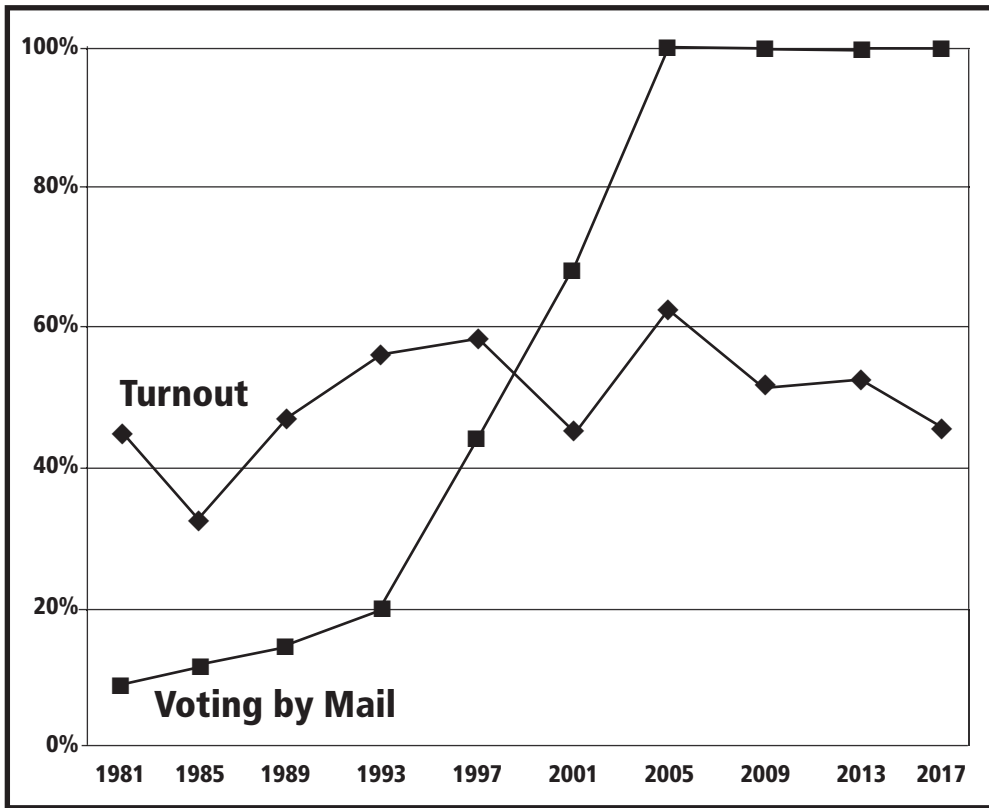


# General Election Results—2017

## Turnout and Voting by Mail Percentages 1981 – 2017



The at-large and position A for district 1, 2 and 3 first appeared on the 1981 ballot. At the 2015 general election the number of districts increased from three to five and the number of at-large positions from one to two. General election voting changed from county wide to district only except for the at-large positions.

Primary Election	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout Percent	Voting by Mail
1981	54,564	24,591	45.1	9.0%
1985	61,928	20,313	32.8	11.7%
1989	60,874	29,530	48.5	14.3%
1993	79,513	44,911	56.5	20.7%
1997	85,538	50,593	59.2	44.2%
2001	97,828	44,163	45.1	67.1%
2005	102,118	63,716	63.4	100%
2009	114,292	61,288	53.6	100%
2013	127,002	69,709	54.9	100%
2017	138,688	63,626	45.9	100%
<b>Mean</b>			<b>50.5</b>	

## State/Local Election Statistics

	Washington State	Whatcom County
<b>General</b>		
Total Registered	4,265,433	138,688
Ballots Cast	1,582,481	63,626
<b>Turnout</b>	<b>37.10%</b>	<b>45.88%</b>
<b>Primary</b>		
Total Registered	No	105,045 <sup>1</sup>
Ballots Cast	Statewide	32,681
<b>Turnout</b>	Primary	<b>31.11%</b>

<sup>1</sup>These were the number of registered voters in precincts that had races on the primary ballot. The total number of registered voters in the county on primary election day was 137,740.

