

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #16511

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Percentages

1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Tim Pawlenty is doing as Governor?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Approve	47%	55%	40%	54%	47%	40%	46%	50%	42%	48%	**	**	**	80%	26%	44%	75%	38%	28%	49%	40%	51%	41%
Disapprove	48%	42%	55%	44%	45%	56%	52%	45%	54%	48%	**	**	**	19%	71%	48%	23%	57%	69%	47%	56%	40%	55%
Not Sure	5%	4%	6%	2%	8%	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	**	**	**	1%	3%	8%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	8%	3%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the State Legislature is doing?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.3 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Approve	27%	30%	24%	29%	27%	23%	27%	28%	25%	25%	**	**	**	29%	34%	19%	26%	24%	45%	20%	35%	44%	28%
Disapprove	64%	64%	64%	64%	62%	68%	64%	63%	66%	67%	**	**	**	62%	55%	74%	66%	68%	47%	69%	57%	51%	65%
Not Sure	9%	6%	12%	8%	11%	8%	9%	10%	9%	8%	**	**	**	9%	11%	7%	9%	8%	8%	12%	7%	4%	7%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

3 In general, does Minnesota do a good job? Or a poor job? Of managing government spending?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Good Job	31%	34%	29%	29%	37%	29%	26%	33%	28%	31%	**	**	**	34%	36%	25%	23%	35%	47%	29%	42%	33%	29%
Poor Job	56%	53%	58%	54%	49%	64%	61%	51%	63%	56%	**	**	**	58%	51%	58%	71%	47%	41%	55%	51%	57%	62%
Not Sure	13%	12%	14%	17%	14%	7%	13%	15%	10%	13%	**	**	**	7%	13%	17%	6%	18%	13%	16%	7%	11%	9%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

4 In general, are Minnesota taxes too high? Too low? Or just about right?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.3 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Too High	64%	65%	63%	72%	60%	60%	60%	66%	60%	62%	**	**	**	72%	52%	64%	83%	51%	52%	64%	53%	62%	74%
Too Low	8%	7%	9%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	**	**	**	4%	14%	5%	2%	9%	20%	9%	5%	9%	2%
Just About Right	27%	25%	28%	19%	29%	31%	31%	24%	31%	28%	**	**	**	23%	30%	29%	15%	37%	28%	25%	42%	23%	24%
Not Sure	2%	4%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	**	**	**	1%	3%	2%	0%	4%	0%	2%	0%	5%	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%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

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5Should Minnesota teachers' pay be based on their performance? Or not?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-3.9 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Should	74%	76%	73%	72%	74%	74%	78%	73%	76%	74%	**	**	**	76%	68%	77%	79%	73%	64%	74%	81%	57%	88%
Should Not	20%	17%	23%	18%	21%	23%	18%	20%	21%	20%	**	**	**	21%	28%	12%	20%	18%	32%	18%	16%	39%	11%
Not Sure	6%	7%	5%	10%	4%	3%	5%	7%	4%	6%	**	**	**	3%	4%	11%	1%	9%	4%	8%	3%	4%	1%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

6Should the tenure system for Minnesota teachers be left as it is? Or should it be changed?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Left As It Is	30%	28%	33%	35%	26%	27%	34%	30%	30%	32%	**	**	**	33%	37%	22%	28%	34%	26%	25%	25%	48%	38%
Changed	55%	58%	52%	40%	62%	64%	52%	52%	59%	54%	**	**	**	54%	50%	62%	59%	51%	64%	57%	56%	46%	52%
Not Sure	15%	14%	16%	24%	12%	8%	14%	18%	11%	14%	**	**	**	13%	13%	16%	13%	15%	10%	18%	20%	6%	10%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

7Should Minnesota make it easier for people currently working in other careers to become teachers? Or not?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Should	55%	64%	47%	56%	54%	59%	51%	55%	56%	53%	**	**	**	45%	58%	64%	58%	51%	66%	62%	44%	45%	49%
Should Not	30%	28%	32%	29%	29%	31%	34%	29%	32%	32%	**	**	**	35%	32%	28%	23%	40%	28%	26%	43%	26%	39%
Not Sure	15%	8%	21%	15%	17%	10%	15%	16%	12%	15%	**	**	**	20%	10%	8%	18%	9%	6%	12%	12%	30%	12%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

8Does the state teachers union, Education Minnesota, work ... mainly in the best interests of teachers? Mainly in the best interests of students? Or equally in the best interests of both teachers and students?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Teachers	57%	65%	50%	70%	53%	59%	41%	61%	51%	57%	**	**	**	65%	48%	60%	68%	55%	35%	59%	48%	60%	55%
Students	9%	10%	9%	8%	12%	10%	5%	10%	8%	10%	**	**	**	9%	7%	14%	9%	9%	17%	9%	20%	8%	5%
Both	24%	21%	27%	14%	23%	23%	46%	19%	33%	24%	**	**	**	18%	37%	17%	15%	25%	42%	23%	24%	20%	34%
Not Sure	9%	4%	15%	8%	12%	9%	8%	10%	9%	9%	**	**	**	9%	8%	10%	8%	11%	6%	10%	7%	13%	6%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

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There are three different plans to help finance a \$791 million Minnesota Vikings football stadium. Which do you prefer:

1: Having the Vikings pay one-third of the cost and funding the remaining two-thirds with a new lottery scratch-off game and new metro area taxes on hotel rooms, rental cars, and pro sports memorabilia.

