What Percentage of Incumbent Minnesota Legislators Are Returned to Office After Each General Election?

(What percentage of Minnesota legislators who run for re-election win?)

Election Date: November 4, 2008  Legislative Chamber: House

Number of incumbents who ran: 119

134 Total number of legislators in the chamber
Minus 15 Number of incumbents who did not run
Equals 119 Number of incumbents who ran

Number of incumbents who were defeated: 8

23 Number of new legislators after election
Minus 15 Number of incumbents who did not run
Equals 8 Number of incumbents who were defeated

Number of incumbents who won: 111

119 Number of incumbents who ran
Minus 8 Number of incumbents who were defeated
Equals 111 Number of incumbents who won

Percent of incumbents re-elected: 93.3 %

111 Number of incumbents who won
Divided by 119 Number of incumbents who ran
Equals .9328 x 100 = 93.28 Percent of incumbents re-elected
2008 Legislative Election Statistics (Nov. 4, 2008)

House (134)

Representatives who did not seek re-election to the House (15):

John Berns
Chris DeLaForest
Brad Finstad
Bud Heidgerken
Mike Jaros
Scott Kranz
Frank Moe
Mark Olson
Dennis Ozment
Erik Paulsen
Aaron Peterson
Connie Ruth
Dean Simpson
Kathy Tingelstad
Neva Walker

Representatives who lost in primary election (2):

Willie Dominguez
Neil Peterson

Representatives who lost general re-election bid (6):

Ron Erhardt
*Sondra Erickson
Shelley Madore
Ken Tschumper
Lynn Wardlow
Sandy Wollschlager

*Possible recount
New Representatives (23):

Paul H. Anderson  
Bobby Joe Champion  
Gregory Davids  
Connie Doepke  
Keith Downey  
Andrew Falk  
Jeff Hayden  
*Gail Kulick Jackson  
Kory Kath  
Tim Kelly  
Mary Kiffmeyer  
Jenifer Look  
Tara Mack  
Mark Murdock  
Jerry Newton  
Mike Obermueller  
John Persell  
Roger Reinert  
Paul Rosenthal  
Tim Sanders  
Peggy Scott  
Phillip Sterner  
Paul Torkelson

* Possible recount

Full House:

Members who did not seek re-election: 15

Members who lost election: 8 (Includes 2 who lost in primary election)

New members: 23