## Voting Drop-off Rate

The first column is the total number voting in the general election. The second column is the number voting on ballot measures, legislative or judicial positions. The third column is second column subtracted from the first column and reflected as a percent.

	Total Voting	Voted On	Not Voting
<b>Whatcom County</b>			
County Proposition 2017-6 (jail sales tax)	63,626	61,102	3.41%
County Council, District 3	13,260	12,651	4.59%
County Council, At-Large-Position A	63,626	60,292	4.69%
Port of Bellingham, District 1	63,626	59,701	5.63%
Port of Bellingham, District 2	63,626	59,130	6.53%
County Council, District 1	12,940	12,095	6.53%
Advisory Vote #18 (additional schools taxes)	63,626	58,875	6.93%
County Council, District 2	12,774	11,759	7.95%
Advisory Vote #16 (added excise tax on food fish)	63,626	58,221	7.97%
Advisory Vote #17 (expand B&O tax)	63,626	58,096	8.17%
<b>City of Bellingham</b>			
City Council, At-Large	25,887	24,324	6.04%
City Council, District 6	25,887	22,990	11.19%
City Council, District 4*	25,887	18,937	26.85%
City Council, District 2*	25,887	18,853	27.17%
Municipal Court Judge*	25,887	18,351	29.11%

\*Unopposed

### Blaine

<b>Council Ward 1, Position 2*</b>		
Bonnie Onyon	1,130	96.50%✓
<b>Council Ward 2, Position 4</b>		
Charles Hawkins	595	40.84%✓
Justin Ledesma	519	35.62%
Write-In	343	23.54%
<b>Council Ward 3, Position 6*</b>		
Eric Davidson	759	56.01%✓
H. Paul Greenough	588	43.39%
<b>Council At-Large, Position 7*</b>		
Alicia Rule	887	60.01%✓
Harry Robinson	587	39.72%

### Lynden

<b>Mayor*</b>		
Scott Korthuis	3,417	97.13%✓
<b>Council Position 5*</b>		
Nick H. Laninga	3,136	98.80%✓
<b>Council Position 6*</b>		
Kyle Strengholt	2,616	71.99%✓
Jack Lathrop	1,003	27.60%
<b>Council Position 7*</b>		
Mark H. Wohlrab	1,990	54.16%✓
David Burns	1,668	45.40%

### Everson

<b>Mayor*</b>		
John Perry	402	95.04%✓
<b>Council Position 1*</b>		
Jaleen M. Pratt	367	92.44%✓
<b>Council Position 2*</b>		
Jennifer Lautenbach	402	98.29%✓
<b>Council Position 3*</b>		
Matthew Goering	389	97.74%✓
<b>Council Position 5*</b>		
Travis J. Remy	206	48.36%✓
Thomas (Tag) Mills	117	27.46%
Alicia R. Oetting	97	22.77%

### Nooksack

<b>Mayor*</b>		
Jim Ackerman	245	93.51%✓
<b>Council Position 1*</b>		
Fritz Zemler	248	98.80%✓
<b>Council Position 2*</b>		
Daniel Bennett	167	57.59%✓
Megan Shoemaker	122	42.07%
<b>Council Position 3*</b>		
Tom Jones	265	99.25%✓

### Ferndale

<b>Council Position 5*</b>		
Cathy Watson	1,979	69.27%✓
Derrick Watson	861	30.14%
<b>Council Position 6*</b>		
Kate Hansen	1,537	53.61%✓
Connie Faria	1,317	45.94%
<b>Council Position 7*</b>		
Fred Kennedy	2,240	97.94%✓

### Sumas

<b>Mayor*</b>		
Kyle Christensen	203	69.05%✓
Bob Bromley	91	30.95%
<b>Council Position 1*</b>		
Bruce Bosch	249	99.20%✓
<b>Council Position 2</b>		
Richard D. Postma	253	100%✓
<b>Council Position 4*</b>		
Joshua J. Clawson	254	99.61%✓

\*Does not include write-ins.

