

# Canvassing Board Informational Reports

November 5, 2019  
General and Special Elections

Final Report - November 26, 2019



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## Election Summary

The November 5, 2019 General and Special Elections featured 15 State measures along with races in county, judicial, city, and other local districts. Snohomish County and the City of Arlington each hosted a fireworks advisory measure. The City of Mukilteo asked about changing their form of government to the Council/Manager format. Fire District 7, 21, 23, North County RFA, East County P&R, and the Northshore P&R hosted bond and levy measures. There was an annexation measure for the City of Lake Stevens.

General Elections for local offices which run in years ending in odd numbers have had an average turn out of 44% since 2003 . The turnout for the November 5, 2019 General and Special Election was 42.87%. Of the 204,044 participating voters, 52% of them choose to return their ballot through one of our drop boxes. The State continues to provide return postage for ballots returned through the Post Office.

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 addition an audit was performed of all duplicated ballots. The audit results are reported to the Canvassing Board in a separate report.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, there is one more ballot tabulated than voters credited due to two envelopes being returned with more than one ballot and one envelope returned without a ballot.

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**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.

**VoteWA:** Statewide election management / voter registration database.

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

Election Statistical Summary					
		Total	Percentage	Comparative Data	Comment
<b>Voter Registration</b>					
Registered Voters		475,926			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		102			
Overseas and Service Voters		6,667			Mil, Email, OC categories in VoteWA
Federal Write-in Voters		0			
<b>Participation</b>					
Voters credited		204,159			
Ballots counted		204,160			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		1			
Overseas and Service voters credited		882	13.23%	36.75% - 2018 General	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in VoteWA; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		15			Mil, Email, OC categories in VoteWA
<b>Mail Ballot Summary</b>					
Mail Ballots Issued		492,710			
Mail Ballots Returned		207,268	42.07%	51.26% - 2018	percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		107,885	52.05%	General	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		99,383	47.95%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		204,158	98.50%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		204,159	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		204,159	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
<b>Provisional Ballot Summary</b>					
Provisional Ballots Issued		1			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		1	100.00%		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		1	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		1	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>492,710</b>			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked VoteWA system		492,608		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in VoteWA system		102		Address Confidentiality Program participants
<b>Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned</b>					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	<b>207,268</b>			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in VoteWA		207,116		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		45		Manually tracked; Not reported in VoteWA
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		73		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in VoteWA
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by VoteWA		34		Manually tracked; Not reported in VoteWA
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	8,959		1.82%: .51% (2018 General)	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>204,158</b>			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in VoteWA		204,113		Reported from VoteWA
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in VoteWA		45		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins)
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record			1.52%: .89% (2018 General)	2nd ballot issued also accepted due to VoteWA reporting issue VoteWA data reconciled with hand counts and augmented with hand counts for non-VoteWA ballots (sum of 5a - 5p). Percentages are challenged vs. total returned
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	3,110			
5a	Deceased		15		Reported from VoteWA and reconciled with hand counts
5b	Empty Envelope		14		" "
5c	Marked Moved		24		" "
5d	Miscellaneous (Hold/Review)		0		" "
5e	No signature on file		0		" "
5f	Other than voter		0		" "
5g	Power of attorney		9		" "
5h	Canvassing Board		5		
5i	Signature does not match		872	0.43%: 0.10% (2018 General)	Reported from VoteWA and reconciled with hand counts

**Details - Mail Ballots**

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
				.88%:	
5j	Too late		1,788	0.61 (2018 General)	" "
				0.13%:	
5k	Unsigned		272	0.19% (2018 General)	" "
5l	Witness signature missing		4		" "
5m	Wrong Election		0		" "
5n	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only / Informational Items		107		" "

**Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted**

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation		<b>204,159</b>		
7	Number of Empty Envelopes		1		
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in VoteWA)		0		
9	Number of Additional Ballots Discovered After Signature Envelope Removal		2		
10	Number of Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision		0		

**Ballots Tabulated**

11	Number of Mail Ballots Tabulated		<b>204,159</b>		Reported by ClearVote.
12	Number of Mail Ballots Awaiting Tabulation		0		

**Details - Provisional Ballots**

Line	Description	Total	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
<b>Provisional Ballots Issued</b>					
1	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued	<b>1</b>			
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		voters original ballot was signed & returned by another
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	0			
<b>Provisional Ballots Verified</b>					
2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	<b>1</b>			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	0			
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		0		
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			
<b>Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted</b>					
5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	<b>1</b>			
6	Number of Empty Envelopes	0			Unable to remove credit in VoteWA
7	Number of Provisional Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board	0			Unable to remove credit in VoteWA
8	Number of Provisional Ballots Not Opened	0			
	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board				
9	Decision	0			
<b>Provisional Ballots Tabulated</b>					
10	Number of Provisional Ballots Tabulated	<b>1</b>			Reported from ClearVote
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			