

# DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From December 14 to 20, 2023, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 820 likely voters in Minnesota using SMS and web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

N=820 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

		D	I	R	
<b>[1]</b> Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?	Very favorable .....	14	29	11	2
	Somewhat favorable .....	33	56	33	7
	<b>— Minnesota State Legislature</b>				
	Somewhat unfavorable .....	18	6	19	31
	Very unfavorable .....	28	3	29	54
	Haven't heard enough to say .....	7	6	8	7
FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....		47%	85%	44%	9%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....		46	9	48	85
FAVORABLE (NET) .....		<b>+1</b>	+76	-4	-76

		D	I	R	
<b>[2]</b> Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?	Very favorable .....	31	66	25	1
	Somewhat favorable .....	17	24	21	5
	<b>— Tim Walz</b>				
	Somewhat unfavorable .....	10	5	13	13
	Very unfavorable .....	38	3	36	78
	Haven't heard enough to say .....	3	3	5	3
FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....		48%	90%	46%	6%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....		48	8	49	91
FAVORABLE (NET) .....		<b>0</b>	+82	-3	-85

		D	I	R	
<b>[3]</b> Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?	Very favorable .....	28	50	25	7
	Somewhat favorable .....	32	36	39	20
	<b>— Labor unions</b>				
	Somewhat unfavorable .....	19	7	17	35
	Very unfavorable .....	14	3	12	29
	Haven't heard enough to say .....	7	4	7	9
FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....		60%	86%	64%	27%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....		33	10	29	64
FAVORABLE (NET) .....		<b>+27</b>	+76	+35	-37

		D	I	R
<b>[4]</b> Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?				
<b>— Corporations</b>				
Very favorable .....	8	4	8	11
Somewhat favorable .....	35	25	35	44
Somewhat unfavorable .....	32	38	28	29
Very unfavorable .....	19	25	22	9
Haven't heard enough to say .....	7	7	7	7
FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....	43%	29%	43%	55%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....	51	63	50	38
FAVORABLE (NET) .....	<b>-8</b>	-34	-7	+17

		D	I	R
<b>[5]</b> Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?				
<b>— Corporate monopolies</b>				
Very favorable .....	2	1	3	3
Somewhat favorable .....	7	5	8	9
Somewhat unfavorable .....	28	25	22	37
Very unfavorable .....	55	66	58	40
Haven't heard enough to say .....	8	4	10	10
FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....	9%	6%	11%	12%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....	83	91	80	77
FAVORABLE (NET) .....	<b>-74</b>	-85	-69	-65

		D	I	R
<b>[6]</b> Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?				
<b>— Small businesses</b>				
Very favorable .....	72	68	69	80
Somewhat favorable .....	23	28	23	15
Somewhat unfavorable .....	1	2	1	1
Very unfavorable .....	1	1	2	1
Haven't heard enough to say .....	3	1	5	3
FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....	95%	96%	92%	95%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....	2	3	3	2
FAVORABLE (NET) .....	<b>+93</b>	+93	+89	+93

		D	I	R
<b>[7]</b> Generally speaking, would you say that things in Minnesota are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?				
Right direction .....	<b>44</b>	86	41	5
Wrong track .....	<b>51</b>	11	52	93
Don't know .....	<b>5</b>	4	7	2

**[8]** Which of the following would you say is the most important issue for lawmakers to address today?

		D	I	R
Jobs and the economy .....	<b>5</b>	5	6	6
Climate change and the environment .....	<b>7</b>	17	5	0
Health care .....	<b>5</b>	8	6	2
Threats to democracy .....	<b>16</b>	29	15	6
Inflation .....	<b>9</b>	5	11	11
Programs like Social Security and Medicare .....	<b>3</b>	3	4	3
National security and foreign policy .....	<b>5</b>	3	3	10
Crime and public safety .....	<b>8</b>	4	8	13
Education .....	<b>1</b>	2	1	1
Abortion .....	<b>3</b>	5	2	1
Power of big corporations .....	<b>4</b>	5	8	0
Immigration .....	<b>10</b>	0	8	22
Gun policy .....	<b>4</b>	7	4	0
Taxes and government spending .....	<b>14</b>	3	16	24
Race relations and racism .....	<b>1</b>	3	1	0
LGBTQ+ issues .....	<b>0</b>	0	0	1
None of these .....	<b>1</b>	1	0	1

