



Election Results

Results will be posted on vote.minneapolismn.gov as they become available on Election Night. Whenever possible, unofficial winners will be declared on Election Night based on the voters' first rankings. Races in which it is not possible to determine winners solely on the first rankings will proceed to round-by-round RCV tabulation in the days following the election. In addition, the number of votes cast for each candidate at each ranking will be available on Election Night at the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.mn.us. Please be aware that there will be a lag time between results appearing on the Secretary of State's site and on the City's site due to the time needed generate the reports needed to determine Election Night winners.

Election Night winners

On Election Night the number of first-choice votes for each candidate and the total number of ballots cast will be posted. In a single seat race, if any candidate receives first-choice votes on more than 50% of the ballots cast, that candidate is declared the unofficial winner. In multiple-seat races unofficial winners will be declared if enough candidates have met or surpassed the maximum possible threshold to fill all seats for the office. Results will be posted as they become available.

Round-by-round tabulation – beginning Wednesday, November 6

The races in which the first rankings are not sufficient to determine the winner(s) on Election Night will proceed to round-by-round tabulation.

Single seat races: If a candidate's vote total exceeds the threshold, that candidate is elected. If no candidate is elected, tabulation proceeds in a series of rounds in which the votes of defeated candidates are transferred to the next highest ranked continuing candidate on those ballots. Rounds continue until a candidate is elected by meeting or exceeding the threshold, or by being the top vote-getter of the final two candidates. The threshold for a single-seat race equals 50%+1 of the vote total, disregarding fractions.

Multiple-seat races: If a candidate's vote total meets or exceeds the threshold, that candidate is elected. If there are remaining seats to fill for the office, tabulation will proceed in a series of rounds in which votes of defeated candidates and surplus fractional votes of elected candidates are transferred to the next highest ranked continuing candidate on those ballots. Rounds continue until enough candidates have met the threshold to fill all seats, or until the field is reduced to the number of seats to fill. The threshold for a two-seat race it is $33\frac{1}{3}\% + 1$ of the vote, disregarding fractions, and for a three-seat race it is $25\% + 1$ of the vote, disregarding fractions.

Races requiring tabulation after Election Day will be tabulated in ballot order: Mayor, City Council, Board of Estimate & Taxation, Park & Recreation Board at large and Park & Recreation Board districts. The tabulation order of City Council and Park Board district races will be determined by a random drawing to be held at the Public Accuracy Test on October 29. Round-by-round results, including the vote transfers made in each round, will be posted in a public viewing area and at vote.minneapolismn.gov as they become available. The availability of results for each race will be announced on the Elections office Twitter feed, @votempls.

All results are unofficial until the certified by the Canvassing Board.

Definitions

Ballots cast: The total number of voters in the election, including votes and ballots with no selection at a ranking and overvotes (more than one selection at a ranking).

Maximum possible threshold – used on election night: the number of votes sufficient for a candidate to be elected based only on each ballot's number one ranked choices. The maximum possible threshold is given by the following formula:

$$\frac{\textit{Ballots cast in the district}}{\textit{seats to fill} + 1} + 1, \textit{fractions disregarded}$$

Surplus votes: the total number of votes cast for an elected_multi-seat_candidate in excess of the threshold.

Threshold – used in tabulation of offices with no election night winners: the number of votes sufficient for a candidate to be elected. The threshold is calculated by the following formula:

$$\frac{\textit{Votes cast for the office}}{\textit{seats to fill} + 1} + 1, \textit{fractions disregarded}$$

Votes cast: The number of votes for candidates and write-in candidates made in an election. The total number of votes cast in an election does not include undervotes (the voter did not vote the race), overvotes or any other ballot on which it is not possible to determine voter intent.