

Primary Election Results—2026

	Washington State	Whatcom County
2nd Congressional District¹		
Rick Larsen* (D).....	88,708 42.34%	25,989 36.03%
Edwin H. Feller (R).....	68,713 32.80%	25,343 35.13%
Tomas Scheel (D).....	29,133 13.91%	12,772 17.71%
Devin Hermanson (D).....	22,775 10.87%	7,977 11.06%
Write-In.....	181 0.09%	52 0.07%

40th Legislative District, Representative #1²		
Debra Lekanoff* (D).....	34,514 72.60%	17,576 79.38%
Cindy Carter (R).....	12,966 27.27%	4,533 20.47%
Write-In.....	59 0.12%	33 0.15%

40th Legislative District, Representative #2²		
Alex Ramel* (D).....	31,216 67.77%	15,974 73.55%
Joseph Segault (NP).....	5,988 13.00%	2,297 10.58%
Salomon Mbouombouo (I)....	4,903 10.64%	1,979 9.11%
Monte Jay Mahan (I).....	3,833 8.32%	1,422 6.55%
Write-In.....	121 0.26%	47 0.22%

Supreme Court Justice Postion #01²		
Colleen Melody*.....	923,965 52.90%	38,233 55.71%
Scott Edwards.....	513,394 29.39%	17,658 25.73%
Laura Colberg.....	305,110 17.47%	12,621 18.39%
Write-In.....	4,081 0.23%	122 0.18%

Supreme Court Justice Postion #03²		
David Stevens.....	612,267 35.19%	24,425 35.73%
Jaime Michelle Hawk.....	578,979 33.27%	24,380 35.66%
Mike Diaz.....	543,721 31.25%	19,403 28.38%
Write-In.....	5,061 0.29%	159 0.23%

Supreme Court Justice Postion #05²		
Theo Angelis.....	623,396 35.84%	25,463 37.27%
Dave Larson.....	559,629 32.17%	23,209 33.97%
Sharonda Amamilo.....	371,059 21.33%	14,192 20.77%
Greg Miller.....	181,542 10.44%	5,350 7.83%
Write-In.....	110 0.16%	110 0.16%

Supreme Court Justice Postion #07²		
Debra L. Stephens*.....	938,584 54.37%	34,784 51.49%
Todd A. Bloom.....	468,347 27.13%	21,055 31.17%
Karim A. Merchant.....	207,603 12.03%	8,668 12.83%
David R. Shelvey.....	107,635 6.24%	2,934 4.34%
Write-In.....	3,998 0.23%	109 0.16%

The following only appeared on Whatcom County ballots.

42nd Legislative District, Senator¹	
Erika Creydt (R).....	22,125 44.56%
Michael Alvarez Shepard (D) ...	13,125 26.43%
Eamonn Collins (D).....	13,121 26.42%
Ryan Bowman (NP).....	1,248 2.51%
Write-In.....	35 0.07%

42nd Legislative District, Representative #1³	
Alicia Rule* (D).....	27,934 56.22%
Misty Flowers (R).....	21,655 43.58%
Write-In.....	102 0.21%

42nd Legislative District, Representative #2³	
Joe Timmons* (D).....	26,802 53.85%
Justin Pike (R).....	22,911 46.03%
Write-In.....	60 0.012%

Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney	
Ryan Swinburnson (NP).....	26,874 38.32%
Jesse Corkern (D).....	15,228 21.71%
Dona Bracke (D).....	14,723 20.99%
Erik Signar (D).....	13,201 18.82%
Write-In.....	109 0.16%

Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 4	
Paul Burrill (N).....	4,085 30.25%
Tor Benson (N).....	3,257 24.12%
Samantha Cruz-Mendoza (N)....	2,679 19.84%
Tim Chartier (N).....	1,552 11.49%
Jaden McConnell (N).....	1,149 8.51%
Dean Berkeley (N).....	724 5.36%
Write-In.....	60 0.44%

Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 5	
Chris Elder.....	5,441 41.33%
Shawn Ensley.....	2,814 21.37%
Todd Lagestee.....	2,314 17.58%
Jerry Burns.....	1,026 7.79%
Spenser R. New.....	855 6.49%
Randall Wood.....	632 4.80%
Write-In.....	83 0.63%

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Primary Election
August 4, 2026

NA — Not Applicable

*Incumbent

Party Preference
(D) Democratic
(I) Independent
(N) Nonpartisan
(NP) No Party
(R) Republican

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 parts of Bellingham.

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 below statistics are from the Canvassing Board Reconciliation Report.

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Empty envelope.....	8	4	6	7	9
ID required.....	1	2	2	0	0
Late postmark/deposit.....	615	484	436	388	434
No signature.....	96	55	37	40	59
No signature match.....	136	75	201	212	283
Envelopes Rejected.....	856	620	682	647	785
Undeliverable.....	2,004	1,218	1,690	2,007	1,968
Total Rejected.....	2,860	1,838	2,372	2,654	2,753

Drop Box Return Rate

	General	Primary	Drop Boxes
2026		76%*	23
2025	75%*	62%*	23
2024	77%*	73%*	23
2023	71%*	66%*	21
2022	70%*	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.