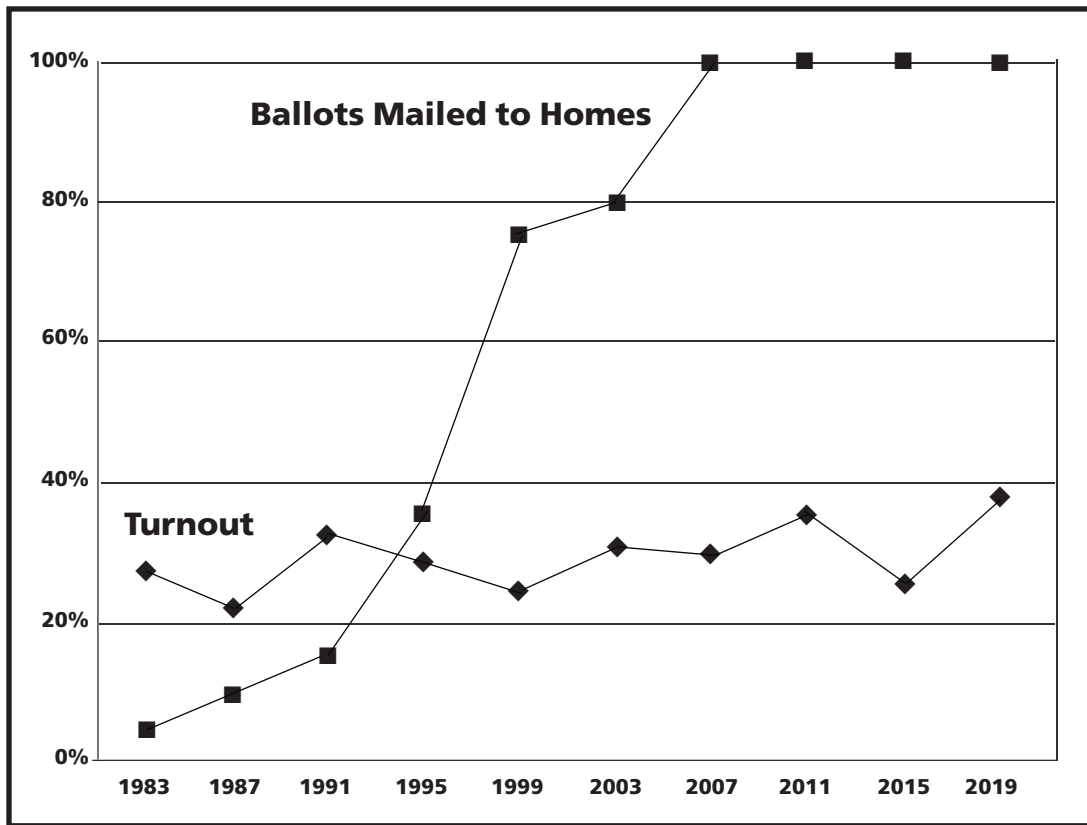


Primary Election Results—2019

Whatcom County Primary Elections Turnout and Ballots Mailed to Homes Percentages 1983 – 2019



The Whatcom County Home Rule Charter creating the office of Whatcom County executive and a seven-member County Council was approved by voters at the 1978 general election. A special primary to elect the executive and four council members was held on February 6, 1979, and a special general election was held on March 25, 1979. The three county commissioners were appointed to the other council positions. The first primary election ballot in which the Whatcom County Executive and mayor of Bellingham appeared together was 1983. Whatcom County adopted voting-at-home in 2005.

Primary Election	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout Percent	Voting at Home
1983	56,385	16,232	28.79%	5.96%
1987	57,993	12,450	21.47%	10.68%
1991	61,564	21,048	34.19%	16.41%
1995	86,533	25,594	29.58%	36.15%
1999	89,117	16,441	24.05%	76.65%
2003	69,320 ¹	21,799	31.45%	80.33%
2007	76,511 ²	23,349	30.52%	100%
2011	118,678	44,260	37.30%	100%
2015	102,161 ³	25,861	25.31%	100%
2019	147,265	58,184	39.51%	100%
Mean			30.22%	

^{1/2/3}These are the registered voters in precincts that had races on the primary ballot.

¹The total number of registered voters in Whatcom County on 9/16/2003, was 94,247.

²The total number of registered voters in Whatcom County on 8/22/2007, was 103,328.

³The total number of registered voters in Whatcom County on 9/16/2015, was 128,613.

Return Envelopes Challenged

Below are the reasons ballots were rejected and the number of rejections for the last five primary elections. The below statistics are from the Canvassing Board Reconciliation Report. Ballots challenged represent the difference between envelopes returned and ballots counted.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Envelopes returned	58,776	63,426	32,963	49,585	26,107
Electronic	0	7	0	1	0
Late postmark/deposit	356	438	136	315	155
No signature	41	32	27	45	20
No signature match	182	180	86	104	46
Wrong voter signature	10	3	7	6	7
Other	13	0	1	1	0
Ballots Challenged	592	709	282	506	246
Undeliverable	2,500	2,847	2,173	2,097	1,480
Total	3,092	3,556	2,455	2,602	1,726

State/Local Election Statistics

	Washington State	Whatcom County
Primary		
Total Registered	No	147,265
Ballots Cast	Statewide	58,184
Turnout	Primary	39.51%

40th Legislative District, Senate

Senator Kevin Ranker resigned when a sexual harassment allegation was made against him. Elizabeth Lovett was appointed to fill the office until the November 5, 2019, general election.