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## Washington State Ballot Measures

### Advisory Vote #16 (increase excise tax rate on certain salmon and game fish)

	Washington State		Whatcom County	
Repeal	800,896	54.41%✓	31,081	53.38%
Maintain	671,095	45.59%	27,140	46.62%

### Advisory Vote #17 (expand b&o tax and narrow certain sales and use tax)

	Washington State		Whatcom County	
Repeal	916,050	62.34%✓	34,882	60.04%
Maintain	553,425	37.66%	23,214	39.96%

### Advisory Vote #18 (impose additional state property tax for schools)

	Washington State		Whatcom County	
Repeal	874,043	59.05%✓	32,322	54.90%
Maintain	606,075	40.95%	26,553	45.10%

## Whatcom County

### Proposition 2017-6

#### Public Safety and Jail Facilities Sales and Use Tax

The proposition would have authorize a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002) for public safety purposes, including costs associated with construction, maintenance, and operation of jail facilities, plus incarceration prevention, medical and behavioral health facilities and programs.

Approved.....	<b>25,269</b>	<b>41.36%</b>
Rejected.....	<b>35,833</b>	<b>58.64%</b> ✓

## Return Envelopes Challenged

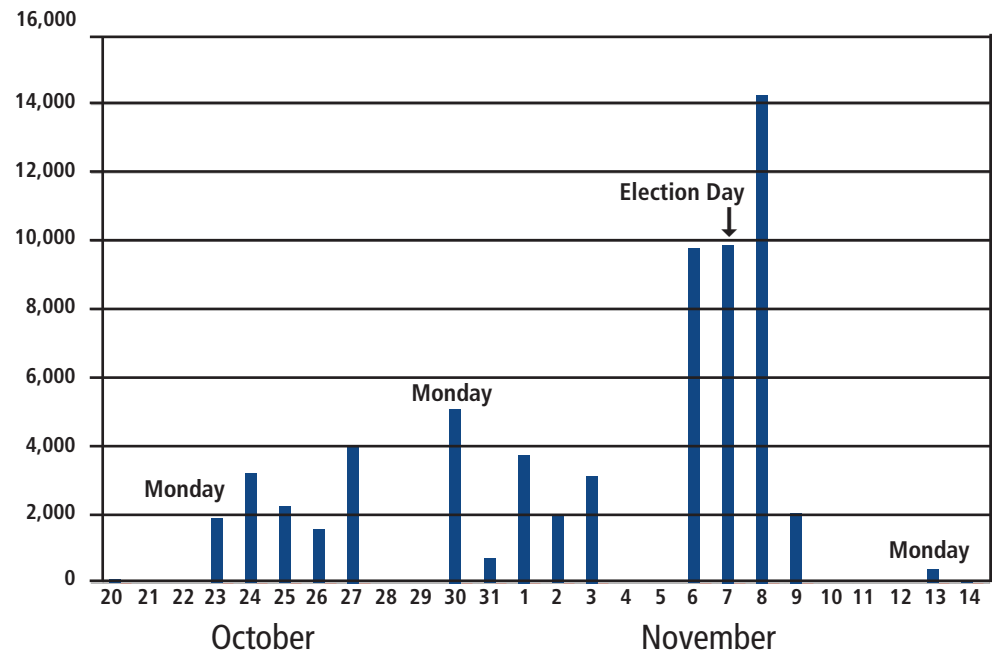
The below statistics are from the Canvassing Board Reconciliation Report. They represent the difference between envelopes received and ballots counted.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Cancelled.....	3	20	8	5	3
Confidentials.....	0	0	0	0	1
Electronic.....	2	30	4	8	0
Contained no ballot.....	8	6	4	6	6
Deceased.....	0	0	2	3	2
ID required.....	6	19	6	9	3
Late postmark.....	271	90	234	293	327
Letter doesn't match envelope.....	18	78	30	28	0
No signature.....	56	85	26	55	55
No signature match.....	170	443	146	263	315
Other.....	0	1	2	2	0
Provisional.....	1	0	0	0	0
Second ballot received.....	7	48	10	21	1
Wrong Voter Signature.....	13	13	20	10	4
<b>Ballots Rejected.....</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>723</b>
Undeliverable.....	1,794	1,276	1,558	2,493	1,901
<b>Total Challenged.....</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,053</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>2,624</b>

