

# ACCURACY OF STAR TRIBUNE'S FINAL MINNESOTA POLL: 1944 TO 2004 ELECTIONS

ELECTION	MINNESOTA POLL GOP <sup>1</sup>	MINNESOTA POLL DFL	FINAL GOP <sup>2</sup> (+/-)	FINAL DFL (+/-)	MINNESOTA POLL OTHER	FINAL OTHER (+/-)
1944 President	Thomas Dewey: 51.4%	Franklin D. Roosevelt 48.6%	46.86% (+4.54)	52.41% (-3.81)		
1944 Governor	Edward Thye: 57%	Byron Allen: 43%	61.5% (-4.5)	37.7% (+5.3)		
1946 U.S. Senate	Edward Thye: 60%	Theodore Jorgenson: 23%	58.92% (+1.08)	39.78 (-16.78)		
1946 Governor	Luther Youngdahl: 59%	Harold Barker: 20%	58.9% (+.1)	39.7% (-19.7)		
1948 President	Thomas Dewey: 43.5%	Harry Truman: 43.5%	39.89% (+3.61)	57.16% (-13.66)		
1948 Governor	Luther Youngdahl: 62%	Charles Halsted: 25%	53.1% (+8.9)	45% (-10)		
1948 U.S. Senate	Joe Ball: 47%	Hubert Humphrey: 53%	39.81% (+7.19)	59.78% (-6.78)		
1950 Governor	Luther Youngdahl: 60.5%	Harry Peterson: 36%	60.7% (-.2)	38.2% (-2.2)		
1952 President	Dwight Eisenhower: 51%	Adlai Stevenson: 42.5%	55.33% (-4.33)	44.11% (-1.61)		
1952 Governor	C. Elmer Anderson: 57%	Orville Freeman: 36%	55.3% (+1.7)	44% (-8)		
1952 U.S. Senate	Edward Thye: 54.5%	William Carlson: 35%	56.63% (-2.13)	42.53% (-7.53)		
1954 Governor	C. Elmer Anderson: 53%	Orville Freeman: 43%	46.8% (+6.2)	52.7% (-9.7)		
1954 U.S. Senate	Val Bjornson: 41.5%	Hubert Humphrey: 53%	42.11% (-.61)	56.38% (-3.38)		
1956 President	Dwight Eisenhower: 52.5%	Adlai Stevenson: 47.5%	53.6% (-1.1)	46.1% (+1.4)		
1956 Governor	Ancher Nelsen: 48%	Orville Freeman: 52%	48.1% (even)	51.4% (+.6)		
1958 Governor	George MacKinnon: 38%	Orville Freeman: 59%	42.3% (-4.3)	56.7% (+2.3)		
1958 U.S. Senate	Edward Thye: 47%	Eugene McCarthy: 50%	46.58% (+.42)	52.95% (-2.95)		
1960 President	Richard Nixon: 49.5%	John Kennedy: 50.5%	49.1% (+.4)	50.5% (even)		
1960 Governor	Elmer L. Andersen: 51%	Orville Freeman: 49%	50.5% (+.5)	49% (even)		
1960 U.S. Senate	P. Kenneth Peterson: 44%	Hubert Humphrey: 56%	42.20% (+1.8)	57.53% (-1.53)		
1962 Governor	Elmer L. Andersen: 52%	Karl Rolvaag: 48%	49.70% (+2.3)	49.71% (-1.7)		
1964 President	Barry Goldwater: 29%	Lyndon Johnson: 67%	36% (-7)	63.76% (+3.24)		
1964 U.S. Senate	Wheelock Whitney: 35%	Eugene McCarthy: 61%	39.42% (-4.42)	60.58% (+.42)		
1966 Governor	Harold LeVander: 46%	Karl Rolvaag: 50%	52.5% (-6.5)	46.9% (+3.1)		
1966 U.S. Senate	Robert Forsythe: 37%	Walter Mondale: 58%	45.21% (-8.21)	53.94% (+4.06)		
1968 President	Richard Nixon: 44%	Hubert Humphrey: 48%	41.4% (+2.6)	54% (-6)		
1970 Governor	Douglas Head: 48.5%	Wendy Anderson 48%	45.5% (+3)	54.4% (-6.4)		
1970 U.S. Senate	Clark MacGregor: 44.5%	Hubert Humphrey: 52.5%	41.62% (+2.88)	57.75% (-5.25)		
1972 President	Richard Nixon: 56%	George McGovern: 39%	51.6% (+4.4)	46% (-7)		
1972 U.S. Senate	Philip Hansen: 34%	Walter Mondale: 64%	42.86% (-8.86)	56.67% (7.33)		