**[9]** Do you think that the economy is getting better or getting worse for each of the following people, groups, and institutions:

— People like me

		D	I	R
Getting better .....	<b>27</b>	53	20	7
Getting worse .....	<b>65</b>	39	70	87
Don't know .....	<b>8</b>	8	10	5

**[10]** Do you think that the economy is getting better or getting worse for each of the following people, groups, and institutions:

**[SPLIT A]**— Corporations

(N=394)

		D	I	R
Getting better .....	<b>51</b>	68	50	35
Getting worse .....	<b>25</b>	11	23	43
Don't know .....	<b>24</b>	21	27	23

**[11]** Do you think that the economy is getting better or getting worse for each of the following people, groups, and institutions:

**[SPLIT B]**— Corporate CEOs

(N=426)

		D	I	R
Getting better .....	<b>64</b>	75	64	53
Getting worse .....	<b>12</b>	9	13	15
Don't know .....	<b>24</b>	16	23	32

**[12]** Do you think that the economy is getting better or getting worse for each of the following people, groups, and institutions:

— Small businesses

		D	I	R
Getting better .....	<b>21</b>	40	15	7
Getting worse .....	<b>64</b>	36	69	87
Don't know .....	<b>15</b>	24	16	6

**[13]** Do you think that the economy is getting better or getting worse for each of the following people, groups, and institutions:

— The middle class

		D	I	R
Getting better .....	<b>20</b>	44	13	4
Getting worse .....	<b>72</b>	47	75	94
Don't know .....	<b>8</b>	10	12	2

**[14]** Do you think that the economy is getting better or getting worse for each of the following people, groups, and institutions:

— Working families

		D	I	R
Getting better .....	<b>19</b>	37	13	4
Getting worse .....	<b>73</b>	49	79	91
Don't know .....	<b>9</b>	13	8	5

**[15]** As you may know, inflation — the increase in the cost of goods and services — has risen over the past several years.

Which of the following do you think is **most responsible** for causing this inflation?

		D	I	R
The global COVID-19 pandemic and resulting supply chain issues .....	<b>19</b>	29	21	6
The policies of President Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress .....	<b>42</b>	2	41	86
The policies of former President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress .....	<b>9</b>	19	8	1
The Russian war in Ukraine and resulting oil and gas supply chain issues .....	<b>2</b>	3	2	1
Big corporations raising prices to increase their profits .....	<b>25</b>	43	26	4
Don't know .....	<b>2</b>	3	2	1

**[16]** To what extent would you say each of the following threatens America's economy today?

— Corporations consolidating into powerful monopolies that weaken competition

		D	I	R
A great deal .....	<b>52</b>	68	54	34
Some .....	<b>33</b>	25	34	41
Only a little .....	<b>11</b>	6	9	18
Not at all .....	<b>3</b>	1	3	6

**[17]** To what extent would you say each of the following threatens America's economy today?

— The policies of President Biden and Democrats in Congress

		D	I	R
A great deal .....	<b>46</b>	3	45	91
Some .....	<b>17</b>	18	24	7
Only a little .....	<b>19</b>	31	22	2
Not at all .....	<b>19</b>	48	8	0

**[18]** To what extent would you say each of the following threatens America's economy today?

— The policies of former President Trump and Republicans in Congress

		D	I	R
A great deal .....	<b>32</b>	60	32	2
Some .....	<b>22</b>	33	24	7
Only a little .....	<b>15</b>	5	18	22
Not at all .....	<b>32</b>	3	26	69

