

CARPENTER ECONOMICS

KEY ELECTION DATES



MINNESOTA VOTER REGISTRATION

Registering to vote in Minnesota is an easy process. Minnesota has same-day voter registration, which means you can register at any time, including Election Day.



Find information about online registration and other ways to register.



Find information on same day voter registration and documents needed.

JULY 23, 2024

Deadline to Register in Advance for Primary Election Day

After this date you must register in person at your early vote or Primary Election Day location.

AUGUST 13, 2024

Primary Election Day

Find your Primary Election Day polling location by using the Minnesota Polling Finder



SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Minnesota Voting Begins

Minnesota allows for absentee and in-person early voting to begin 46 days prior to Election Day. This means that you can vote when it is most convenient for you. These polling sites are open Monday through Friday, traditional business hours and for extended hours the Saturday leading into Election Week.

Find information on how and where you can vote early via absentee mail or in person



OCTOBER 15, 2024

Register in Advance Deadline for the General Election in November

After this date you must register in person at your early vote or Election Day location.

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

General Election Day

Find your Election Day polling location by using the Minnesota Polling Finder.



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PREVAILING WAGE VS RIGHT-TO-WORK

The regional council's political support is directed in ways that support **Prevailing Wage, Member Work Hours and Market Share.**

PREVAILING WAGE

- ✓ **Requires Employers** to pay workers prevailing wage hourly pay plus fringe benefits and pay overtime pay after 8 hours on the job site.

- ✓ **Required prevailing wage pay** is set by the DLI based on wage reports, location and type of work and includes commercial, highway heavy and residential.

- ✓ **Levels the playing field** for law-abiding contractors by deterring wage theft, misclassification, tax fraud and worker exploitation which are common tactics used to lower bids.

- ✓ **Promotes the use** of a TRAINED workforce, boosting safe productivity and reducing jobsite injuries and OSHA violations.

- ✓ **Incentivizes hiring apprentices** in a certified apprenticeship program, by requiring journey-level and apprentice wage scaled.

RIGHT-TO-WORK FOR LESS

Right-to-Work laws make it harder for working people to form unions and collectively bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions.

3.1% States with **Right-to-Work** see **3.1% lower wages** for workers than in states with Prevailing Wage.

24% In Right-to-Work states, **24% of jobs are in low-wage occupations** compared to 14.5% in other states.

36% **Discrimination charges** through the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) **are 36% higher in Right-to-Work states.**

Right-to-Work encourages free riders to benefit from union services at no cost, which **increases the operating and maintenance costs** of the union.

When **businesses** are given a choice to **operate without unions**, they are more likely to **lower the safety standards** set in place for their employees.