

STINSON

2020 General Election



Jeremy Estenson- Stinson LLP

STINSON LLP  STINSON.COM



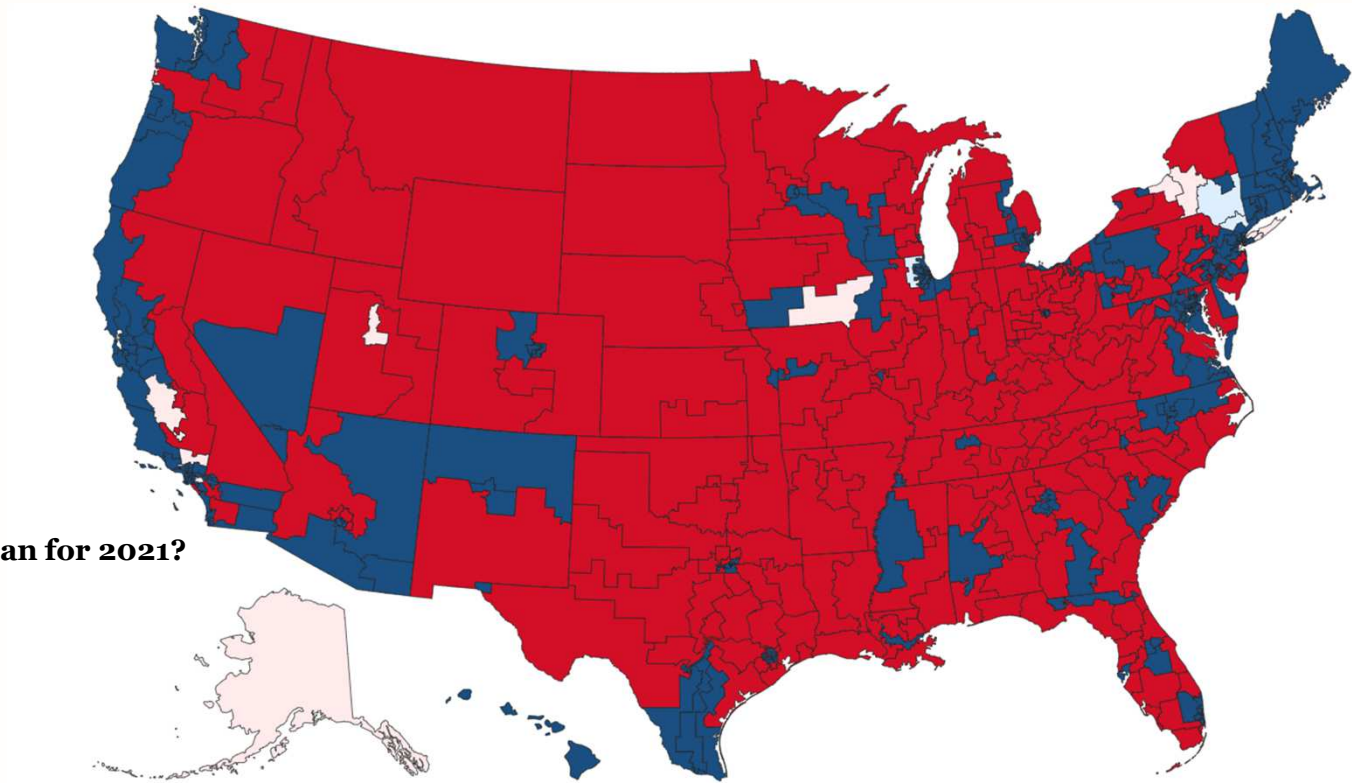
1. Federal Results

- What we know
- What we don't

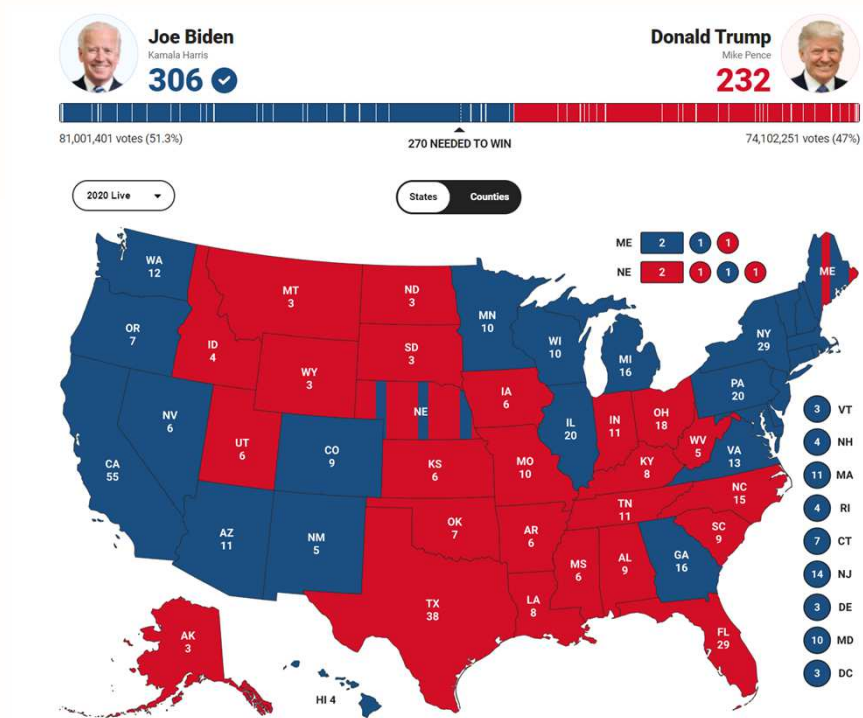
2. Minnesota Results

- House
- Senate

3. What Do Results Mean for 2021?

