

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #15356



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MN Governor: Against 9 Possible DFL Challengers, Pawlenty Today Goes 9 for 9 in Bid For 3rd Term: In hypothetical November 2010 gubernatorial match-ups between Minnesota's Republican incumbent governor Tim Pawlenty and nine potential DFL opponents, Pawlenty wins all 9 head-to-heads, though two potential match-ups are tight enough to merit close attention today, 05/20/2009, 531 days before the vote. In hypothetical head-to-head match-ups, Pawlenty today defeats...

Paul Thissen, a Minneapolis-area state representative, by 19 points.

Tom Bakk, a state senator representing parts of northeast Minnesota, by 18 points.

John Marty, a state senator from Roseville, by 17 points.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, by 17 points. **Susan Gaertner**, County Attorney for Ramsey County, by 14 points. **Matt Entenza**, former Minnesota State House Democratic Leader and 2006 candidate for Attorney General, by 14 points.

Chris Coleman, mayor of St. Paul and unrelated to Norm Coleman, by 11 points.

R. T. Rybak, mayor of Minneapolis, today trails Pawlenty by 5 points. Pawlenty leads by 33 points among men; Rybak leads by 15 points among women -- a 48-point gender gap. Pawlenty carries Republicans 7:1; Rybak carries Democrats 5:1; Independents favor Pawlenty by 18 points. **Mark Dayton**, former United States Senator from Minnesota, trails Pawlenty by 4 points, within the margin of sampling error and effectively even this far from the election. Pawlenty leads by 23 points among men; Dayton leads by 13 among women -- a 36-point gender gap. Dayton leads in northeastern Minnesota and southern Minnesota; Pawlenty leads in the Twin Cities area and the western portion of the state.

Filtering: SurveyUSA interviewed 600 Minnesota adults 05/18/09 through 05/19/09. Of them, 552 identified themselves as being registered to vote and were asked these questions.

Background for this data: the election is 18 months away and is not yet a focus of many Minnesota voters. Pawlenty has served as Minnesota's governor since 2002, while many of the potential Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party challengers are not as familiar across the state. Minnesota has a long history of third-party candidates running strongly in statewide contests; this survey does not name, nor include, possible third party candidates. No conclusions can be drawn about what a 3-way contest might look like "today." Pawlenty has not yet announced whether or not he will seek a third term. A [SurveyUSA poll](#) last week found a majority of Minnesota adults do not want Pawlenty to seek re-election. Pawlenty is also a figure in the not yet decided 2008 US Senate election between Norm Coleman and Al Franken, which likely will but possibly won't be decided before the 2010 gubernatorial election. These numbers should be viewed as a first look at the landscape, and are not designed to predict what will happen 531 days from now.

1 Minnesota will elect a Governor in November 2010. If the only two candidates on the ballot are Republican Tim Pawlenty and DFL candidate Matt Entenza, who would you vote for?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Pawlenty (R)	51%	61%	42%	47%	56%	51%	48%	52%	50%	50%	**	**	**	89%	16%	59%
Entenza (DFL)	37%	31%	43%	43%	32%	36%	41%	37%	38%	39%	**	**	**	9%	66%	29%
Undecided	12%	8%	15%	9%	13%	13%	10%	11%	12%	11%	**	**	**	2%	19%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Pawlenty (R)	51%	83%	44%	17%	19%	89%	16%	87%	52%	45%	58%	47%
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Undecided	12%	4%	14%	16%	17%	4%	16%	6%	11%	15%	8%	14%
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Pawlenty (R)	52%	64%	39%	46%	56%	52%	50%	52%	51%	51%	**	**	**	88%	17%	59%
Bakk (DFL)	34%	26%	42%	43%	28%	33%	34%	35%	34%	35%	**	**	**	10%	61%	25%
Undecided	14%	10%	19%	11%	15%	15%	16%	14%	15%	14%	**	**	**	1%	22%	16%
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Pawlenty (R)	52%	84%	44%	18%	20%	89%	17%	88%	52%	49%	59%	42%
Bakk (DFL)	34%	13%	40%	59%	58%	7%	62%	7%	35%	32%	26%	41%
Undecided	14%	3%	17%	23%	22%	4%	21%	5%	13%	19%	15%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Pawlenty (R)	51%	62%	39%	44%	56%	53%	48%	51%	51%	50%	**	**	**	85%	17%	60%
Marty (DFL)	34%	27%	42%	39%	28%	33%	42%	33%	37%	35%	**	**	**	10%	60%	26%
Undecided	15%	11%	19%	17%	16%	14%	11%	17%	12%	15%	**	**	**	5%	23%	14%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%												
Pawlenty (R)	51%	82%	43%	19%	22%	88%	17%	89%	53%	48%	57%	40%
Marty (DFL)	34%	13%	39%	62%	57%	8%	62%	7%	32%	37%	34%	40%
Undecided	15%	5%	19%	18%	21%	4%	21%	5%	15%	15%	9%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Registered Voters	100%	31%	46%	19%	53%	41%	43%	42%	57%	13%	16%	15%

