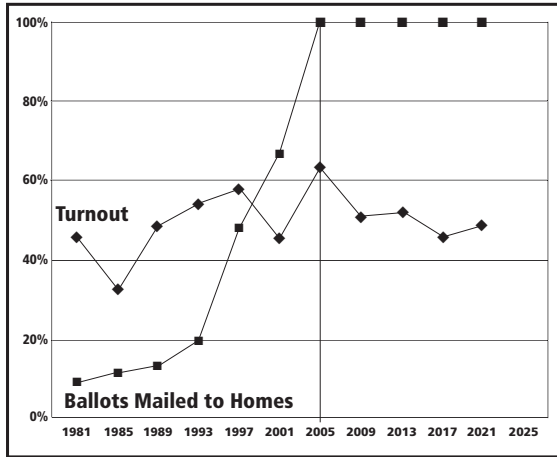


# General Election Results—2021

## Turnout and Voting at Home Percentages 1981 – 2021



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 countywide to district only except for the at-large positions.

Primary Election	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout Percent	Voting at Home
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%
2021	157,063	76,876	49.0	100%
Mean			50.4	

## City/County/Port Turnout

	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Percent Voting
Whatcom County	157,062	76,876	48.95%
Port Of Bellingham	157,062	76,876	48.95%
Bellingham	61,148	30,018	50.91%
Blaine	4,339	2,091	51.81%
Everson	1,633	737	54.87%
Ferndale	9,666	4,152	57.05%
Lynden	10,555	5,671	46.27%
Nooksack	1,003	528	47.36%
Sumas	984	423	57.01%

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## State/Local Election Statistics

Of the 39 counties in the state, five had a higher general election turnout than Whatcom County. They were Columbia at 60.76 percent, San Juan at 58.26 percent, Garfield at 52.73 percent, Wahkiakum at 53.21 percent and Island at 49.79. The five counties had 43,716 total ballots cast. The five counties in the state with the lowest turnouts were Franklin at 28.69 percent, Yakima at 32.40 percent, Pierce at 32.56, Adams at 33.90 percent and Clark at 35.53.

	Washington State	Whatcom County
<b>General</b>		
Total Registered	4,814,675	157,063
Ballots Cast	1,896,155	76,876
<b>Turnout</b>	<b>39.38%</b>	<b>48.95%</b>
<b>Primary</b>		
Total Registered	(No)	158,826
Ballots Cast	Statewide	54,234
<b>Turnout</b>	Primary*	34.15%

\*The state of Washington has 39 counties: 37 counties had primary elections for local races. The turnout rate was 29.72 percent.

## 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 the second column subtracted from the first column and reflected as a percent.

	Total Voting	Voted On	Not Voting
<b>Whatcom County</b>			
County Council, District 3	15,829	15,309	3.29%
Advisory Vote #37 (capital gains tax)	76,876	73,704	4.13%
County Council, At-Large-Position A	76,876	73,665	4.18%
Advisory Vote #36 (suicide prevention tax)	76,876	73,385	4.54%
Port of Bellingham, District 2	76,876	72,714	5.41%
Port of Bellingham, District 1	76,876	72,321	5.93%
Advisory Vote #38 (captive insurers tax)	76,876	71,679	6.76%
Proposition 2021-13 (initiative signatures)	76,876	70,817	7.88%
County Council, District 2	15,123	13,747	9.10%
County Council, District 1	14,314	12,650	11.62%
<b>City of Bellingham</b>			
Initiative 2021-01 (rental relocation assistance)	30,018	29,303	2.38%
Initiative 2021-03 (unionization efforts)	30,018	29,228	2.63%
Initiative 2021-04 (hazard pay supplement)	30,018	29,075	3.14%
Initiative 2021-02 (facial recognition technology)	30,018	28,879	3.79%
Proposition 2021-16 (charter signatures)	30,018	28,375	5.47%
Proposition 2021-17 (initiative signatures)	30,018	28,315	5.67%
City Council, At-Large	30,018	27,196	9.40%
City Council, District 6	30,018	26,017	9.98%
City Council, District 2*	30,018	21,791	27.41%
City Council, District 4*	30,018	20,972	30.14%
Municipal Court Judge*	30,018	18,630	37.94%

## Drop Box Return Rate

	General	Primary	Drop Boxes
2021	70%*	62%*	21
2020	80%*	66%*	22
2019	63%*	56%*	18
2018	59%*	55%*	18
2017	73%	67%	15
2016	78%	65%	15
2015	66%	52%	14
2014	55%	47%	9
2013	50%	38%	8
2012	41%	42%	8

\*Elections with prepaid return envelopes.