

Primary Election—2022

U.S. Senate	Washington State	Whatcom County
Patty Murray* (D)	1,002,811..52.22%	38,748 52.10%
Tiffany Smiley (R)	646,917..33.69%	26,785 36.01%
Leon Lawson (TR)	59,134...3.08%	1,563 2.10%
John Guenther (R)	55,426...2.89%	1,480 1.99%
Ravin Pierre (D)	22,172...1.15%	1,060 1.43%
Dave Saulibio (JR)	19,341...1.01%	503 0.68%
Naz Paul (I)	18,858...0.98%	737 0.99%
Bill Hirt (R)	15,276...0.80%	398 0.54%
Mohammad Said (D)	13,995...0.73%	614 0.83%
Henry Dennison (SW)	13,901...0.72%	741 1.00%
Dr Pano Churchill (D)	11,859...0.62%	436 0.59%
Bryan Solstin (D)	9,627...0.50%	329 0.44%
Charlie Jackson (I)	8,604...0.45%	252 0.34%
Jon Butler (I)	5,413...0.28%	125 0.17%
Thor Amundson (I)	5,133...0.27%	210 0.28%
Martin D. Hash (NP)	4,725...0.25%	208 0.28%
Dan Phan Doan (NP)	3,049...0.16%	56 0.08%
Sam Cusmir (D)	2,688...0.14%	90 0.12%
Write-In	1,511...0.08%	43 0.06%

2nd Congressional District ¹	Washington State	Whatcom County
Rick Larsen* (D)	100,631..45.77%	30,261 40.98%
Dan Matthews (R)	37,393..17.01%	17,239 23.34%
Jason Call (D)	31,991..14.55%	13,151 17.81%
Cody Hart (MR)	22,176..10.09%	5,690 7.71%
Bill Wheeler (R)	9,124...4.15%	2,807 3.80%
Carrie R. Kennedy (R)	8,802...4.00%	1,909 2.59%
Leif Johnson (R)	5,582...2.54%	1,592 2.16%
Jon Welch (C)	1,699...0.77%	449 0.61%
Brandon Stalnaker (R)	1,366...0.62%	413 0.56%
Doug Revelle (NP)	927...0.42%	286 0.39%
Write-In	161...0.07%	48 0.07%

Secretary of State	Washington State	Whatcom County
Steve Hobbs* (D)	747,993..39.93%	28,625 39.46%
Julie Anderson (NP)	240,035..12.81%	10,159 14.01%
Keith L. Wagoner (R)	227,842..12.16%	9,658 13.31%
Bob Hagglund (R)	225,633..12.05%	9,298 12.82%
Mark Miloscia (R)	187,774..10.02%	6,811 9.39%
Marquez Tiggs (D)	148,716...7.94%	5,518 7.61%
Tamborine Borrelli (AR) ..	86,748...4.63%	2,204 3.04%

How Envelopes Are Returned to the Auditor

Bellingham drop boxes	Number Returned	Percentage of Total Returned
Courthouse	12,669	
Sehome Village (parking lot)	4,996	
Barkley Village (theatre parking lot)	3,424	
WCC (ASB building parking lot)	2,347	
WWU Recreation Center (Wade King)	471	
WWU Bond Hall (Red Square)	217	
Total	24,124	46.22%
Lynden drop box (library)	7,846	15.03%
Ferndale drop box (city hall)	7,171	13.74%
Blaine drop box (library)	2,626	5.03%
Birch Bay drop box (fire and rescue station)	2,266	4.34%
Everson drop box (Whatcom Educational Credit Union)	2,219	4.25%
Sudden Valley drop box (security office turnaround)	1,364	2.61%
Deming drop box (library)	1,039	1.99%
Meridian drop box (Laurel Grange)	918	1.76%
Kendall drop box (North Fork library)	746	1.43%
Custer (elementary school)	646	1.24%
Sumas drop box (behind post office)	537	1.03%
Lummi Nation drop box (administration building)	272	0.52%
Point Roberts (Marketplace grocery store)	245	0.47%
Acme (elementary school)	172	0.33%
Drop box total	52,191	68.94%
U.S. Postal Service	23,361*	30.87%
Email	140	0.19%
Confidential	0	0.00%
Fax	7	0.01%
Provisional	0	0.00%
Total envelopes returned	75,699*	

*does not include 1,968 undeliverable ballots.

