

What Percentage of Incumbent Minnesota Legislators Are Returned to Office After Each General Election?

(What percentage of Minnesota legislators who run for re-election win?)

Election Date: November 4, 2008

Legislative Chamber: House

Number of incumbents who ran: 119

	134	Total number of legislators in the chamber
Minus	15	Number of incumbents who did not run
Equals	119	Number of incumbents who ran

Number of incumbents who were defeated: 8

	23	Number of new legislators after election
Minus	15	Number of incumbents who did not run
Equals	8	Number of incumbents who were defeated

Number of incumbents who won: 111

	119	Number of incumbents who ran
Minus	8	Number of incumbents who were defeated
Equals	111	Number of incumbents who won

Percent of incumbents re-elected: 93.3 %

	111	Number of incumbents who won
Divided by	119	Number of incumbents who ran
Equals	.9328 x 100 = 93.28 Percent of incumbents re-elected	

2008 Legislative Election Statistics (Nov. 4, 2008)

House (134)

Representatives who did not seek re-election to the House (15):

John Berns
Chris DeLaForest
Brad Finstad
Bud Heidgerken
Mike Jaros
Scott Kranz
Frank Moe
Mark Olson
Dennis Ozment
Erik Paulsen
Aaron Peterson
Connie Ruth
Dean Simpson
Kathy Tingelstad
Neva Walker

Representatives who lost in primary election (2):

Willie Dominguez
Neil Peterson

Representatives who lost general re-election bid (6):

Ron Erhardt
*Sondra Erickson
Shelley Madore
Ken Tschumper
Lynn Wardlow
Sandy Wollschlager

* *Possible recount*

New Representatives (23):

Paul H. Anderson
Bobby Joe Champion
Gregory Davids
Connie Doepke
Keith Downey
Andrew Falk
Jeff Hayden
*Gail Kulick Jackson
Kory Kath
Tim Kelly
Mary Kiffmeyer
Jenifer Look
Tara Mack
Mark Murdock
Jerry Newton
Mike Obermueller
John Persell
Roger Reinert
Paul Rosenthal
Tim Sanders
Peggy Scott
Phillip Sterner
Paul Torkelson

** Possible recount*

Full House:

Members who did not seek re-election: 15

Members who lost election: 8 (Includes 2 who lost in primary election)

New members: 23