

ELECTION 2020 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Biden recaptures lost ground

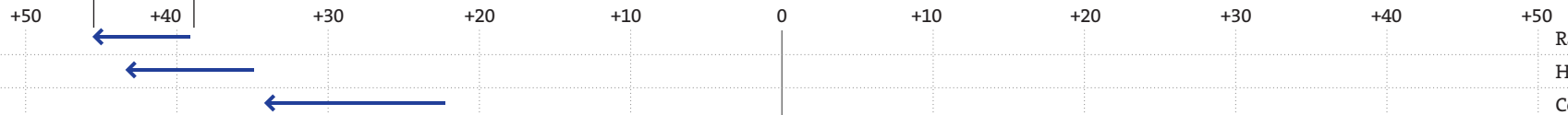
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After Hillary Clinton narrowly won Minnesota in 2016, President Donald Trump vowed to flip it red. But despite several campaign stops — and plenty from Joe Biden’s camp — the electorate favored the former vice president, delivering him the win in a handful of counties that evaded Clinton. Where Trump prevailed, his win margin was tighter in regional population centers, while it grew in some of the most rural parts of the North Star State.

MARGIN OF VICTORY, BY COUNTY

Biden won Flipped Trump won

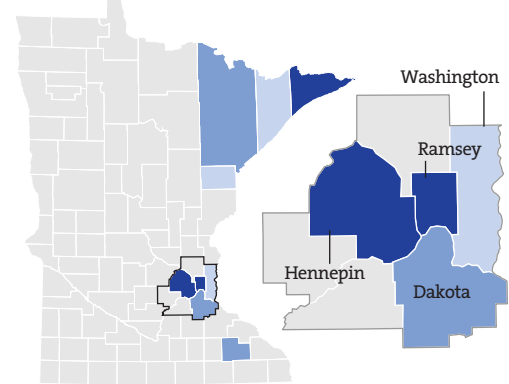
← Winner margin was more liberal Winner margin was more conservative →



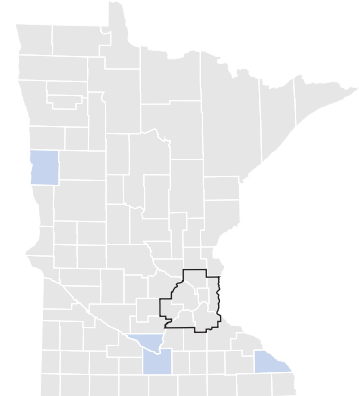
Biden won the **same nine counties** that Clinton did in 2016, but by bigger margins — and not just in the core cities. Cook, Olmsted and Dakota counties saw the biggest leftward shifts. More than half of Minnesota’s presidential votes cast — 53% — came from these counties.

Four counties flipped to Biden after supporting Trump in 2016, including the areas around Moorhead, Mankato and Winona.

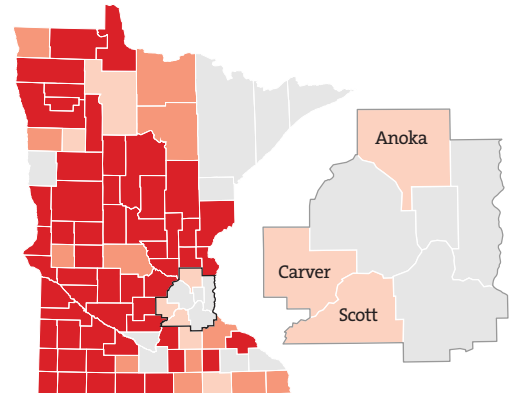
Biden win margin over Trump in 2020 among counties won by Clinton



Biden win margin over Trump in 2020 among counties won by Trump in 2016



Trump win margin over Biden in 2020 among counties he won in 2016



More than **20 counties inched left** while ending up in Trump’s favor, including sizable shifts in the Twin Cities suburbs and the St. Cloud area.

About half of counties that stuck with Trump **didn’t change much at all**, moving just a couple notches in either direction over the last four years.

More than a dozen rural counties became **more bullish on Trump**, shifting further right. Turnout in Pine, Red Lake and Kanabec counties was particularly high, but voters in Mille Lacs County moved the most from 2016.

Sources: Star Tribune analysis of data from Associated Press and Minnesota Secretary of State, data as of 3:45 p.m.