Washington State	Whatcom County
Kurtis Engle (U)	6,887...0.37% 228 0.31%
Write-In	1,499...0.08% 36 0.05%

40th Legislative District; Representative #1²

Debra Lekanoff* (D)	34,261..93.90%	16,649 96.23%
Write-In	2,226...6.10%	652 3.77%

40th Legislative District; Representative #2²

Alex Ramel* (D)	28,855..73.22%	14,598 77.93%
Trevor Smith (D)	9,308..23.62%	3,672 19.60%
Write-In	1,245...3.16%	461 2.46%

The following only appeared on Whatcom County ballots.

42nd Legislative District, Senator³

Sharon Shewmake (D)	24,497 47.07%
Simon Sefzik* (R)	17,248 33.14%
Ben Elenbaas (R)	10,277 19.75%
Write-In	21 0.04%

42nd Legislative District, Representative #1³

Alicia Rule* (D)	25,232 48.69%
Tawsha Thompson (R)	18,235 35.19%
Kamal Bhachu (R)	8,319 16.05%
Write-In	34 0.07%

42nd Legislative District, Representative #2³

Joe Timmons (D)	14,826 28.86%
Dan Johnson (R)	14,324 27.88%
Kyle Christensen (R)	12,220 23.79%
Richard May (D)	9,961 19.39%
Write-In	38 0.07%

Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney

Eric Richey* (D)	46,901 94.34%
Write-In	2,812 5.66%

District Court Judge, Position 2

Jonathan Rands (N)	28,372 42.28%
Gordon M. Jenkins (N)	23,753 35.40%
David Nelson (N)	14,713 21.93%
Write-In	262 0.39%

Compiled by Bill McCallum from information available on the Federal Election Commission and Washington State Public Disclosure Commission websites and provided by the Whatcom County Auditor.

Primary Election

August 2, 2022

NA — Not Applicable

*Incumbent

Party Preference

- (AR) America First (R)
- (D) Democratic
- (C) Conservative
- (I) Independent
- (JR) JFK Republican
- (L) Libertarian
- (MR) MAGA Republican
- (N) Nonpartisan
- (NP) No Party
- (R) Republican
- (SW) Socialist Workers
- (TR) Trump Republican
- (U) Union

¹The 2nd Congressional District represents all of Whatcom, San Juan and Island counties, all of Skagit County except for the southeast portion and the far western portions of Snohomish county.

