

General Election Results—2021

Washington State Ballot Measures

Advisory Vote 36 (Health Crisis/Suicide Prevention Tax)

	Washington State		Whatcom County	
Repeal	978,189	53.91%✓	37,885	51.62%
Maintain	836,414	46.09%	35,500	48.38%
Total	1,814,603		73,385	

Advisory Vote 37 (Seven Percent Capital Gains Tax)

	Washington State		Whatcom County	
Repeal	1,111,402	61.06%✓	41,621	56.47%
Maintain	708,652	38.94%	32,083	43.53%
Total	1,820,054		73,704	

Advisory Vote 38 (Two Percent Tax on Captive Insurers)

	Washington State		Whatcom County	
Repeal	1,017,969	57.18%✓	38,924	54.30%
Maintain	762,429	42.82%	32,755	45.70%
Total	1,780,398		71,679	

Return Envelopes Challenged

Below are the reasons ballots were rejected and the number of rejections for the last five general elections. The most common reason for rejection, by far, was an envelope with a late postmark. The statistics are from the Canvassing Board Reconciliation Report. The statistics represent the difference between envelopes received and ballots counted.

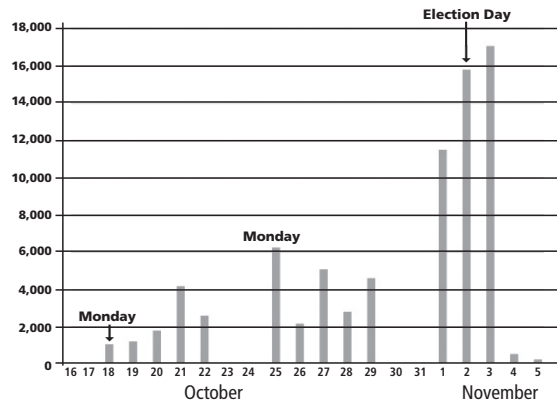
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Canceled.....	0	0	0	33	3
Contained no ballot.....	9	12	5	9	8
Deceased.....	0	0	2	0	0
ID Required.....	1	9	5	6	6
Late postmark/deposit.....	365	66	387	192	271
No signature.....	64	173	61	27	56
No signature match.....	271	463	229	218	170
Second ballot received.....	0	0	0	44	7
Wrong voter signature.....	0	0	0	1	13
Other.....	0	1	12	48	19
Envelopes Challenged.....	710	724	689	578	555
Undeliverable.....	1,968	2,593	1,948	1,472	1,794
Total Challenged.....	2,678	3,317	2,637	2,050	2,349

Drop Box Count

	Number Returned	Percentage of Total Returned
Bellingham drop boxes		
Courthouse.....	14,274	26.20%
Schome Village.....	6,290	11.55%
Barkley Village (new).....	4,363	8.01%
Whatcom Community College.....	1,322	2.43%
WWU Recreation Center.....	588	1.08%
WWU Bond Hall (Red Square).....	545	1.00%
WWU Engagement HUB (new).....	175	0.32%
Total.....	27,557	50.59%
Lynden drop box (library)	7,638	9.84%
Ferndale drop box (city hall)	6,506	8.38%
Blaine drop box (library)	2,668	3.44%
Everson drop box (Whatcom Education Credit Union)	2,259	2.91%
Birch Bay drop box (fire and rescue station)	2,048	2.64%
Sudden Valley drop box (security office turnaround)	1,194	1.54%
Deming drop box (library)	1,071	1.38%
Meridian drop box (Laurel Grange)	1,014	1.31%
Kendall drop box (North Fork library)	749	0.97%
Custer drop box (elementary school)	598	0.77%
Sumas drop box (behind post office)	570	0.73%
Lummi Nation drop box (administration building)	219	0.28%
Point Roberts drop box (International Markplace store)	207	0.27%
Acme drop box (elementary school)	176	0.23%
Drop box total.....	54,476	70.20%
U.S. Postal Service.....	22,997	29.64%
Email.....	120	0.15%
Confidential.....	0	0.00%
Provisional.....	0	0.00%
Fax.....	1	0.00%
Total envelopes returned.....	77,594*	

*does not include 1,968 undeliverable ballots.

Daily Envelope Returns



The Whatcom County auditor's office mailed 157,063 ballots to registered voters; 1,968 were undeliverable. A little over half of the ballots — 43,310 or 55.8 percent — were returned before election day. Envelopes challenged accounted for less than one percent of ballots returned.

	Envelopes Returned	Percent of Total
September 17..... (Friday: Military/Overseas Ballots Mailed)		
October 13..... (Wednesday: Whatcom County Ballots Mailed)		
October 14..... (Thursday).....	48	0.06%
October 15..... (Friday).....	80	0.10%
October 18..... (Monday).....	1,037	1.34%
October 19..... (Tuesday).....	1,192	1.54%
October 20..... (Wednesday).....	1,783	2.30%
October 21..... (Thursday).....	4,175	5.38%
October 22..... (Friday).....	2,583	3.33%
October 25..... (Monday).....	6,241	8.05%
October 26..... (Tuesday).....	2,152	2.77%
October 27..... (Wednesday).....	5,088	6.56%
October 28..... (Thursday).....	2,798	3.61%
October 29..... (Friday).....	4,604	5.94%
November 1..... (Monday).....	11,529	14.86%
November 2..... (Tuesday: Election Day).....	15,823	20.51%
November 3..... (Wednesday).....	17,145	22.10%
November 4..... (Thursday).....	530	0.68%
November 5..... (Friday).....	496	0.64%
November 8..... (Monday).....	132	0.17%
November 9..... (Tuesday).....	104	0.13%
November 10..... (Wednesday).....	10	0.01%
November 11..... (Thursday: Courthouse closed for Veterans' Day)		
November 12..... (Friday).....	3	0.00%
November 15..... (Monday).....	2	0.00%
November 16..... (Tuesday).....	12	0.02%
November 17..... (Wednesday).....	3	0.00%
November 19..... (Friday).....	2	0.00%
November 22..... (Monday).....	1	0.00%
Total.....	77,574	