1974 Governor	John Johnson: 17%	Wendy Anderson: 64%	29.3% (-12.3)	62.8% (+1.2)		
1976 President	Gerald Ford: 36%	Jimmy Carter: 50%	42% (-6)	54.9% (-4.9)		
1976 U.S. Senate	Jerry Brekke: 16%	Hubert H. Humphrey: 70%	25.03% (-9.03)	67.51% (+2.49)		
1978 Governor	Al Quie: 45.5%	Rudy Perpich: 49.5%	52.3% (-6.8)	45.2% (+4.3)		
1978 U.S. Senate	David Durenberger: 52%	Bob Short: 38%	61.5% (-9.5)	34.6% (+3.4)		
1978 U.S. Senate	Rudy Boschwitz: 46.5%	Wendy Anderson: 47%	56.6% (-10.1)	40.4% (+6.6)		
1980 President	Ronald Reagan: 30%	Jimmy Carter: 34%	42.56% (-12.56)	46.5% (-12.5)	John Anderson: 18%	8.5 (+9.5)
1982 Governor	Wheelock Whitney: 38%	Rudy Perpich: 56%	39.8% (-1.8)	58.7% (-2.7)		
1982 U.S. Senate	David Durenberger: 52%	Mark Dayton: 43%	52.77% (+.77)	46.40% (-3.4)		
1984 President	Ronald Reagan: 51%	Walter Mondale: 49%	49.5% (+1.5)	49.7% (-.7)		
1984 U.S. Senate	Rudy Boschwitz: 59%	Joan Growe: 41%	58.08% (+.92)	41.28% (-.28)		
1986 Governor	Cal Ludeman: 35%	Rudy Perpich: 59%	43.0% (-8)	56.1% (+2.9)		
1988 President	George Bush: 43%	Michael Dukakis: 48%	45.9% (-2.9)	53% (-5)		
1988 U.S. Senate	David Durenberger: 53%	Skip Humphrey: 38%	56.18% (-3.18)	40.92% (-2.92)		
1990 Governor	Arne Carlson: 44%	Rudy Perpich: 43%	50.1% (-6.1)	46.7% (-3.7)		
1990 U.S. Senate	Rudy Boschwitz: 51%	Paul Wellstone: 42%	47.86% (2.14)	50.49% (-8.49)		
1992 President	George Bush: 28%	Bill Clinton: 44%	31.8% (-3.8)	43.5% (+.5)	Ross Perot: 18%	23.98% (-5.98)
1994 Governor	Arne Carlson: 59%	John Marty 27%	63.3% (-4.3)	34.1% (-7.1)		
1994 U.S. Senate	Rod Grams: 42%	Ann Wynn: 38%	49.12% (-7.12)	44.17% (-6.17)		
1996 President	Bob Dole: 28%	Bill Clinton: 55%	35% (-7)	51.1% (+3.9)		
1996 U.S. Senate	Rudy Boschwitz: 37%	Paul Wellstone: 50%	41.29% (-4.29)	50.32% (+.32)		
1998 Governor	Norm Coleman: 30%	Skip Humphrey: 35%	34% (-4)	28% (+7)	Jesse Ventura: 27%	37% (-10)
2000 President	George W. Bush: 37%	Al Gore: 47%	45.5% (-8.5)	47.9% (+.9)		
2000 U.S. Senate	Rod Grams: 37%	Mark Dayton: 46%	43.29 (-6.29)	48.83% (-2.83)		
2002 Governor	Tim Pawlenty: 35%	Roger Moe: 32%	44% (-9)	36% (-4)	Tim Penny: 16%	16% (even)
2002 U.S. Senate	Norm Coleman: 41%	Walter Mondale: 46%	49.53% (-8.53)	47.34% (-1.34)		
2004 President	George W. Bush: 41%	John Kerry: 49%	47.61% (-6.61)	51.09% (-2.09)		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Poll numbers are the final published Minnesota Poll by the *Star Tribune/Minneapolis Tribune*.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Percentages based on election results in various editions of the Minnesota Legislative Manual

# GRAPH DETAILING THE AMOUNT BY WHICH THE MINNESOTA POLL INCORRECTLY PREDICTED THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION: 1944 TO 2004

