

# Canvassing Board Informational Reports

August 7, 2018

Primary and Special Elections

Final Report - August 21, 2018



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## Election Summary

The August 7, 2018 Primary and Special Elections featured races for U.S. congress, the state legislature, the county prosecuting attorney, two public utility district positions, and a City of Everett council vacancy. The election also included a funding measure for criminal justice purposes for the City of Marysville and several funding measures related to fire and emergency medical services for the City of Mukilteo and seven fire districts.

Even-year primaries have an average turnout of 37% since 2006. The turnout for the August 7, 2018 Primary was 37.03%. 46% of voters choose to return their ballot through one of our drop boxes, down roughly 12% from the 2017 Primary. The state provided grant funds to pay for return postage for ballots returned through the USPS.

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.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, there is a difference of two between voters credited and ballots counted. The difference is a result of one extra ballot discovered after all ballots were removed from secrecy sleeves and one voter credit removed upon notification by the voter that they had not returned and voted the ballot that was processed and counted.

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**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.

**ClearVote:** Snohomish County's vote tabulation system.

Election Statistical Summary					
		Total	Percentage	Comparative Data	Comment

**Voter Registration**

Registered Voters	454,267				
Address Confidentiality Program Voters	70				
Overseas and Service Voters	5,835				Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters	0				

**Participation**

Voters credited	168,224				
Ballots counted	168,226				
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted	-2				Difference between voters credited and ballots counted is a result of one extra ballot discovered after all ballots were removed from secrecy sleeves and one voter credit removed when notified by the voter that they had not returned and voted their ballot.
Overseas and Service voters credited	832	14.26%	8.29% - 2017	Primary	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected	4				Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS

**Mail Ballot Summary**

Mail Ballots Issued	458,002				
Mail Ballots Returned	170,884	37.31%			percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office	78,006	45.65%	57.45% - 2017	Primary	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office	92,878	54.35%			percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted	168,212	98.44%			percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted	168,213	100.00%			percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated	168,213	100.00%			percent opened and extracted that were tabulated

**Provisional Ballot Summary**

Provisional Ballots Issued	20				
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted	13	65.00%			percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted	13	100.00%			percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated	13	100.00%			percent open and extracted that have been tabulated

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
<b>Mail Ballots Issued</b>					
1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	<b>458,002</b>			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		457,907		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		95		Address Confidentiality Program participants
<b>Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned</b>					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	<b>170,884</b>			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		170,821		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		39		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		20		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	2,332		0.51%: 1.62% (2017 Primary)	Undeliverable ballots are reviewed for anomalies and voters contacted to update address information per state and federal law
<b>Mail Ballot Envelopes Verified</b>					
4	Number Mail Ballots Envelopes Verified And Accepted	<b>168,212</b>			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		168,171		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		40		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins) - includes one ballot with voter credit removed
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record		1		
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	2,672		1.56%: 1.01% (2017 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		5		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5b	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		12		" "
5c	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		5		" "
5d	LATE - Returned too late		2,155	1.26%: 0.68% (2017 Primary)	" "
5e	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		17		
5f	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5g	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		7		" "

**Details - Mail Ballots**

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
				0.14%: 0.20% (2017 Primary)	
5h	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		246		" "
5i	NSWS - No signature or wrong signature on file		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5j	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		21		" "
5k	POA - Signed by power of attorney		2		" "
				0.10%; 0.06% (2017 Primary)	
5l	SIGPR - Signature does not match		178		" "
5m	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		1		" "
5n	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5o	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		3		Hand Count
5p	Wrong Election		9		" "
5q	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		11		" "

**Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted**

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation		<b>168,213</b>		
7	Number of Empty Envelopes		0		
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in DIMS)		0		
9	Number of Additional Ballots Discovered After Signature Envelope Removal		1		
10	Number of Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision		0		

**Ballots Tabulated**

11	Number of Mail Ballots Tabulated		<b>168,213</b>		Reported by ClearVote.
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	<b>20</b>			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	4			
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		4		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	16			

**Provisional Ballots Verified**

2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	<b>13</b>			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	5			
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		2		
3h	Registered too late (after cut off)		0		
3i	Signature doesn't match original		0		
3j	Voter voting twice		3		
4	Number of Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties	2			

**Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted**

5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	<b>13</b>			
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	<b>13</b>			Reported from ClearVote
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			