

One Million Strong: Biggest Recall in American History, By the Numbers

SCOTT WALKER

- The number collected is 185% of the signatures required to force a recall election against Scott Walker.
- That is 460,000 signatures above the threshold for the recall of Scott Walker.
- This number is so large that more than 1 of every 3 signatures would need to be invalid to disqualify enough signatures to stop the recall.

GENERAL

- In the unprecedented turn-out of signatures collected to recall Walker, more than 46% of the electorate signed. By contrast, in the only other two successful gubernatorial recalls in American history, almost 32% of the electorate signed in North Dakota in 1921 and 23% of the California electorate signed in 2003.
- And this year, 32% of the electorate in Ohio signed the petition to overturn the Republicans' union-busting SB5.
- During the summer recalls, approximately 9% of the signatures were found to be invalid -- nearly 50% of the signatures collected for Walker would need to be found invalid to stop a recall.

FUN FACTS

- The weight of all of the signatures collected is 3000 pounds. That's two of the heaviest Wisconsin Dairy (Holstein) Cows, or 158 of the heaviest Badgers.
- 300,000 pages at 14" each laid end to end is 66.3 miles. This is the distance from Green Bay to Oshkosh, La Crosse to Tomah.
- Sent straight up it is 128 times higher than the tallest building in the world.
- Stacked on top of one another, the petitions go 125 feet high, which is taller than the wings of the Madison Capitol Building (those are 84 feet high), but not as tall as the dome (that's 285 feet), nearly as high as the rotunda.
- Walker only: approx 1 million signatures at 14" a piece is about the distance from La Crosse to Green Bay, or La Crosse to Milwaukee.
- Everything: 1.9M signatures at 14" a piece is roughly the distance from Minneapolis/St. Paul to the Illinois/Chicago border, going through the entire state of Wisconsin.

What We are Turning In:

| Elected Official | Total Signatures | % of Threshold | Number of Pages |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Gov. Scott Walker | 1 million | 185% | 152,000 |
| Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch | 845,000 | 156% | 140,000 |
| Sen. Terry Moulton | 21,000 | 140% | 5,000 |
| Sen. Pam Galloway | 21,000 | 134% | 4,700 |
| Sen. Van Wanggaard | 24,000 | 156% | 4,000 |
| Sen. Scott Fitzgerald | 20,600 | 123% | 3,700 |
| Totals | 1.9 million | | 305,700 |

Wisconsin's Unprecedented Voter Participation Compared to Other States:

| Recall Effort | Year | Turnout of Gubernatorial Electorate |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| California Gov. Grey Davis | 2003 | 23.4% |
| North Dakota Gov. Lynn Frazier | 1921 | 31.8% |
| Ohio SB 5 | 2011 | 32% |
| Scott Walker | 2012 | 46% |

Why Challenging Enough Signatures is Impossible Compared to This Summer's Recalls:

| Recall | Submitted | Valid | Valid Rate | Invalid Rate |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Kapanke | 22,975 | 21,776 | 94.78% | 5.22% |
| Cowles | 26,000 | 23,959 | 92.15% | 7.85% |
| Darling | 30,000 | 22,243 | 74.14% | 25.86% |
| Harsdorf | 25,000 | 23,685 | 94.74% | 5.26% |
| Olsen | 24,000 | 22,207 | 92.53% | 7.47% |
| Hopper | 24,492 | 22,953 | 93.72% | 6.28% |
| Average | 23,704.875 | 21,187.625 | 89.76% | 9.66% |

Note: The vast majority of disqualifications were due to being out-of-district. Especially Sen. Darling's district, as the Milwaukee Senate boundaries are complicated. Out-of-district disqualifications won't apply in Walker's statewide race.

Comparing the Numbers Above Threshold to This Summer's Recalls:

| Recall | % of threshold |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Kapanke | 147.39% |
| Cowles | 162.91% |
| Darling | 147.47% |
| Harsdorf | 158.79% |
| Holperin | 145.99% |
| Olsen | 162.90% |
| Hopper | 160.40% |
| Wirch | 135.19% |
| Hansen | 136.24% |
| Walker | 185% |