## Method of Envelope Return

Bellingham drop boxes			
Courthouse.....	16,738	35.86%	
Haggen Sehome Village.....	4,719	10.11%	
WWU bookstore.....	1,693	3.63%	
Whatcom Community College.....	1,574	3.37%	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>24,724</b>	<b>52.96%</b>	
Lynden drop box (library).....	6,310	13.52%	
Ferndale drop box (city hall).....	5,310	11.37%	
Blaine drop box (library).....	2,324	4.98%	
Everson drop box (Whatcom Education Credit Union).....	1,717	3.68%	
Birch Bay drop box (fire and rescue station).....	1,195	2.56%	
Sudden Valley drop box (security office turnaround).....	1,143	2.45%	
Deming drop box (library).....	1,048	2.24%	
Meridian drop box (Laurel Grange).....	778	1.67%	
Kendall drop box (North Fork library).....	601	1.29%	
Sumas drop box (behind post office).....	432	0.93%	
Lummi Nation drop box (administration building).....	370	0.79%	
Custer drop box (elementary school).....	321	0.69%	
Point Roberts drop box (International Markplace store).....	271	0.58%	
Acme drop box (elementary school).....	138	0.30%	
<b>Drop box total.....</b>	<b>46,682</b>	<b>72.75%</b>	
<b>U.S. Postal Service.....</b>			
Email.....	92	0.14%	
Confidential.....	12	0.02%	
Provisional.....	9	0.01%	
Fax.....	3	0.00%	
<b>Total envelopes returned.....</b>	<b>64,181</b>		

## Daily Envelope Return



The Whatcom County auditor's office mailed 138,688 ballots to registered voters; 1,794 were undeliverable. A little over half of the ballots — 37,666 or 58.5 percent — were returned before election day. Envelopes challenged accounted for less than one percent of ballots returned.

	Envelopes Returned	Percent of Total Returned
September 22..... (Friday: Military/Overseas Ballots Mailed)		
October 18..... (Wednesday: Whatcom County Ballots Mailed)		
October 18..... (Wednesday).....	136	0.21%
October 19..... (Thursday).....	12	0.02%
October 20..... (Friday).....	95	0.15%
October 23..... (Monday).....	1,881	2.92%
October 24..... (Tuesday).....	3,217	4.99%
October 25..... (Wednesday).....	2,246	3.49%
October 26..... (Thursday).....	1,571	2.44%
October 27..... (Friday).....	4,013	6.23%
October 30..... (Monday).....	5,095	7.91%
October 31..... (Tuesday).....	721	1.12%
November 1..... (Wednesday).....	3,750	5.82%
November 2..... (Thursday).....	2,011	3.12%
November 3..... (Friday).....	3,129	4.86%
November 6..... (Monday).....	9,789	15.19%
November 7..... (Tuesday: Election Day).....	9,893	15.35%
November 8..... (Wednesday).....	14,284	22.17%
November 9..... (Thursday).....	2,052	3.18%
November 10..... (Friday: Courthouse closed for Veterans' Day)		
November 13..... (Monday).....	402	0.62%
November 14..... (Tuesday).....	73	0.11%
November 15..... (Wednesday).....	9	0.01%
November 16..... (Thursday).....	13	0.02%
November 17..... (Friday).....	2	0.00%
November 20..... (Monday).....	27	0.04%
November 21..... (Tuesday).....	3	0.00%
November 22..... (Wednesday).....	2	0.00%
November 27..... (Monday).....	3	0.00%
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>64,429</b>	

