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Toplines: Minnesota Survey on Trump's Immigration Policies

This survey of 800 Minnesota adults was designed by Wave Polling and Research, LLC and conducted online from February 6 to February 10, 2026 by Verasight, a mixed-mode survey provider. The margin of sampling error is ±3.5 percentage points. Results below show overall weighted percentages for the full Minnesota sample alongside results for the Twin Cities (Minneapolis–Saint Paul metro, n=491) using MSA-specific weights.

2024 Trump voter classification: Trump defectors are 2024 Trump voters who now say they would vote for a Democrat in Congress or are undecided. Loyal Trump voters are 2024 Trump voters who still intend to vote Republican.

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Defector	5%	5%
Loyal Trump	36%	29%
Dems+Others	60%	66%

Which ONE issue will be most important to you personally when deciding how to vote in this year's midterm elections?

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Border security	2%	1%
Deportations/immigration enforcement	18%	21%
Jobs and the economy	7%	7%
Inflation and the cost of living	18%	15%
Health care	7%	8%
Abortion and reproductive rights	3%	3%
Democracy and elections	18%	19%
Climate and environment	2%	1%
Crime and public safety	5%	5%
Foreign policy	0%	0%
Government spending and the deficit	7%	8%
Something else	12%	12%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The Trump administration is focusing too much on deportations and not focusing enough on fixing the economy, inflation, and the rising cost of living.

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Agree	61%	67%
Disagree	32%	26%
Not sure	7%	6%

Thinking about the 2026 congressional elections, are you more likely or less likely to vote for a Republican candidate because of the Trump administration's immigration enforcement policies?

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Much more likely	25%	21%
Somewhat more likely	4%	2%
No effect	14%	11%
Somewhat less likely	4%	4%
Much less likely	30%	32%
Not sure	5%	7%
Would never vote Republican	19%	23%

Thinking about the 2026 congressional elections, are you more likely or less likely to vote for a Republican candidate because of the Trump administration sending thousands of ICE agents to cities across the country?

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Much more likely	24%	21%
Somewhat more likely	5%	2%
No effect	13%	10%
Somewhat less likely	3%	3%
Much less likely	32%	35%
Not sure	4%	6%
Would never vote Republican	19%	23%

Compared to a year ago, is your opinion of the Republican Party more favorable, less favorable, or about the same?

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
More favorable	21%	17%
Less favorable	50%	53%
About the same	26%	25%
Not sure	3%	4%

Compared to a year ago, is your opinion of the Democratic Party more favorable, less favorable, or about the same?

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
More favorable	16%	15%
Less favorable	46%	43%
About the same	35%	37%
Not sure	3%	4%

Among 2024 Trump voters who now say they would vote Democratic or are undecided: Which of the following are the biggest reasons your opinion of President Trump and/or the Republican Party has changed? (Select up to 3)

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Tariffs and trade policy	31%	38%
Economy and cost of living	25%	17%
Trump's personal conduct/rhetoric	25%	31%
Pardons and DOJ for allies	23%	23%
Cuts to health care funding	19%	14%
Foreign policy decisions	17%	11%
ICE deployments to cities	16%	14%
Immigration enforcement/deportation	14%	8%
Cuts to federal workforce/agencies	4%	6%

If the Trump administration moderated its immigration enforcement — for example, decreasing the number of federal agents that are deployed to major cities — would that change your opinion of the Republican Party?

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
More favorable	14%	12%
No change	63%	65%
Less favorable	13%	10%
Not sure	10%	12%

Do you think your opinion of the Democratic Party would increase, decrease, or stay the same if Democratic politicians pressed Trump administration officials to reduce the number of federal agents that are deployed to major cities?

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
More favorable	35%	39%
No change	30%	33%
Less favorable	27%	20%
Not sure	8%	9%

Do you support or oppose a plan that would allow immigrants who are already here, living in the U.S. illegally, the chance to become U.S. citizens if they meet certain requirements over a period of time? (Asked of half the sample.)

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly support	50%	56%
Somewhat support	26%	25%
Somewhat oppose	6%	4%
Strongly oppose	13%	11%
Not sure	5%	4%

Do you support or oppose a plan that would allow immigrants who are already here, living in the U.S. illegally, the chance to earn legal residency (not citizenship) if they meet certain requirements over a period of time? (Asked of half the sample.)

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly support	41%	41%
Somewhat support	25%	24%
Somewhat oppose	11%	14%
Strongly oppose	14%	11%
Not sure	9%	10%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Deportations/Immigration enforcement

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	29%	24%
Somewhat approve	13%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	5%	5%
Strongly disapprove	50%	58%
Not sure	2%	2%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Border security

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	40%	33%
Somewhat approve	13%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	8%
Strongly disapprove	36%	41%
Not sure	3%	5%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Jobs and the economy

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	22%	19%
Somewhat approve	20%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	15%
Strongly disapprove	41%	44%
Not sure	5%	6%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Inflation and the cost of living

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	16%	15%
Somewhat approve	20%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	11%
Strongly disapprove	49%	56%
Not sure	5%	4%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Tariffs and trade policy

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	22%	20%
Somewhat approve	14%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	9%	11%
Strongly disapprove	50%	55%
Not sure	4%	4%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Cuts to federal spending

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	28%	26%
Somewhat approve	17%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	12%
Strongly disapprove	40%	44%
Not sure	5%	7%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Foreign policy

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	23%	20%
Somewhat approve	14%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	12%
Strongly disapprove	42%	47%
Not sure	9%	11%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Health care

Response	Overall	Twin Cities
Strongly approve	13%	12%
Somewhat approve	20%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	10%
Strongly disapprove	47%	53%
Not sure	9%	9%