

How Envelopes Are Returned to the Auditor

Bellingham drop boxes		
Courthouse (parking lot).....	11,359	14.69%
Barkley (3055 Woburn).....	7,168.....	9.27%
Sehome Village.....	6,217	8.04%
Whatcom Community College.....	2,818.....	3.64%
Courthouse (rotunda/lobby)	2,066.....	2.67%
WWU — Red Square.....	867.....	1.12%
WWU — Wade King.....	635.....	0.82%
WWU — HUB.....	178.....	0.23%
Total	31,308.....	40.49%
Lynden drop box (library)		
	7,904.....	10.22%
Ferndale drop box (city hall)		
	5,927.....	7.67%
Blaine drop box (library).....		
	2,542.....	3.29%
Birch Bay drop box (fire and rescue station)		
	2,081.....	2.69%
Everson drop box (Educational Credit Union).....		
	2,079.....	2.69%
Sudden Valley drop box (Gate 1).....		
	1,694.....	2.19%
Deming drop box (library)		
	907.....	1.17%
Meridian drop box (Laurel Grange)		
	897.....	1.16%
Kendall drop box (North Fork library).....		
	640.....	0.83%
Sumas drop box (behind post office).....		
	591.....	0.76%
Custer drop box (elementary school)		
	566.....	0.73%
Lummi Nation drop box (administration building).....		
	316.....	0.41%
Point Roberts drop box (Marketplace grocery store).....		
	265.....	0.34%
Maple Falls drop box (post office).....		
	239.....	0.31%
Acme drop box (elementary school).....		
	166.....	0.21%
*Drop box total	58,122	75.17%
U.S. Postal Service		
	18,922	24.47%
Email.....		
	271.....	0.35%
**Confidential (Address Confidentiality Program)		
	29	
Fax.....		
	3.....	0.00%
Total ballots returned	77,318	
*Drop box percentages are based on this total.		
**Not included in total ballots returned.		

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
Whatcom County			
Prop. 2 (Establish an ombuds).....	76,618.....	73,194	4.47%
Prop. 9 (Financial reporting accountability) ...	76,618.....	72,787	5.01%
Prop. 4 (Elected officials duties).....	76,618.....	72,769	5.03%
County Council, District 3	15,815.....	15,002	5.15%
Prop. 3 (Performance audits)	76,618.....	72,658	5.17%
Prop. 6 (Referendum signatures required).....	76,618.....	72,663	5.17%
Prop. 8 (Modifing budget process)	76,618.....	72,499	5.38%
Prop. 7 (Prohibing government interference)....	76,618.....	72,032	5.99%
County Council, At-Large-Position A	76,618.....	71,673	6.46%
Prop. 5 (Modifing redistricting process)	76,618.....	71,541	6.63%
Prop. 1 (Hire council aides).....	76,618.....	71,333	6.90%
Port of Bellingham, District 2	76,618.....	70,625	7.83%
Prop. 12 (Land supply analysis).....	76,618.....	70,341	8.20%
Prop. 10 (Initial charter rules)	76,618.....	70,160	8.43%
County Council, District 2	16,100.....	14,700	8.70%
Prop. 11 (Charter admendment signatures)....	76,618.....	69,913	8.76%
Prop 2025-04 (Expand port commission)	76,618.....	69,775	8.94%
State Senate Joint Resolution 8201	76,618.....	68,862	10.13%
County Council, District 1*.....	14,667.....	11,250	23.29%
Port of Bellingham, District 1*	76,618.....	51,424	32.89%
*Unopposed			

City of Bellingham

Initiative 2025-03	31,011.....	28,769	7.23%
City Council, District 6	31,011.....	28,040	9.59%
City Council, District 4	31,011.....	27,592	11.03%
City Council, District 2	31,011.....	27,469	11.43%
City Council, At-Large*	31,011.....	22,757	26.62%
Municipal Court Judge*	31,011.....	21,499	30.68%
*Unopposed			