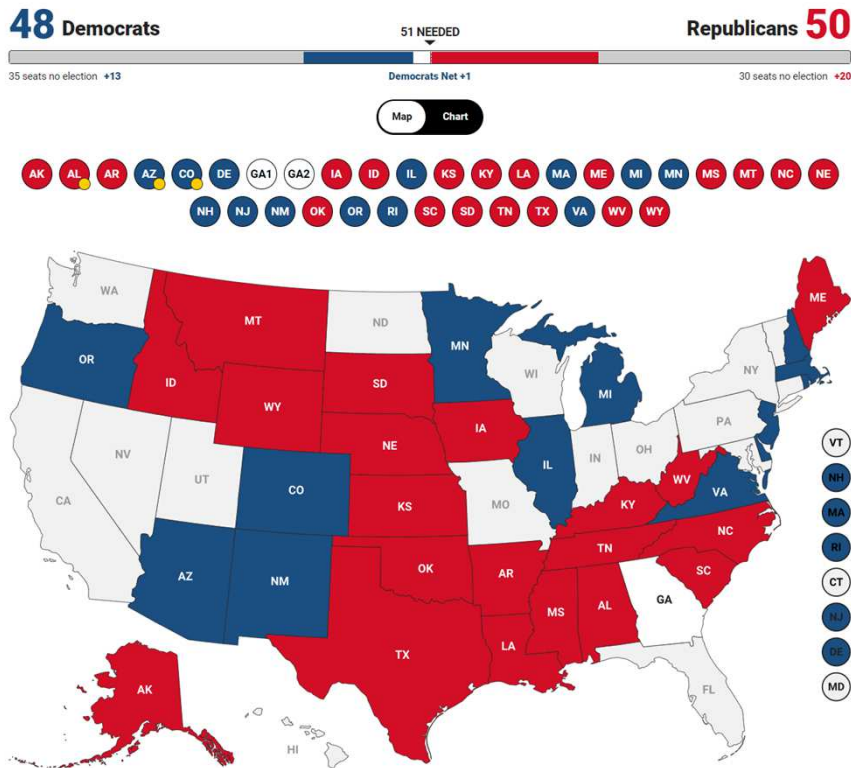


Federal Results



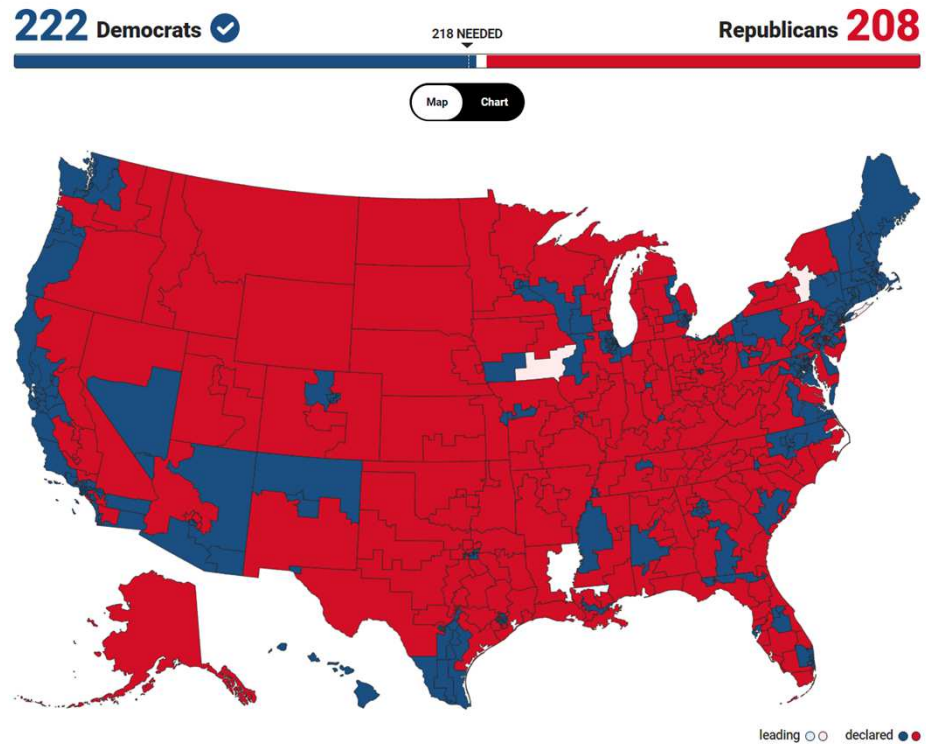
- Most states certified at this point
- State disputes must be resolved by Dec 8
- Electors cast votes Dec 14
- Congress counts elector votes Jan 6
- House could decide Pres and Senate Vice Pres

