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Minnesota's 2010 Race For Governor WHOS ON FIRST?

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, Mark Dayton has been voted the first DFL governor-elect in 24 years, beating Republican Tom Emmer by a final margin of fewer than 10,000 votes out of more than 2 million cast.

However, the exceedingly slim margin – less than half of one percent – will trigger an automatic recount.

Check [here](#) for the latest updates about the 2010 governor's race.

The vote totals below are the unofficial results from the Minnesota Secretary of State's office. All results are unofficial until certified by the State Canvassing board.

Candidates	Party	Totals	Percent
Mark Dayton	DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY	919,232	43.63%
Tom Emmer	REPUBLICAN PARTY	910,462	43.21%
Tom Horner	INDEPENDENCE PARTY	251,487	11.94%
Chris Wright	GRASSROOTS PARTY	7,516	0.36%
Farheen Hakeem	GREEN PARTY	6,188	0.29%
Ken Pentel	ECOLOGY DEMOCRACY PARTY	6,180	0.29%
Linda S. Eno	RESOURCE PARTY	4,092	0.19%
Write-In		1,864	0.09%

Democrat →
Republican →

mildly impressive %

3rd parties

In order for us to determine if any of these candidates spoiled the election for Emmer, what would we have to know about them + their political party? why? Explain on back