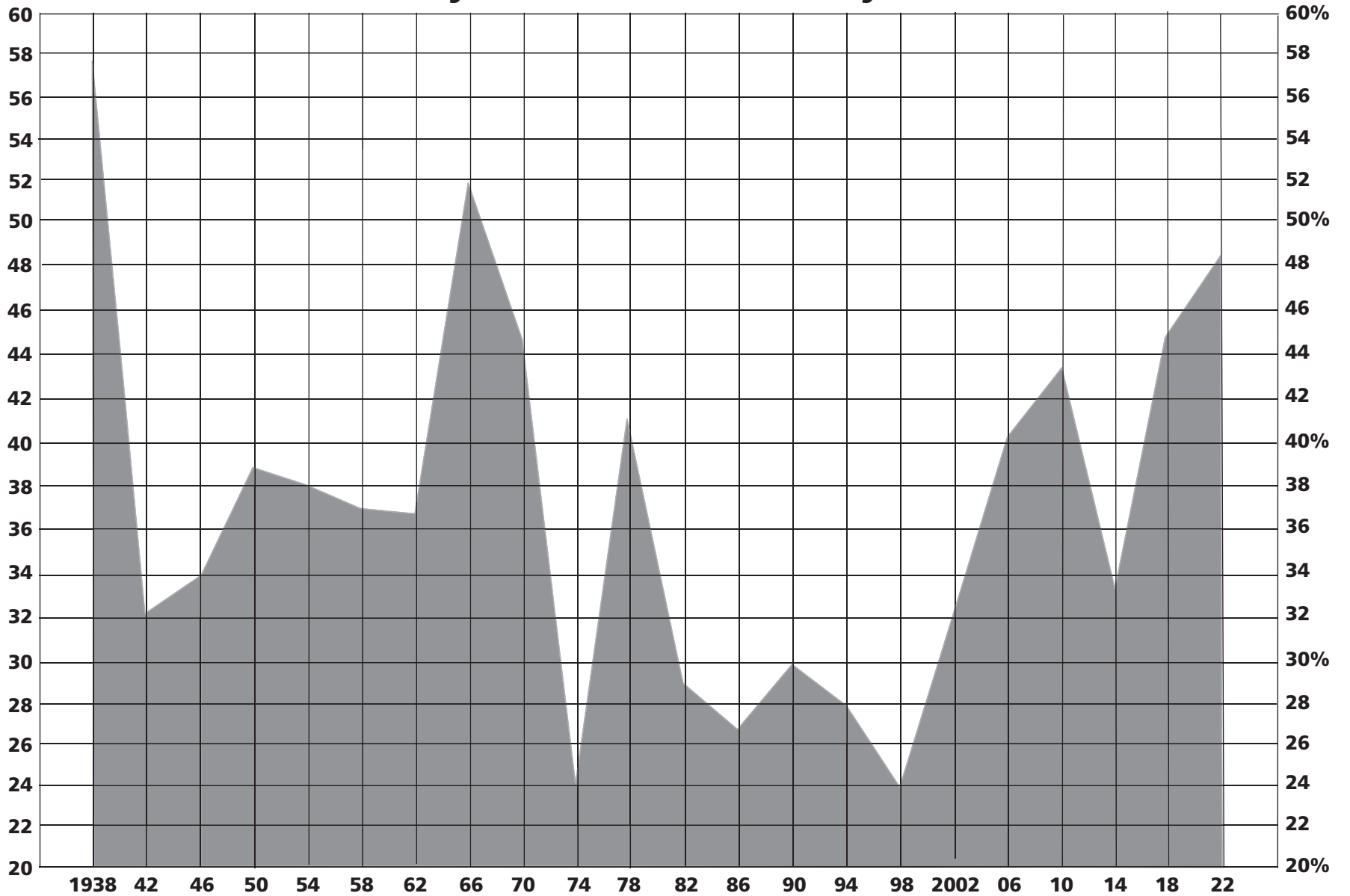
²The 40th District is all of San Juan County, northwestern Skagit and southwestern Whatcom counties and the northern tip of Island County.

³The 42nd District is most of Whatcom County except for the southwest portion, including part of Bellingham.

Year	Drop Box Return Rate		
	General	Primary	Drop Boxes
2022		69%*	20
2021	70%*	62%*	21
2020	80%*	65%*	22
2019	63%*	56%*	18
2018	59%*	55%*	18
2017	73%	66%	15
2016	78%	67%	15
2015	66%	52%	14
2014	55%	47%	9
2013	50%	39%	8
2012	41%	42%	8

*Elections with prepaid return envelopes.

Whatcom County Voter Turnout: Primary Midterm Elections



Midterm Elections 1938 – 2022

The turnout percentages start with 1938 because the state does not have the total number that voted before 1936.

Year	Registered	Voted	Turnout
1938	31,412	18,020	57.4%
1942	31,605	10,112	32.0%
1946	30,529	10,387	34.0%
1950	34,558	13,314	38.5%
1954	35,850	13,609	38.0%
1958	36,471	13,411	36.8%
1962	35,470	13,007	36.7%
1966	34,880	18,092	51.9%
1970	37,236	16,828	45.2%
1974	48,346	12,204	25.2%
1978	50,553	20,780	41.1%
1982	54,396	15,705	28.9%
1986	59,580	16,203	27.2%
1990	60,364	18,135	30.0%
1994	84,292	23,540	27.9%
1998	89,177	21,450	24.1%
2002	90,104	29,367	32.6%
2006	102,452	41,455	40.5%
2010	114,312	50,015	43.8%
2014	126,961	42,736	33.7%
2018	139,813	62,717	44.9%
2022	155,466	74,914	48.2%
Mean			37.2%

Voting Drop-Off Rate

The first column is the total number voting. The second column is the number voting on the candidate. The third column is the second column subtracted from the first column and reflected as a percent.

