

# Canvassing Board Informational Reports

November 3, 2020  
General and Special Elections

Final Report - November 24, 2020



**Snohomish County**  
Auditor's Office

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## **Election Summary**

The November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections featured federal, state and local offices - most notably the race for President/Vice-President - and included statewide ballot measures as well as local ballot measures in Fire District 26 and the South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority.

Presidential General Elections have an average turnout of 80% since 1972. The turnout for the November 3, 2020 General Election was 85%. Of the 446,796 mail ballots returned, 75% were returned through one of the 30 county drop boxes. The State continues to provide return postage for ballots returned through the U.S. Postal Service.

A random batch audit of mail ballots was performed. The results of the six hand-counted batches matched the machine count. In addition an audit was performed of all duplicated ballots. The audit results were reported to the Canvassing Board in a separate report.

In regard to reconciliation of voters credited to ballots counted, there are 1 less ballots counted than voters credit due to three empty envelopes and two extra ballots discovered after ballots were removed from signature envelopes.

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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.

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

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

<b>Election Statistical Summary</b>					
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Comparative Data</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Voter Registration</b>					
Registered Voters		518,878			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		131			
Overseas and Service Voters		11,998			UOCAVA category in VoteWA
Federal Write-in Voters		113			
<b>Participation</b>					
Voters credited		441,922			
Ballots counted		441,921			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		1			Due to 3 empty envelopes and 2 multiple ballots discovered after signature envelopes were removed
Overseas and Service voters accepted		5,248	43.74%	53.16% - 2016 General	UOCAVA category in VoteWA; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes challenged		59			UOCAVA category in VoteWA
<b>Mail Ballot Summary</b>					
Mail Ballots Issued		554,498			
Mail Ballots Returned		446,796	80.58%		percent issued that were returned
				64.97% - 2016 General	
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		335,662	75.13%		percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		111,134	24.87%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		441,911	98.91%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		441,910	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		441,910	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
<b>Provisional Ballot Summary</b>					
Provisional Ballots Issued		29			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		11	37.93%		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		11	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		11	100.00%		percent open and extracted that have been tabulated

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment

**Mail Ballots Issued**

1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	<b>554,498</b>			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked VoteWA system		554,367		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in VoteWA system		131		Address Confidentiality Program participants

**Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned**

2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	<b>446,796</b>			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in VoteWA		446,491		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		110		Manually tracked; Not reported in VoteWA
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		83		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in VoteWA
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by VoteWA		112		Manually tracked; Not reported in VoteWA
3	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	2,344		0.42%: 1.50% (2016 General)	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	<b>441,911</b>			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in VoteWA		441,801		Reported from VoteWA
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in VoteWA		110		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	4,885		1.09%: 0.61% (2016 General)	VoteWA data reconciled with hand counts and augmented with hand counts for non-VoteWA ballots (sum of 5a - 5i). Percentages are challenged vs. total returned
5a	Canvassing Board		1		Reported from VoteWA and reconciled with hand counts
5b	Deceased		9		" "
5c	Empty Envelope		36		" "
5d	ID Required		1		" "
5e	Marked Moved		3		" "
5f	No Signature on File		34		" "
5g	Other than voter		74		" "
5h	Signature does not match		4,085	0.91%: 0.11% (2016 General)	" "
5i	Too late		287	0.06%: 0.17% (2016 General)	" "

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment

				0.04% (2016 General)	" "
5j	Unsigned		160		" "
5K	Wrong Election		112		Not reported in VoteWA but hand counted
5l	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only / Informational Items		83		" "

**Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted**

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	<b>441,910</b>			
7	Number of Empty Envelopes	-3			Displayed as a negative number for reconciliation purposes
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 Counting or Canvassing Board Decision	0			

**Ballots Tabulated**

11	Number of Mail Ballots Tabulated	<b>441,910</b>			Reported by ClearVote.
12	Number of Mail Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

<b>Details - Provisional Ballots</b>					
<b>Line</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Comparative Data</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Provisional Ballots Issued</b>					
1	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued	<b>29</b>			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	29			
1a.1	Ballot printing or accessible voting equipment issue		0		
1a.2	Site worker could not find or flag voter		18		
1a.3	Voter not registered in our county or in election area		11		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	0			Received provisionals were accepted as on-time mail ballots
<b>Provisional Ballots Verified</b>					
2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	<b>11</b>			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	7			
3a	Felony conviction		2		
3b	Incomplete Information on provisional to process		0		
3c	Not eligible for election (wrong district)		0		
3d	Signature doesn't match original		1		
3e	Mail-in ballot was returned / already voted		4		
4	Number of Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties	11			
<b>Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted</b>					
5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	<b>11</b>			
6	Number of Empty Envelopes	0			Unable to remove credit in VoteWA
7	Number of Provisional Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board	0			
8	Number of Provisional Ballots Not Opened	0			
9	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision	0			
<b>Provisional Ballots Tabulated</b>					
10	Number of Provisional Ballots Tabulated	<b>11</b>			Reported from ClearVote
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			