

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

May 24, 2016
Presidential Primary

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Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The May 24, 2016 Presidential Primary featured the Democratic and Republican Party Primary races. There were no other races or issues on the ballot.

The turnout for the May 24, 2016 Presidential Primary was 32.27% with 44% of those voting by mail choosing to return their ballot through one of our drop boxes.

A random batch audit of mail ballots and an audit of the accessible voting equipment were performed. In the random batch audit, the results of the six hand-counted batches exactly matched the results of the tabulation system tally for those same batches. In the audit of the accessible voting equipment, all manual results matched the machine results.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, the number of ballots counted is 2,020 ballots less than the number of voters credited. The vast majority of this difference is the result of ballots rejected by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) rule due to voters voting for a candidate on the ballot of the party opposite of the party declaration they selected on the ballot envelope.

AVU: Accessible Voting Unit used to allow voters with a variety of disabilities to cast an independent, private, secure ballot.

Challenged: Mail Ballot Envelopes or Provisional Ballot Envelopes that are not processed due to a variety of voter related issues or actions.

Comparative Data: Column containing data from previous years or at other points during the election that can provide perspective to the number or percentage to which it is related. Clarification of what the data represents will be listed in parenthesis or in the comments field.

DIMS: Snohomish County's election management / voter registration database.

WINEDS: Snohomish County's vote tabulation system.

Election Statistical Summary					
		Total	Percentage	Comparative Data	Comment
Voter Registration					
Registered Voters		436,958			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		83			
Overseas and Service Voters		5,034			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		2			
Participation					
Voters credited		143,880			
Ballots counted		141,860			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		2,020			Vast majority due to ballots rejected by WAC rule due to voting for a candidate on the ballot of the party opposite of the declaration on the ballot envelope
Overseas and Service voters credited		1,158	23.00%	13.16% - Feb 2016	Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		31			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Mail Ballot Summary					
Mail Ballots Issued		443,300			
Mail Ballots Returned		151,432	34.16%		percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		66,642	44.01%	46.28% - Feb 2016	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		84,790	55.99%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		143,730	94.91%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		141,708	98.59%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		141,710	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
Provisional Ballot Summary					
Provisional Ballots Issued		23			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		16	69.57%		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		16	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		16	100.00%		percent open and extracted that have been tabulated
Accessible Voting Summary					
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		134			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		134	100.00%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		134	100.00%		percent credited where a ballot was tabulated

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment

Mail Ballots Issued

1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	443,300			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		443,217		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		83		Address Confidentiality Program participants

Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned

2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	151,432			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		151,339		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		42		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		19		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		32		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	8,925		2.01%: 0.45% (2008 Pres Primary)	Undeliverable ballots are reviewed for anomalies and voters contacted to update address information per state and federal law; likely higher due to overlapping April Special Election and the resulting lockdown of the database to address updates prior to first mailing

Mail Ballot Envelopes Verified

4	Number Mail Ballots Envelopes Verified And Accepted	143,730			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		143,688		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		42		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins)
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record		0		
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	7,702		5.09%: 16.28% (2008 Pres Primary)	DIMS data reconciled with hand counts and augmented with hand counts for non-DIMS ballots (sum of 5a - 5p). Percentages are challenged vs. total returned
5a	2X - Voter returned a second ballot		4		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5b	2XOTH - Voter marked both party oaths		93		" "
5c	AVU - Voter returned ballot and voted AVU		0		" "
5d	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		5		" "
5e	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		6		" "
5f	LATE - Returned too late		1,119	0.74%:	" "
5g	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		11		" "
5h	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		6,197	4.09%: 15.06% (2008 Pres Primary)	Reported in DIMS (no signature as well as no party oath checked) and reconciled with hand counts
5i	NOVTR - No voter on screen; system pre-challenge to pull		21		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment

5j	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		11		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5k	POA - Signed by power of attorney		1		" "
5l	SIGPR - Signature does not match		173		" "
5m	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5n	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		10		" "
5o	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		30		Hand Count
5p	Wrong Election		2		" "
5q	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		19		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation		141,708		
7	Number of Empty Envelopes		0		
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in DIMS)		2,022		Rejected by WAC rule due to voting for a candidate on the ballot of the party opposite of the declaration on the ballot envelope
9	Number of Ballots Not Opened		0		
10	Number of Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision		0		

Ballots Tabulated

11	Number of Mail Ballots Tabulated		141,710		Reported by WinEDS
12	Number of Mail Ballots Awaiting Tabulation		0		

Details - Provisional Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
Provisional Ballots Issued					
1	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued	23			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	7			
1a.1	Voter did not want to use AVU		0		
1a.2	AVU Equipment Issue (resulting in no ballot cast)		0		
1a.3	Site worker could not find or flag voter		0		
1a.4	Voter did not have proper ID to vote in person		0		
1a.5	Voter needed paper for accessibility reason		0		
1a.6	Voter not registered in our county or in election area		7		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	16			
Provisional Ballots Verified					
2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	16			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	3			
3a	Cancelled registration		0		
3b	Can't read (or no) name/address		0		
3c	Felony conviction		0		
3d	Incomplete Information		0		
3e	No signature on envelope		0		
3f	Not eligible for election (wrong district)		0		
3g	Not Registered		3		
3h	Registered too late (after cut off)		0		
3i	Signature doesn't match original		0		
3j	Voter voting twice		0		
4	Number of Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties	4			
Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted					
5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	16			
6	Number of Empty Envelopes	0			Unable to remove credit in DIMS
7	Number of Provisional Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board	0			Unable to remove credit in DIMS
8	Number of Provisional Ballots Not Opened	0			
9	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision	0			
Provisional Ballots Tabulated					
10	Number of Provisional Ballots Tabulated	16			Reported from WinEDS
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

Details - Accessible Voting					
Line	Description	Totals	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
Accessible Voting Ballots Issued					
1	Number of Voters Signed in to Vote on AVU	134			
Voters Credited with AVU					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	134			
Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	134			Reported from WinEDS