Whatcom County	Ballots Cast	Voted On*	Not Voting
U.S. Senator	74,914	74,378	0.72%
42nd Legislative District, Senator	52,429	52,043	0.74%
42nd Legislative District, Representative #1	52,429	51,820	1.18%
2nd Congressional District	74,914	73,845	1.45%
42nd Legislative District, Representative #2	52,429	51,369	2.06%
Washington Secretary of State	74,914	72,537	3.17%
District Court Judge, Position 2	74,914	67,100	10.43%
40th Legislative District, Representative #2	22,484	18,731	16.69%
40th Legislative District, Representative #1**	22,484	17,301	23.05%
Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney**	74,914	46,713	37.64%

*includes write-in votes

**Unopposed

Return Envelopes Challenged

Below are the reasons ballots were rejected and the number of rejections for the last five primary 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.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Envelopes returned	75,699	54,234	94,131	58,776	63,426
Canceled	0	0	0	0	7
Deceased	0	0	5	4	0
Electronic	0	0	0	0	7
Empty envelope	9	5	2	5	1
Identification required	0	1	0	0	0
Letter doesn't match envelope	0	0	0	0	19
Late postmark	434	398	655	356	438
No signature	59	104	156	41	32
No signature match	283	147	340	182	180
Power of Attorney	0	0	0	0	1
Second ballot received	0	0	185	0	21
Wrong voter signature	0	0	0	2	3
Other	0	0	8	1	0
Ballots Challenged	785	655	1,351	592	709
Undeliverable	1,968	1,957	1,919	2,500	2,847
Total	2,753	2,612	3,270	3,092	3,556

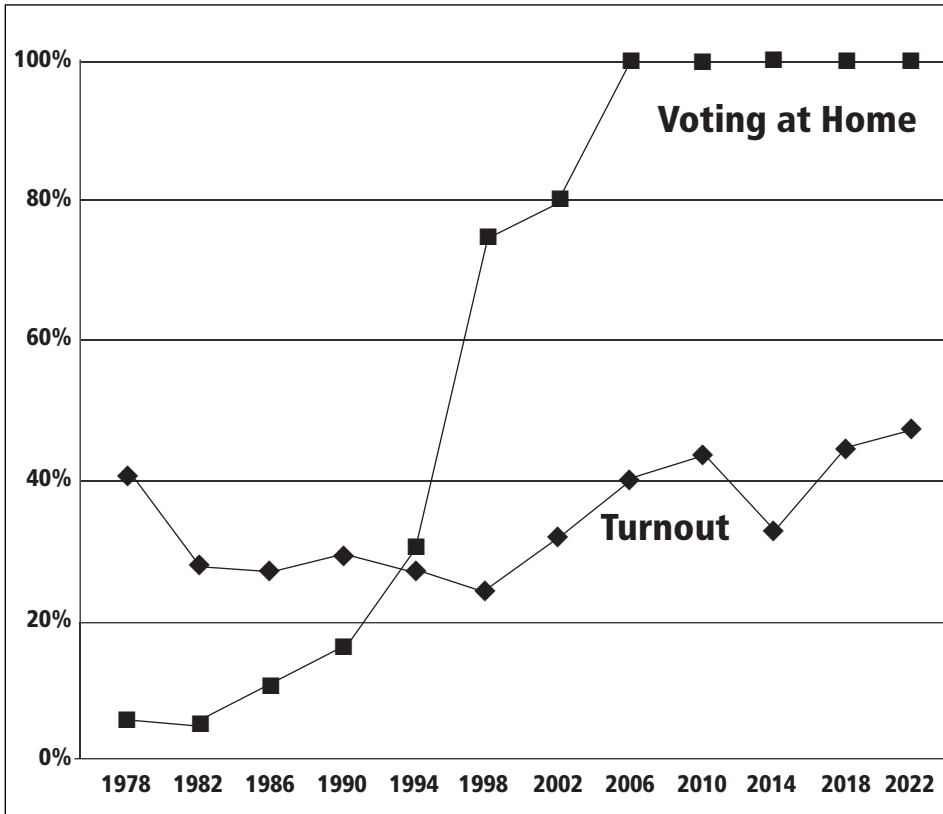
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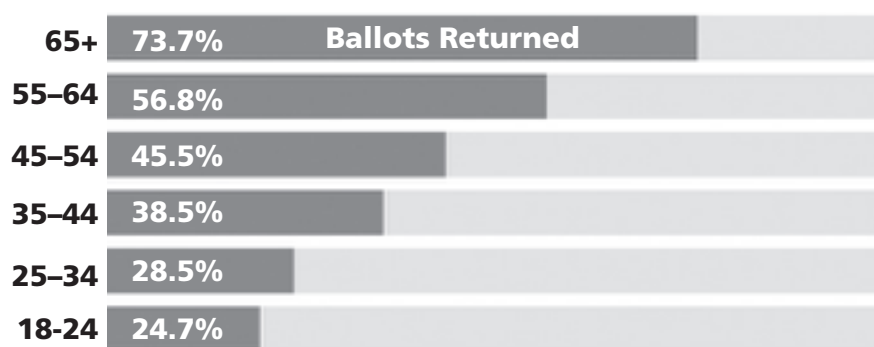
Whatcom County Primary Elections Turnout and Voting at Home Percentages for Midterms from 1978 – 2022