4 What if it's Pawlenty against DFL candidate Susan Gaertner?

551 Registered Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Pawlenty (R)	50%	61%	39%	44%	56%	49%	47%	51%	48%	49%	**	**	**	85%	17%	56%
Gaertner (DFL)	36%	29%	43%	42%	30%	36%	38%	35%	37%	37%	**	**	**	10%	63%	28%
Undecided	14%	10%	18%	14%	15%	14%	15%	14%	15%	14%	**	**	**	5%	20%	16%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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		Conser	Moder	Liberal	Obama	McCain	Franke	Colema	Twin Cit	South	West M	Northea
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%												
Pawlenty (R)	50%	82%	41%	18%	20%	90%	16%	89%	51%	48%	58%	37%
Gaertner (DFL)	36%	14%	40%	63%	60%	7%	64%	7%	36%	36%	33%	40%
Undecided	14%	3%	18%	20%	21%	3%	20%	4%	13%	16%	9%	23%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Registered Voters	100%	31%	46%	19%	53%	41%	43%	42%	57%	13%	16%	15%

5 What if it's Pawlenty against DFL candidate Mark Dayton?

551 Registered Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Pawlenty (R)	47%	58%	37%	48%	48%	47%	45%	48%	46%	46%	**	**	**	84%	16%	50%
Dayton (DFL)	43%	35%	50%	42%	42%	42%	46%	42%	44%	43%	**	**	**	12%	71%	37%
Undecided	10%	7%	14%	10%	10%	11%	9%	10%	10%	10%	**	**	**	4%	13%	13%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Pawlenty (R)	47%	80%	38%	16%	19%	84%	16%	84%	50%	43%	50%	37%
Dayton (DFL)	43%	16%	50%	72%	68%	13%	71%	14%	41%	47%	44%	43%
Undecided	10%	4%	13%	12%	13%	3%	13%	3%	9%	10%	6%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Pawlenty (R)	51%	62%	40%	45%	56%	51%	50%	51%	51%	50%	**	**	**	86%	16%	59%
Thissen (DFL)	32%	26%	37%	40%	26%	30%	32%	32%	31%	32%	**	**	**	9%	56%	23%
Undecided	17%	12%	23%	15%	18%	19%	18%	17%	19%	18%	**	**	**	5%	27%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Pawlenty (R)	51%	85%	42%	17%	21%	90%	17%	89%	52%	49%	57%	40%
Thissen (DFL)	32%	10%	36%	61%	54%	6%	58%	6%	31%	32%	29%	37%
Undecided	17%	4%	23%	23%	26%	3%	26%	6%	17%	18%	14%	24%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Registered Voters	100%	31%	46%	19%	53%	41%	43%	42%	57%	13%	16%	15%

7 What if it's Pawlenty against DFL candidate R.T. Rybak ?

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Pawlenty (R)	47%	60%	35%	44%	50%	47%	45%	48%	46%	46%	**	**	**	86%	13%	53%
Rybak (DFL)	42%	33%	50%	48%	37%	39%	46%	41%	42%	42%	**	**	**	12%	71%	35%
Undecided	11%	7%	15%	8%	13%	14%	8%	11%	12%	11%	**	**	**	2%	16%	12%
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Rybak (DFL)	42%	13%	51%	69%	70%	10%	74%	10%	42%	45%	35%	45%
Undecided	11%	5%	12%	17%	16%	3%	14%	5%	10%	10%	12%	16%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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8 What if it's Pawlenty against DFL candidate Chris Coleman?

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Pawlenty (R)	48%	58%	39%	37%	56%	50%	46%	48%	49%	47%	**	**	**	84%	16%	53%
Coleman (DFL)	37%	30%	44%	51%	29%	34%	38%	38%	36%	38%	**	**	**	11%	62%	33%
Undecided	15%	12%	17%	13%	15%	16%	15%	14%	16%	14%	**	**	**	5%	22%	14%
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Pawlenty (R)	48%	82%	39%	16%	19%	84%	16%	82%	49%	46%	56%	39%
Coleman (DFL)	37%	14%	44%	64%	60%	12%	64%	12%	39%	35%	34%	36%
Undecided	15%	4%	17%	20%	21%	4%	20%	5%	12%	19%	10%	25%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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9 What if it's Pawlenty against DFL candidate Margaret Anderson Kelliher?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Pawlenty (R)	51%	64%	39%	43%	58%	53%	49%	52%	51%	51%	**	**	**	86%	18%	61%
Kelliher (DFL)	34%	26%	42%	44%	27%	32%	34%	34%	33%	35%	**	**	**	10%	60%	25%
Undecided	15%	11%	19%	13%	15%	16%	17%	14%	16%	15%	**	**	**	5%	23%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Pawlenty (R)	51%	84%	44%	16%	23%	89%	20%	87%	54%	46%	58%	39%
Kelliher (DFL)	34%	11%	38%	62%	56%	8%	59%	8%	33%	35%	31%	39%
Undecided	15%	5%	17%	22%	21%	3%	21%	5%	13%	19%	11%	23%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

Statement of Methodology: The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA 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. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, 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 been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Verona, NJ.