## County/Port/City Turnout

	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Percent Voting
Whatcom County.....	138,688	63,626	45.88
Whatcom County – District 1.....	27,048	12,940	47.84
Whatcom County – District 2.....	27,027	12,774	47.26
Whatcom County – District 3.....	28,362	13,260	46.75
Port Of Bellingham – District 1.....	138,688	59,701	43.04
Port Of Bellingham – District 2.....	138,688	59,130	42.63
Bellingham.....	54,659	25,887	47.36
Blaine.....	3,424	1,602	46.79
Everson.....	1,298	531	40.91
Ferndale.....	7,992	3,162	39.56
Lynden.....	9,049	4,244	46.90
Nooksack.....	862	333	38.63
Sumas.....	768	303	39.45

# General Election Results—2017

Compiled by  
Bill McCallum

**Primary Election**  
August 1, 2017

**General Election**  
November 7, 2017

All of the financial information on this page was obtained from the C4 form, a summary of receipts and expenditures filed with the Public Disclosure Commission. For candidates defeated in the primary the final C4 report was due on October 10. For candidates in the general election the C4 report through November 30 was due on December 10.

\*Incumbent

All positions on this page are nonpartisan.

<sup>1</sup>The candidate checked the mini reporting option on the C1, the candidate registration form. Pledged not to spend more than \$5,000 and not to receive single contributions above \$200; not required to file disclosure reports.

<sup>2</sup>Not the final report.

<sup>3</sup>Elected to the County Council District 1—Position A in 2013.

<sup>4</sup>Elected to the County Council At-Large position in 2013.

<sup>5</sup>Elected to the County Council District 1—Position B position in 2015.

<sup>6</sup>First name and middle initial listed in Public Disclosure Commission files.

<sup>7</sup>This report is through October 30. As of December 20, the report due on December 10 is not on the Public Disclosure Commission website.