Federal Results (continued)



- Current 53R – 45D – 2I
- Alaska eventually went R
- Georgia January special elections could change balance of power
 - \$1B spent in under 2 months?

Federal Results (continued)



- Current 232D – 197R – 1L – 5 open
- House losses despite 'blue wave' prediction
 - R's lead in undecided races
- PA/WI recounts only scenario where GOP *could* take control

State Results – Current Makeup

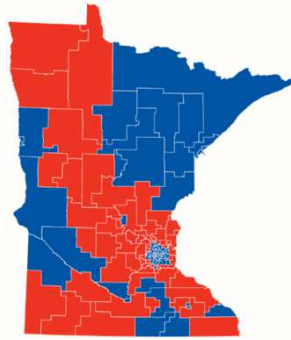
- **House (75-55-4)**
 - Elected every 2 years
 - 134 members
 - Each represents about 40,000 people
 - “People’s House” – More accountable and more raucous
 - New taxes must start in this body
- **Senate (35-32)**
 - Elected to terms of: 4 years, 4 years, 2 years
 - 67 members
 - Represent nearly 80,000 people
 - “Upper House” – More deliberative, closer adherence to procedural rules
- **Governor**
 - Elected every 4 years
 - No term limit
- **One Job: Balance the budget in the odd-numbered year**
 - **But borrowing in the even year is a lot more fun!**



