

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

August 1, 2017

Primary and Special Elections

Final Report - August 15, 2017



Snohomish County
Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The August 1, 2017 Primary and Special Elections featured partisan races and non-partisan races with three or more candidates in county, city and other local districts. The ballot also included a measure to create a regional fire authority in Lynnwood and Fire District 1 and funding measures in the City of Marysville, Fire District 4 and Fire District 7.

Primaries for local offices which run in years ending in odd numbers have an average turnout of 26% since 2003, with the recent trend being towards lower turnouts. The turnout for the August 1, 2017 Primary and Special Election was 23.91%. 57% of voters choose to return their ballot through one of our drop boxes.

A random batch audit of mail ballots was performed. The results of the six hand-counted batches exactly matched the results of the tabulation system tally for those same batches. There was also an audit conducted of the accessible voting equipment where the votes on the paper audit trail exactly matched the results of the tabulation system.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, the number of voters credited matches the total number of ballots counted.

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		459,409			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		100			
Overseas and Service Voters		6,131			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		0			
Participation					
Voters credited		109,845			
Ballots counted		109,845			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		0			
Overseas and Service voters credited		508	8.29%	9.83% - 2015 Primary	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		6			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Mail Ballot Summary					
Mail Ballots Issued		462,483			
Mail Ballots Returned		110,879	23.97%		percent issued that were returned
				53.92% - 2016	
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		63,699	57.45%	Primary	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		47,180	42.55%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		109,759	98.99%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		109,759	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		109,759	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
Provisional Ballot Summary					
Provisional Ballots Issued		3			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		0	0.00%		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		0	N/A		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		0	N/A		percent open and extracted that have been tabulated
Accessible Voting Summary					
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		86			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		86	100.00%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		86	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	462,483			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		462,383		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		100		Address Confidentiality Program participants
Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	110,879			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		110,804		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		31		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		40		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		4		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	7,501		1.62%: 1.24% (2015 Primary)	Undeliverable ballots are reviewed for anomalies and voters contacted to update address information per state and federal law
Mail Ballot Envelopes Verified					
4	Number Mail Ballots Envelopes Verified And Accepted	109,759			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		109,728		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		31		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins) and voters credited once but two ballots counted.
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record		0		
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	1,120		1.01%: 1.25% (2015 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		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5b	AVU - Voter returned ballot and voted AVU		0		" "
5c	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		16		" "
5d	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		4		" "
5e	LATE - Returned too late		757	0.68%: 0.84% (2015 Primary)	" "
5f	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		0		
5g	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5h	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		5		" "

Details - Mail Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
5i	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		220	0.20%: 0.30% (2015 Primary)	" "
5j	NSWS - No signature or wrong signature on file		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5k	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		5		" "
5l	POA - Signed by power of attorney		1		" "
5m	SIGPR - Signature does not match		68	0.06%; 0.15% (2015 Primary)	" "
5n	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5o	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5p	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		3		Hand Count
5q	Wrong Election		1		" "
5r	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		40		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation		109,759		
7	Number of Empty Envelopes		0		
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in DIMS)		0		
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		109,759		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	3			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	1			
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		1		
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		0		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	2			

Provisional Ballots Verified

2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	0			
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		2		No snohomish county races on ballots received from other counties.
3e	No signature on envelope		0		
3f	Not eligible for election (wrong district)		0		
3g	Not Registered		1		
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	0			

Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	0			
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	0			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	86			
Voters Credited with AVU					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	86			
Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	86			Reported from WinEDS