

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #14349

Geography: Minnesota
Data Collected: 09/10/2008 - 09/11/2008
Release Date: 09/12/2008
Percentages

One Month, Two Conventions, and Two VP Picks Later, Presidential Race Unchanged in Minnesota: In an election for President of the United States in Minnesota today, 09/12/08, 53 days to Election Day, Barack Obama and John McCain finish effectively even, according to this exclusive SurveyUSA poll conducted for KSTP-TV in Minneapolis, WDIO-TV in Duluth, KAAL-TV in Rochester, and KSAX-TV in Alexandria. Today, it's Obama 49%, McCain 47%, within the survey's 3.7 percentage point margin of sampling error. Compared to an identical SurveyUSA poll released one month ago, Obama and McCain are each up two points overall. Little has changed, and what changes have occurred appear to have offset one another. Among men, McCain had led by 3, now leads by 5. Among women, Obama had led by 9, still leads by 9. Among voters who are younger than Barack Obama, Obama had led by 4, now leads by 5. Among voters who are older than John McCain, a flip: McCain had led by 4, now trails by 4. Among voters who are in-between the two candidates' ages, a flip in the opposite direction; Obama had led by 3, now trails by 3. 1 in 10 Republicans cross over to vote for Obama; 1 in 10 Democrats cross over to vote for McCain; Independents favor McCain by 9 points, up from 2 points last month -- but at the same time, the percentage of Minnesota's likely voters who identify themselves as Independents has fallen from 24% last month to 16% today, blunting the impact and increasing the margin of error associated with this 7 point McCain climb. In NE Minnesota, McCain today leads by 14 points, a flip from last month, when Obama led by 8. In Western MN, Obama had led by 5, now leads by 3, an effective tie. In Southern Minnesota, the two candidates remain tied. In the Twin Cities area, Obama moves from a tie to a 6-point lead.

Filtering: SurveyUSA interviewed 900 Minnesota adults 09/10/08 through 09/11/08. Of them, 836 were registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 734 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely voters in the 11/04/08 general election. Minnesota has 10 Electoral College votes. John Kerry carried Minnesota by 3 points in 2004; Al Gore carried the state by 2 points in 2000.

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734 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			College Grad		Attend Religious Service			Abortion		Change Your Mi		
Credibility Interval: +/-3.7 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	< Obam	> McCa	> In Bet	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republ	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Regular	Occasi	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Could	Mind M	
McCain (R)	47%	50%	43%	41%	48%	52%	44%	45%	49%	46%	45%	48%	50%	**	**	**	89%	10%	50%	85%	38%	8%	44%	49%	54%	45%	29%	72%	28%	42%	48%	
Obama (D)	49%	45%	52%	57%	48%	44%	47%	51%	45%	51%	49%	45%	46%	**	**	**	10%	88%	41%	12%	57%	90%	51%	46%	42%	50%	67%	24%	68%	44%	50%	
Other	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	**	**	**	0%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	
Undecided	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	6%	2%	4%	1%	3%	4%	3%	**	**	**	1%	1%	5%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	10%	0%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	50%	50%	23%	35%	24%	18%	58%	42%	51%	10%	40%	92%	3%	2%	3%	31%	39%	16%	30%	39%	16%	50%	50%	56%	24%	20%	42%	55%	22%	77%	

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Other	2%	1%	**	0%	2%	3%	**	**	1%	2%	1%	1%	5%	1%	1%
Undecided	3%	2%	**	5%	3%	0%	**	**	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	55%	3%	11%	7%	7%	3%	4%	5%	34%	66%	58%	14%	15%	13%

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

: KAAL-TV Rochester-Mason City-Austin, KSAX-TV Alexandria, MN, KSTP-TV Minneapolis, WDIO-TV Duluth

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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.