2: Having the Vikings pay one-third of the cost and funding the remaining two-thirds with a new lottery scratch-off game and the existing downtown "entertainment tax" in Minneapolis.

3: Having the Vikings pay the full cost of the stadium.

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
New Metro Area Taxes	24%	32%	17%	26%	25%	21%	24%	25%	22%	24%	**	**	**	15%	29%	30%	14%	30%	29%	29%	19%	7%	30%
Existing Downtown "entertainment T	25%	23%	28%	32%	19%	34%	16%	25%	26%	24%	**	**	**	38%	23%	17%	27%	27%	23%	24%	20%	33%	29%
Vikings Pay The Full Cost	46%	42%	50%	36%	53%	39%	55%	45%	47%	47%	**	**	**	45%	42%	49%	54%	39%	47%	43%	55%	57%	37%
Not Sure	5%	4%	6%	6%	3%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	**	**	**	2%	6%	3%	4%	4%	1%	5%	6%	3%	3%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

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Should the legislature authorize slot machines at local horse tracks -- known as Racinos -- to raise money for a Vikings stadium and other state programs? Or not?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.3 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Should	63%	70%	56%	74%	63%	59%	48%	68%	54%	63%	**	**	**	61%	65%	63%	60%	66%	67%	65%	57%	54%	68%
Should Not	31%	25%	37%	25%	28%	34%	45%	26%	39%	31%	**	**	**	36%	24%	34%	37%	27%	29%	29%	38%	34%	28%
Not Sure	6%	5%	8%	2%	9%	7%	8%	6%	7%	6%	**	**	**	3%	11%	3%	3%	7%	4%	6%	5%	12%	4%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

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If a new Vikings stadium is built, where should it be located? In downtown Minneapolis where the Metrodome is now? Or in another city or county that will help pay for the stadium?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Downtown Minneapolis	41%	35%	48%	38%	45%	43%	37%	42%	40%	40%	**	**	**	50%	42%	36%	43%	43%	39%	42%	29%	51%	38%
Another City Or County	45%	54%	36%	51%	43%	42%	41%	46%	42%	46%	**	**	**	36%	48%	52%	42%	47%	55%	44%	53%	36%	49%
Not Sure	14%	11%	16%	11%	12%	14%	22%	12%	18%	14%	**	**	**	14%	10%	12%	16%	10%	7%	13%	18%	13%	13%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

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12 The state legislature's session ends in two weeks. Which of the following is the most important issue still facing the legislature? Balancing the budget? A Vikings stadium? Education reform? Health care? Or something else?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Balancing The Budget	53%	63%	44%	55%	53%	48%	57%	54%	52%	54%	**	**	**	54%	46%	63%	69%	54%	27%	54%	55%	57%	47%
Vikings Stadium	7%	11%	2%	11%	4%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%	**	**	**	6%	9%	5%	5%	7%	9%	8%	6%	0%	8%
Education Reform	17%	11%	23%	22%	17%	13%	12%	20%	13%	15%	**	**	**	21%	18%	13%	12%	15%	29%	19%	11%	12%	20%
Health Care	18%	13%	24%	8%	20%	29%	21%	15%	25%	19%	**	**	**	13%	24%	17%	12%	20%	30%	15%	26%	26%	19%
Something Else	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	**	**	**	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Not Sure	3%	1%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%	**	**	**	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

13 In general, has the federal government spent stimulus money responsibly? Or irresponsibly?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Responsibly	23%	24%	21%	17%	24%	28%	25%	21%	26%	22%	**	**	**	14%	40%	14%	8%	29%	38%	23%	16%	30%	20%
Irresponsibly	68%	69%	68%	75%	67%	65%	65%	70%	65%	70%	**	**	**	82%	48%	77%	90%	59%	47%	67%	73%	65%	75%
Not Sure	9%	7%	11%	8%	10%	7%	10%	9%	8%	8%	**	**	**	4%	12%	9%	2%	12%	14%	10%	11%	5%	6%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

14 Should members of Congress continue to request funds "earmarked" for special projects in their states or districts? Or not?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Twin Ci	South	West M	Northea
Should	20%	19%	20%	20%	22%	19%	15%	21%	17%	17%	**	**	**	10%	30%	19%	14%	21%	36%	19%	22%	19%	17%
Should Not	68%	74%	62%	71%	62%	71%	70%	66%	70%	70%	**	**	**	80%	55%	73%	78%	70%	51%	69%	60%	67%	69%
Not Sure	13%	7%	18%	9%	16%	11%	15%	13%	12%	13%	**	**	**	10%	15%	8%	9%	10%	13%	11%	18%	13%	14%
Total	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%	49%	51%	29%	35%	20%	16%	64%	36%	90%	3%	2%	4%	28%	34%	32%	34%	44%	14%	58%	13%	15%	14%

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

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.