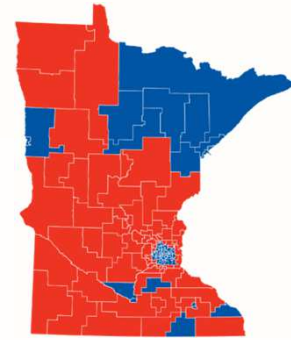
STINSON

Suburbs Hold Keys to the Legislature

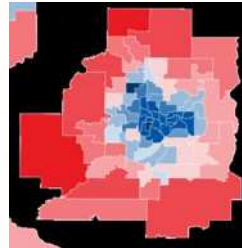
2012



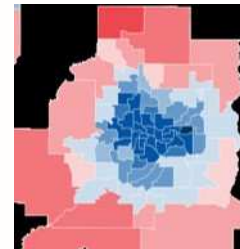
2014



2016

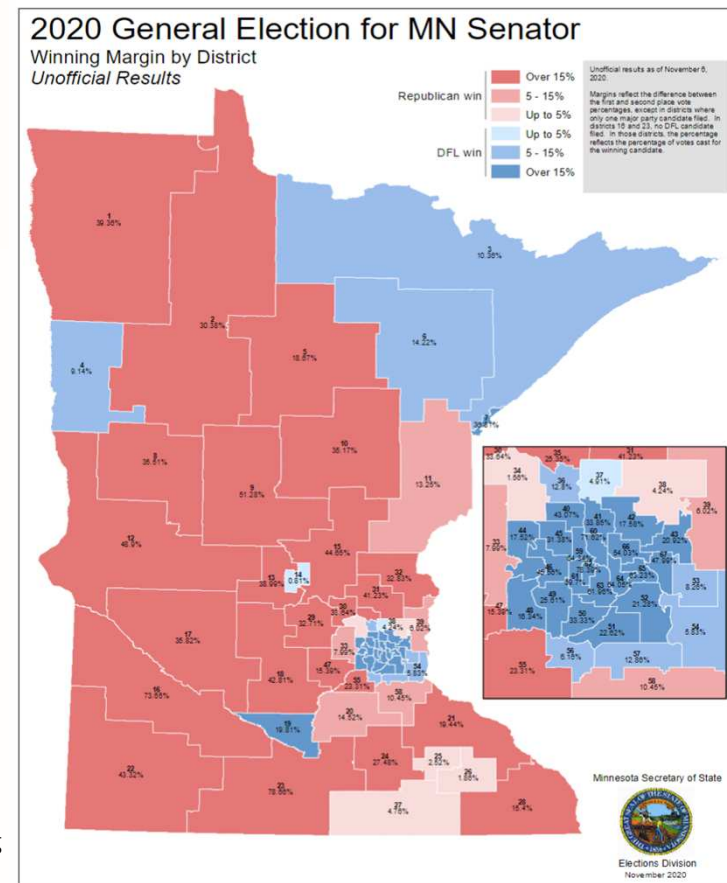


2018



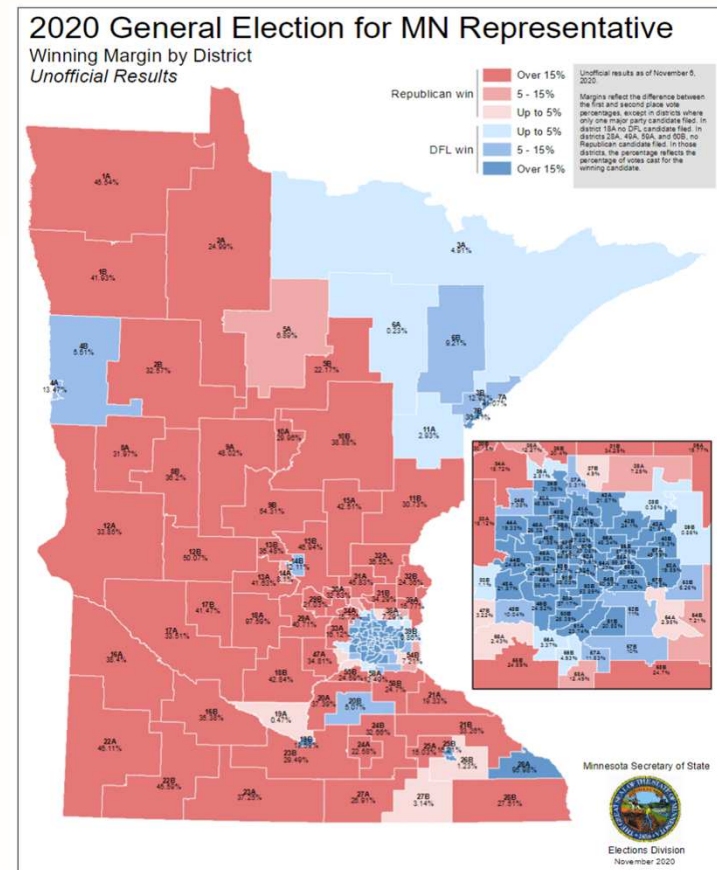
State Results – New Senate

- **34R-33D {Previous 35R-32D}**
 - **Net Republican loss of 1 seat**
 - A couple of swaps in the burbs:
 - Hall(R) – **Port(D)**
 - Little(D) – **Duckworth(R)**
 - **Johnson(D)** – open seat in Plymouth(R)
 - Sparks(D) – **Dornick(R)** in Austin
 - Relph(R) – **Putnam(D)** in St Cloud
 - Anderson and Hall, committee chairs, will need to be replaced
 - Iron Range contingency could play a role in contentious procedural maneuvering



State Results – New House

- 70D-64R {Previous 75-55-4}
- Net Democrat loss of 5 seats
- GOP didn't lose any seats
 - Franke and Bliss come back from 2018 blue wave losses
- Hortman/Daudt reelected leaders of their caucuses
- Pot party likely had an impact – probably more on D's than R's, but impossible to know for sure
- Likely 3 mandatory recounts (Sanstede(D), Wazlawick(D) & Brand(R))



Priorities: Narrower Margins = Stability

Issues

- **Budget deficit**
- **COVID**

Legislative Leadership

- **House DFL may have to back down on progressive goals**
 - Many of them elected in 2018 as part of an ideological movement
 - Focus will remain strong on FMLA and COVID safety issues
 - Most taxes are on the table
- **Senate Republicans want to contrast themselves with urban liberals in any way, shape or form.**
 - Fight new taxes
 - Open Minnesota up as quickly and responsibly as possible

Comp Issues

Backdrop

- COVID could mean new legislation or broader interpretation of telework WC regulations
- Budget deficit will consume most of the bandwidth

Administration

- No Commissioner replacement at DOLI yet – and probably not any time soon
 - Roslyn Robertson remains at the helm
- Could result in less emphasis on major, agency driven reforms

Legislative Committees

- Senate Chair: Senator Jason Rarick (R, Pine City)
- House Chair: Representative Rob Ecklund (D, International Falls)

Comp Issues

Things to watch for in 2021

- **Expanding compensable injuries in the home?**
- **Presumptions?**
- **“Burnout” as a mental/mental injury?**

- **What else are you seeing?**

STINSON

Any Questions?