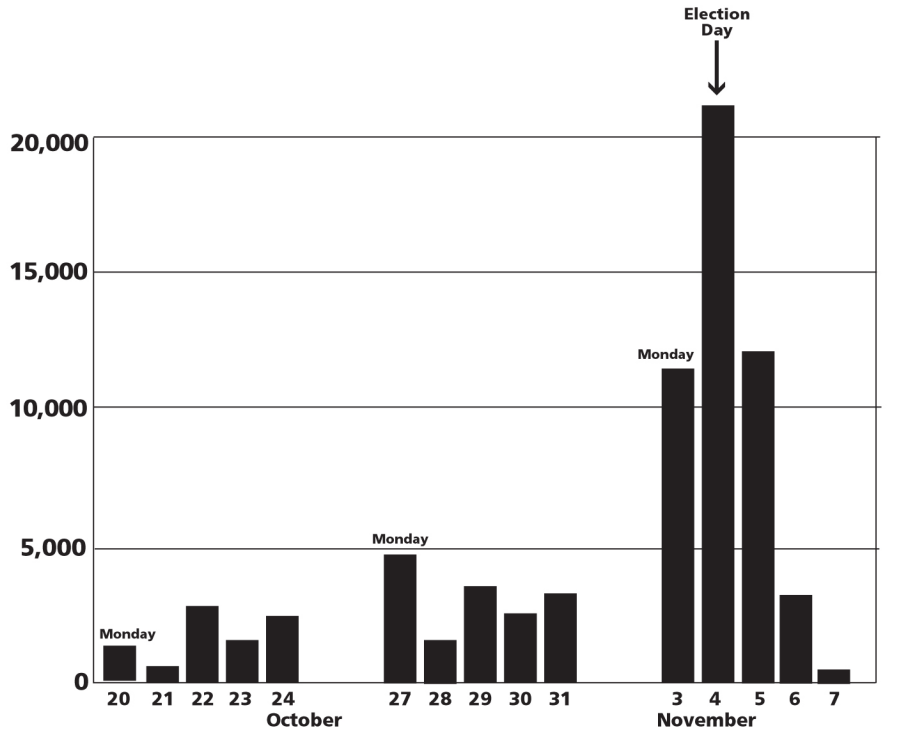
Washington State Ballot Measure

SJR 8201 (Allow money in Washington’s long-term care fund to be invested as authorized by law)				
	Washington State		Whatcom County	
Approved	1,105,304	57.82%✓	42,185	61.26%
Rejected	806,299	42.18%	26,677	38.74%

Whatcom County Ballot Measure

Proposition 2025-04 (Increase the number of port commissioners from three to five and create five commissioner districts. The two new commissioners will be elected in the November 2026, general election.)			
Yes.....	45,464	65.16%	✓
No.....	24,311	34.84%	

Daily Envelope Returns



The Whatcom County auditor’s office mailed 169,242 ballots to registered voters; 2,110 were undeliverable. Approximately one-third of the ballots — 25,555 or 32.9 percent — were returned before election week. Envelopes challenged accounted for less than one percent of ballots returned.

	Envelopes Returned	Percent of Total Returned
September 19	(Friday: Military/Overseas Ballots Mailed)	
October 15.....	(Wednesday: Whatcom County Ballots Mailed)	
October 15.....	(Wednesday)	86..... 0.11%
October 16.....	(Thursday)	4..... 0.01%
October 17.....	(Friday)	19..... 0.02%
October 20.....	(Monday)	1,386..... 1.79%
October 21.....	(Tuesday)	586..... 0.76%
October 22.....	(Wednesday)	2,984..... 3.85%
October 23.....	(Thursday)	1,595..... 2.06%
October 24.....	(Friday)	2,534..... 3.27%
October 27.....	(Monday)	4,896..... 6.31%
October 28.....	(Tuesday)	1,665..... 2.15%
October 29.....	(Wednesday)	3,759..... 4.85%
October 30.....	(Thursday)	2,616..... 3.37%
October 31.....	(Friday)	3,425..... 4.42%
November 3	(Monday)	12,247..... 15.79%
November 4	(Tuesday: Election Day) ...	22,307..... 28.57%
November 5	(Wednesday)	12,741..... 16.42%
November 6	(Thursday)	3,342..... 4.31%
November 7	(Friday)	138..... 0.18%
November 11	(Tuesday: Courthouse closed for Veterans’ Day)	
November 12	(Wednesday)	161..... 0.21%
November 13	(Thursday)	25..... 0.03%
November 14	(Friday)	9..... 0.01%
November 17	(Monday).....	1..... 0.00%
November 18	(Tuesday)	13..... 0.02%
November 24	(Monday).....	1..... 0.00%
Total	77,574	