**[19]** To what extent would you say each of the following threatens America's economy today?

— Immigrants taking American jobs

		D	I	R
A great deal .....	<b>16</b>	3	16	32
Some .....	<b>21</b>	6	21	36
Only a little .....	<b>20</b>	16	25	20
Not at all .....	<b>43</b>	75	38	13

		D	I	R	
<b>[20]</b> To what extent would you say each of the following threatens America's economy today?  — Competition from China, India, and other countries	A great deal .....	<b>35</b>	17	36	52
	Some .....	<b>46</b>	60	43	36
	Only a little .....	<b>15</b>	20	16	8
	Not at all .....	<b>4</b>	3	6	3
D I R					
<b>[21]</b> Do you think that corporations have too much power, not enough power, or the right amount of power in the United States economy today?	Too much power .....	<b>74</b>	89	75	56
	Not enough power .....	<b>1</b>	1	1	3
	The right amount of power .....	<b>18</b>	7	17	31
	Don't know .....	<b>7</b>	3	7	11
D I R					
<b>[22]</b> Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?	Big corporations are better for working families because they can produce more high-quality goods at lower prices. ....	<b>15</b>	12	14	20
	Small businesses are better for working families because they don't raise prices unfairly to boost profits and they support local job creation. ....	<b>75</b>	77	75	73
	Don't know .....	<b>10</b>	11	12	7
	D I R				
<b>[23]</b> To what extent do you think that big corporations harm or help small businesses, if at all?	Harm a lot .....	<b>55</b>	63	57	45
	Harm a little .....	<b>28</b>	27	26	32
	Help a little .....	<b>5</b>	4	7	6
	Help a lot .....	<b>2</b>	1	2	4
	Neither harm nor help small businesses ...	<b>9</b>	6	8	13
D I R					
<b>[24]</b> Do you think the federal government should be more or less involved in overseeing the activities of corporate monopolies, which is when large companies gain overwhelming influence over a certain industry or sector?	The government should be more involved in overseeing the activities of corporate monopolies .....	<b>57</b>	78	56	36
	The government should be less involved in overseeing the activities of corporate monopolies .....	<b>19</b>	4	19	35
	The government is already involved the appropriate amount in overseeing the activities of corporate monopolies .....	<b>18</b>	13	19	23
	Don't know .....	<b>5</b>	5	5	6
D I R					
<b>[25]</b> Amazon has bought many smaller businesses in industries including healthcare, software, groceries, and home devices.  How concerned or not concerned are you about Amazon's growth and treatment of workers as it acquires these smaller businesses?	Very concerned .....	<b>28</b>	33	35	15
	Somewhat concerned .....	<b>43</b>	51	38	40
	Only a little concerned .....	<b>17</b>	11	17	23
	Not concerned at all .....	<b>12</b>	5	10	22

**[26]** Do you think that Amazon helps, hurts, or doesn't significantly impact small businesses?

		D	I	R
Amazon helps small businesses	14	9	14	19
Amazon hurts small businesses	66	74	65	60
Amazon doesn't significantly impact small businesses	13	9	14	16
Don't know	7	9	7	5

**[27]** Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

		D	I	R
Corporations should not be allowed to raise prices unfairly, and there should be regulations in place to prevent price gouging	67	85	64	50
Corporations have the right to set their own prices, and the government shouldn't interfere with the free market	30	10	32	49
Don't know	3	5	4	1

**[28]** Some lawmakers have proposed taking action to ban various "junk fees," including excessive online event ticket fees, fees on rental cars, high early termination fees for TV, phone, and internet services, and surprise resort and destination fees.