Starting in 1915, Washington voters were allowed to vote at home if they were unable to be present at a polling site on Election Day. In 1974, the Washington Legislature allowed voters to request a ballot for the next election without stating a particular need. Beginning in 1985, voters over the age of 65 and those with disabilities were eligible to receive all future ballots mailed to their home. In 1993, the Legislature allowed all registered voters to request all future ballots be sent to their home. By 2002, five rural counties were conducting every election by mail. Whatcom County adopted voting at home in 2005. Since 2011, all of Washington's 39 counties are mailing ballots to voters' homes. The dates in the above chart and the below list are for midterm elections.

Primary Election	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout Percent	Voting at Home
1978	50,553	20,780	41.1%	7.2%
1982	54,396	15,705	28.9%	6.2%
1986	59,580	16,203	27.2%	13.4%
1990	60,364	18,135	30.0%	18.9%
1994	84,292	23,540	27.9%	31.5%
1998	89,177	21,450	24.1%	76.6%
2002	90,104	29,367	32.6%	81.1%
2006	102,452	41,455	40.5%	100%
2010	114,312	50,015	43.8%	100%
2014	126,961	42,736	33.7%	100%
2018	139,813	62,717	44.9%	100%
2022	155,466	74,914	48.2%	100%

Ballots Returned by Age Range

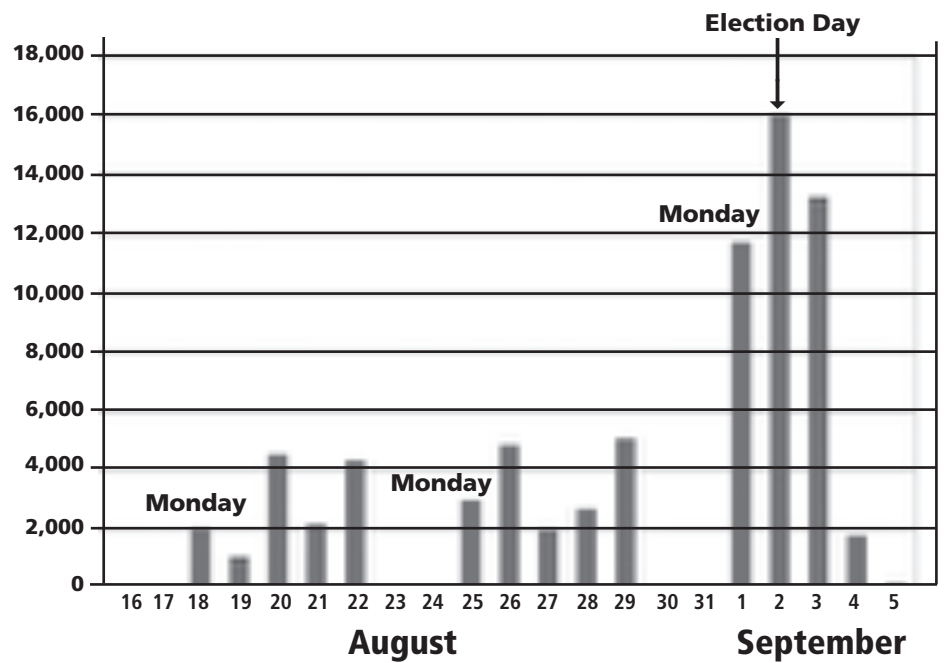


courtesy: state of Washington

State and County Turnout

	Washington State	Whatcom County
Primary		
Total Registered	4,803,728	155,466
Ballots Cast	1,7941,933	74,914
Turnout	40.43%	48.19%

