (522) |
| b. No | 76.42% (3771) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 12.99% (641) |
4. In 1994, the state legislature prohibited new nuclear power plants from being constructed in Minnesota due to concerns regarding the storage of nuclear waste. To provide additional carbon-free energy and energy independence in the state, should Minnesota's nuclear power plant moratorium be lifted?
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| a. Yes | 31.16% (1538) |
| b. Yes, but only if a permanent storage solution for nuclear waste becomes available. | 31.36% (1548) |
| c. Yes, but only to allow for construction of small-scale nuclear reactors. | 4.76% (235) |
| d. No | 23.12% (1141) |
| e. Undecided / no opinion | 09.58% (473) |
5. Which of the following strategies do you support the most for funding transportation needs in Minnesota?
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| a. Require 100% of sales tax proceeds on auto parts to be used for transportation needs. Under current law, a portion of the tax is dedicated to transportation needs and the remainder goes to the general fund. | 39.33% (1801) |
| b. Charge a fee or tax on the electricity used to charge electric vehicles. | 16.00% (733) |
| c. Charge a fee or tax based on the number of miles traveled. | 10.17% (466) |
| d. Increase the state gas tax, which is currently 28.5 cents per gallon. | 13.73% (629) |
| e. Increase vehicle registration fees. | 05.80% (270) |
| f. No additional funding for transportation is needed. | 14.85% (680) |
6. Minnesota is one of 12 states that taxes some households on a portion of their Social Security income, depending on their total income. Should Minnesota make all Social Security income exempt from state taxation?
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| a. Yes | 74.78% (3684) |
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- b. No **16.84% (830)**
 - c. Undecided / no opinion **08.36% (412)**
- 7.** Some school districts' spending budgets exceed the amount of revenue allocated by the legislature and authorized by local property taxpayers. Districts that cannot raise additional revenue must reduce operating expenses or use budget reserves to avoid a deficit. What is the best way to address these kinds of school district budget deficits?
- a. Provide additional state aid to school districts for specific purposes. **29.21% (1424)**
 - b. Provide additional state aid to school districts and allow the districts to determine how to use the funds. **30.78% (1501)**
 - c. Authorize school districts to increase local property tax levies to raise additional revenue. **09.98% (487)**
 - d. Rely on school districts to reduce expenses or use district budget reserves. **21.04% (1026)**
 - e. Undecided / no opinion **08.96% (437)**
- 8.** Should Minnesota allocate funding for schools to provide free menstrual products in restrooms for students in grades 4 through 12?
- a. Yes **72.14% (3571)**
 - b. No **19.05% (943)**
 - c. Undecided / no opinion **08.80% (436)**
- 9.** In 2018, the United States Supreme Court struck down the near-total federal prohibition on sports betting. Since then, more than 30 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, at racetracks, in tribal-run casinos, and online. **32.03% (1586)**
 - b. Yes, at racetracks and in tribal-run casinos only. **17.06% (845)**
 - c. Yes, in tribal-run casinos only. **05.69% (282)**
 - d. Yes, online only. **02.52% (125)**
 - e. No **28.89% (1433)**
 - f. Undecided / no opinion **13.73% (680)**
- 10.** Minnesota is currently the only state that prohibits grocery stores, convenience stores, and service stations from selling beer containing more than 3.2 percent alcohol by weight. Should Minnesota eliminate its 3.2 liquor laws and allow grocery stores, convenience stores, and service stations to sell stronger beer?
- a. Yes **64.20% (3187)**
 - b. No **28.20% (1400)**
 - c. Undecided / no opinion **07.59% (377)**

11. The Metropolitan Council is a regional policy-making body, 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?

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| a. Yes | 52.31% (2579) |
| b. No | 28.47% (1404) |
| c. Undecided / no opinion | 19.20% (947) |

12. Should cities and towns in Minnesota be allowed to implement their own rent control measures?

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| a. Yes | 28.71% (1417) |
| b. Yes, but only if approved by the voters in a referendum. | 41.24% (2035) |
| c. No | 20.04% (989) |
| d. Undecided / no opinion | 09.99% (493) |