		D	I	R
Strongly support	63	74	65	48
Somewhat support	23	19	22	30
Somewhat oppose	5	1	6	9
Strongly oppose	5	3	3	9
Don't know	4	2	4	5
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	86%	93%	87%	78%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	10	4	9	18
SUPPORT (NET)	+76	+89	+78	+60

Would you support or oppose lawmakers taking action to ban "junk fees"?

**[29]** Many companies require employees to participate in on-the-job training.

		D	I	R
Yes, companies should be allowed to charge employees for training costs if they leave within a certain time period	35	23	37	46
No, employees should not be allowed to charge employees for training costs if they leave within a certain time period	60	72	59	47
Don't know	5	5	4	7

However, some companies make employees pay for training costs if they choose to end their employment before a certain date decided by the company.

Do you think that companies should be allowed to make employees pay them back for training costs if they leave the company within a certain time period?

**[30]** Many companies require employees to participate in on-the-job training. However, some companies make employees pay for training costs if they choose to end their employment before a certain date decided by the company.

Supporters of this policy say that companies should be allowed to set their own terms of employment. They say this policy allows companies to screen candidates who are serious about the job and prevent costly turnover.

Opponents of this policy say that employees rarely know the training costs, which could be hundreds or thousands of dollars. They say that these steep costs let companies bully workers into staying at a job they should be allowed to leave.

Knowing what you do now, do you think that companies should be allowed to make employees pay them back for training costs if they leave the company within a certain time period?

	D	I	R
Yes, companies should be allowed to charge employees for training costs if they leave within a certain time period . . .	<b>32</b>	19	31 47
No, employees should not be allowed to charge employees for training costs if they leave within a certain time period . . .	<b>62</b>	75	61 48
Don't know . . . . .	<b>6</b>	6	8 5

**[31]** Would you say that big healthcare and hospital systems have too much, too little, or the right amount of power in shaping state policy?

**[32]** Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

**[33]** Some big businesses attempt to get suppliers to provide them with goods at a lower price than the supplier would provide smaller businesses.

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	D	I	R
Too much power . . . . .	<b>65</b>	64	63 70
Too little power . . . . .	<b>6</b>	6	5 9
The right amount of power . . . . .	<b>17</b>	19	18 15
Don't know . . . . .	<b>11</b>	12	14 6

	D	I	R
Big healthcare and hospital systems help healthcare workers succeed in their fields and provide them with a better quality of life . . . . .	<b>30</b>	26	31 33
Big healthcare and hospital systems do not help healthcare workers succeed in their fields and provide a worse quality of life . . . . .	<b>54</b>	57	52 53
Don't know . . . . .	<b>16</b>	17	17 14

	D	I	R
Big businesses should not be allowed to obtain goods at a lower price because that puts small businesses at a disadvantage because they would have to charge a higher price . . . . .	<b>57</b>	68	52 53
Big businesses should be allowed to obtain goods at a lower price because they can then sell them at lower prices to consumers, even if it hurts small businesses . . . . .	<b>32</b>	20	38 38
Don't know . . . . .	<b>11</b>	12	11 9

**[34]** Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	D	I	R
The government should take a more active role in reigning in corporate monopolies. Working families and small businesses suffer when big corporations gain too much power and jack up prices. . . <b>58</b>	85	55	33
The government should not be meddling with the free market. Burdensome red tape on businesses will backfire, making goods and services more expensive for consumers, and the economy will suffer. . . <b>36</b>	8	37	64
Don't know . . . . . <b>6</b>	7	7	3

**[35]** Would you be **more** or **less** likely to vote for a candidate for office who wants to rein in corporate monopoly power and address unfair pricing practices?

	D	I	R
Much more likely . . . . . <b>36</b>	48	35	24
Somewhat more likely . . . . . <b>33</b>	38	34	27
Somewhat less likely . . . . . <b>5</b>	1	5	9
Much less likely . . . . . <b>8</b>	3	8	14
Wouldn't impact my choice . . . . . <b>14</b>	7	15	21
Don't know . . . . . <b>4</b>	3	4	5