Daily Envelope Returns



The Whatcom County auditor's office mailed 155,466 ballots to registered voters: 1,968 were undeliverable. A little over half of the ballots — 43,551 or 58.14 percent — were returned before election day. Envelopes challenged accounted for less than one percent of ballots returned.

Primary Election	Ballots Returned	Percent of Total Returned
June 17
June 17	(Friday: Military/Overseas Ballots Mailed)	
July 13	(Wednesday: Whatcom County Ballots Mailed)	
July 13
July 14
July 15
July 18
July 19
July 20
July 21
July 22
July 25
July 26
July 27
July 28
July 29
August 1
August 2
August 3
August 4
August 5
August 8
August 9
August 10
August 11
August 12
August 15
Total	74,887*	

*This is the total number of ballots counted.

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¹This statistic is from the Federal Election Commission website.

²This statistic is from the C4 financial summary report filed with the state Public Disclosure Commission seven days before the primary.

³This candidate has not filed financial disclosure forms with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Liabilities

⁴Loans and debts owed \$7,599

⁵Loans and debts owed \$5,995

⁶Loans and debts owed \$4,000

⁷Loans and debts owed \$43,566

⁸Loans and debts owed \$4,001

⁹Loans and debts owed \$29.95

¹⁰Loans and debts owed \$25,679

¹¹Loans and debts owed \$12,000

¹²Loans and debts owed \$2,442

¹³The last disclosure form Eric Richey filed was on June 10; it was for the month of May.

¹⁴Loans and debts owed \$22,730

¹⁵Loans and debts owed \$5,000

¹⁶Loans and debts owed \$2,000

Washington State	Candidate	Whatcom County	Receipts	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
U.S. Senate					
1,002,811 52.22%	Patty Murray* (D)	38,748 52.10%	\$14,514,283 ¹	\$11,577,140 ¹	\$6,658,488 ¹
646,917 33.69%	Tiffany Smiley (R)	26,785 36.01%	\$7,106,696 ¹	\$4,778,056 ¹	\$2,328,640 ¹
59,134 3.08%	Leon Lawson (TR)	1,563 2.10%	0 ¹	0 ¹	0 ¹
55,426 2.89%	John Guenther (R)	1,480 1.99%	0 ¹	0 ¹	0 ¹
22,172 1.15%	Ravin Pierre (D)	1,060 1.43%	0 ¹	0 ¹	0 ¹
132,469 6.89%	13 other candidates	4,146 6.31%	NA	NA	NA

2nd Congressional District

100,631 45.77%	Rick Larsen* (D)	30,261 40.98%	\$1,112,576 ¹	\$772,851 ¹	\$668,927 ¹
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Secretary of State

	Contributions	Expenditures	Surplus/Deficit		
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148,716 7.94%	Marquez Tiggs (D)	5,518 7.61%	0 ³	0 ³	0 ³
86,748 4.63%	Tamborine Borrelli (AR)	2,204 3.04%	\$47,382 ²	\$44,381 ²	\$3,001
6,887 0.37%	Kurtis Engle (U)	228 0.31%	0 ³	0 ³	0 ³

40th District Representative — Position 1

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Representative — Position 2

28,855 73.22%	Alex Ramel* (D)	14,598 77.93%	\$122,394 ²	\$73,290 ²	\$49,103 ⁷
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	Kyle Christensen (R)	12,220 23.79%	\$42,199 ²	\$39,549 ²	\$2,649 ¹²
	Richard May (D)	9,961 19.39%	\$59,229 ²	\$45,415 ²	\$13,813

Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney

	Eric Richey* (D)	46,901 94.34%	\$2,588 ¹³	\$2,588 ¹³	0
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District Court Judge — Position 2

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