			General Election	Primary Election	Contributions	Expenses	Cash on Hand	Liabilities (loans and debts)	
<b>Port of Bellingham</b>									
<b>District 1</b>									
	30,418	50.95%	Michael A. Shepard	8,965	59.01%	\$60,372 <sup>2</sup>	\$53,528 <sup>2</sup>	\$6,845 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup>
	29,182	48.83%	Dan Robbins*	4,842	31.87%	\$50,112 <sup>2</sup>	\$46,625 <sup>2</sup>	\$3,487 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup>
			Nicholas Kunkel	1,314	8.65%		under \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>		
	131	0.22%	Write-In	71	0.47%				
<b>District 2</b>									
	30,176	51.03%	Ken (Patrick K.) <sup>6</sup> Bell	6,237	47.60%	\$34,070 <sup>2</sup>	\$29,713 <sup>2</sup>	\$4,357 <sup>2</sup>	\$1,742 <sup>2</sup>
	28,735	48.60%	Barry Wenger	4,594	35.06%	\$49,825 <sup>2</sup>	\$46,811 <sup>2</sup>	\$3,014 <sup>2</sup>	\$2,500 <sup>2</sup>
			Doug Karlberg	2,176	16.61%	\$4,759	\$4,759	0	0
	220	0.37%	Write-In	97	0.74%				
<b>Whatcom County Council</b>									
<b>At-Large — Position A</b>									
	31,405	52.09%	Barry A. Buchanan <sup>3</sup>			\$55,456 <sup>2</sup>	\$52,273 <sup>2</sup>	\$3,183 <sup>2</sup>	\$250 <sup>2</sup>
	28,755	47.69%	Mary Kay Robinson			\$56,430 <sup>2</sup>	\$42,125 <sup>2</sup>	\$14,305 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup>
	122	0.22%	Write-In						
<b>District 1</b>									
	9,869	81.60%	Rud (Rutherford P.) <sup>6</sup> Browne <sup>4</sup>			\$38,367 <sup>2</sup>	\$38,253 <sup>2</sup>	\$113.58 <sup>2</sup>	0
	2,199	18.18%	Philip J. Morgan				under \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>		
	27	0.22%	Write-In						
<b>District 2</b>									
	7,596	64.60%	Todd Donovan <sup>5</sup>	4,845	52.23%	\$35,502 <sup>2</sup>	\$35,344 <sup>2</sup>	\$157.69	0
	4,017	34.16%	Amy Glasser	2,606	28.09%	\$18,596	\$18,629	(33.82)	0
			Daniel Collick	1,732	18.67%	\$10,870	\$10,870	0	0
	146	1.24%	Write-In	94	1.01%				
<b>District 3</b>									
	6,772	53.53%	Tyler Byrd	2,886	33.32%	\$40,037 <sup>2</sup>	\$31,946 <sup>2</sup>	\$8,091 <sup>2</sup>	0
	5,850	46.24%	Rebecca Boonstra	3,341	38.57%	\$30,259	\$24,969	\$5,289	0
			Cliff Langley	2,381	27.49%	\$16,354	\$16,354	0	0
	29	0.23%	Write-In	54	0.62%				
<b>Bellingham City Council</b>									
<b>At-Large</b>									
	19,466	80.03%	Roxanne J. Murphy*	11,997	66.17%	\$15,470 <sup>2</sup>	\$10,457 <sup>2</sup>	\$5,013 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup>
	4,769	19.61%	Eric Bostrom	3,196	16.61%	\$7,818 <sup>2</sup>	\$7,708 <sup>2</sup>	\$110 <sup>2</sup>	\$1,952 <sup>2</sup>
			Jean Layton	2,810	15.50%	\$2,176	\$2,176	0	0
	89	0.37%	Write-In	127	0.70%				
<b>Ward 2</b>									
	18,500	98.13%	Gene R. Knutson*				under \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>		
	353	1.87%	Write-In						
<b>Ward 4</b>									
	18,598	98.21%	Pinky T. Vargas*				under \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>		
	339	1.79%	Write-In						
<b>Ward 6</b>									
	17,074	74.00%	Michael W. Lilliquist*			\$9,637 <sup>2</sup>	\$9,097 <sup>2</sup>	\$540 <sup>2</sup>	0
	5,916	25.64%	Quenby Peterson			\$336 <sup>7</sup>	\$331 <sup>7</sup>	\$5 <sup>7</sup>	(331) <sup>7</sup>
	83	0.36%	Write-In						

# Independent Expenditures

Independent expenditures are made by third parties without the candidate's approval or collaboration.

## North West Architects of the Revolution

Against Amy Glasser .....\$400.00 ... Whatcom County Council-District 2

**Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest ..... \$529.46**  
**Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest Washington PAC ..... \$210.22**  
**Total Expenditure Per Candidate ..... \$739.68**

For Rebecca Boonstra.....\$739.68 ... Whatcom County Council-District 3  
For Rud Browne .....\$739.68 ... Whatcom County Council-District 1  
For Barry Buchanan .....\$739.68 ... Whatcom County Council-At Large Position A  
For Todd Donovan.....\$739.68 ... Whatcom County Council-District 2  
For Amy Glasser .....\$739.68 ... Whatcom County Council-District 2  
For Michael Shepard .....\$739.68 ... Port of Bellingham Commission-District 1  
For Barry Wenger.....\$739.68 ... Port of Bellingham Commission-District 2

## Washington Conservation Voters Action Fund

For Rebeca Boonstra .....\$11,550.19 ... Whatcom County Council-District 3  
For Barry Buchanan .....\$11,550.19 ... Whatcom County Council-At Large Position A

## Washington Realtors Political Action Committee

For Mary Kay Robinson .....Whatcom County Council-At-Large Position A  
Direct Mail ..... \$80,380.00  
Phones ..... \$10,390.00  
On-line Advertising ..... \$10,000.00  
**Total for Mary Kay Robinson.....\$100,770.00**