	Washington State	Whatcom County
Elizabeth (Liz) Lovett* (D)	17,745 48.63%	8,544 46.44%
Daniel Miller (R)	10,175 27.89%	4,031 21.91%
Carrie Blackwood (D)	7,956 21.80%	5,575 30.30%
Greta I. Aitken (D)	553 1.52%	208 1.13%
Write-In	60 0.16%	41 0.22%
Total Votes	36,489	18,399

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

How Envelopes Are Returned to the Auditor

Bellingham drop boxes		
Courthouse	11,162	34.25%
Sehome Village (Haggen)	3,677	11.28%
Whatcom Community College	900	2.76%
Western Washington University	524	1.61%
Total	16,263	49.90%
Ferndale drop box (city hall)	4,580	14.05%
Lynden drop box (library)	4,505	13.82%
Blaine drop box (library)	1,687	5.18%
Everson drop box (educational credit union)	1,093	3.35%
Birch Bay drop box (fire and rescue station)	1,079	3.31%
Sudden Valley drop box (security office turnaround)	938	2.88%
Deming drop box (library)	586	1.80%
Meridian drop box (Laurel Grange)	578	1.77%
Kendall drop box (North Fork library)	348	1.07%
Custer (elementary school)	292	0.89%
Sumas drop box (behind post office)	291	0.89%
Point Roberts (Marketplace grocery store)	152	0.47%
Lummi Nation drop box (administration building)	124	0.38%
Acme (elementary school)	76	0.23%
Drop box total	32,592	55.86%
U.S. Postal Service	25,744*	44.10%
Email	28	0.05%
Confidential	11	0.02%
Fax	0	0.00%
Provisional	0	0.00%
Total envelopes returned	58,776*	

*does not include 2,500 undeliverable ballots.

Drop Box Return Rate

	General	Primary	Drop Boxes
2019		56%*	18
2018	59%*	55%*	18
2017	73%	67%	15
2016	77%	65%	15
2015	65%	49%	14
2014	53%	45%	9
2013	49%	35%	8
2012	41%	42%	8
2011	37%		8

*Elections with prepaid return envelopes.

Primary Election Results—2019

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Primary Election
August 6, 2019

Party Preference
(D) Democratic
(R) Republican

Except for state senate,
all positions on this
page are nonpartisan.

*Incumbent

¹This figure is from the
C4 financial summary
report filed on July 29
or 30.

²Has not filed any
C3 or C4 financial
reports.

³This figure is from the
C4 financial summary
report filed on July 15.

⁴Brett Bonner sus-
pended his campaign
when a sexual harass-
ment allegation was
made against him.

⁵Pledged not to
spend more than
\$5,000 and not to
receive aggregate
contributions above
\$500. Not required
to file financial
disclosure reports.

⁶Only one C3 has
been filed, listing \$270
in contributions. No
C4 forms have been
filed, so expenses, cash
on hand and liabilities
have not been re-
ported.

Election Results			Receipts	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Liabilities (loans and debts)
40th Legislative District Senate						
8,544	46.44%	Elizabeth (Liz) Lovett* (D)	\$60,717 ¹	\$45,845 ¹	\$14,872 ¹	\$12,737 ¹
5,575	30.30%	Carrie Blackwood (D)	\$41,555 ¹	\$39,600 ¹	\$1,955 ¹	\$2,500 ¹
4,031	21.91%	Daniel Miller (R)		Under \$5,001 ⁵		
208	1.13%	Greta I. Aitken (D)	? ²	? ²	? ²	? ²
41	0.22%	Write-In				
Whatcom County Executive						
21,202	37.04%	Tony Larson	\$111,490 ¹	\$21,627 ¹	\$89,863 ¹	\$2,500 ¹
19,312	33.74%	Satpal S. Sidhu	\$60,289 ¹	\$42,454 ¹	\$17,835 ¹	0 ¹
12,450	21.75%	Karen Burke	\$39,245 ³	\$32,543 ³	\$6,702 ³	\$1,800 ³
4,193	7.33%	Jim Boyle	\$30,839 ³	\$23,842 ³	\$6,997 ³	\$11,792 ³
83	0.15%	Write-In				
Whatcom County Council At-Large						
31,710	56.88%	Carol Frazey*	\$11,726 ¹	\$5,424 ¹	\$6,302 ¹	0 ¹
16,232	29.12%	David Ramirez	\$1,491 ³	\$42 ³	\$1,449 ³	0 ³
4,058	7.28%	Bill Lafreniere		Under \$5,001 ⁵		
3,545	6.36%	Brett Bonner	\$6,000 ⁴	0 ⁴	\$6,000 ⁴	\$6,000 ⁴
203	0.36%	Write-In				
District 4						
7,712	53.24%	Kathy Kershner	\$27,709 ¹	\$12,594 ¹	\$15,115 ¹	0 ¹
2,088	18.46%	Brian A. Estes	\$11,581 ¹	\$7,491 ¹	\$4,089 ¹	\$6,000 ¹
1,483	13.11%	Brad Kelly	\$3,664 ³	\$2,501 ³	\$1,163 ³	0 ³
25	0.22%	Write-In				
District 5						
6,183	50.65%	Ben Elenbaas	\$30,549 ¹	\$15,753 ¹	\$14,796 ¹	\$3,000 ¹
3,316	28.55%	Natalie McClendon	\$14,483 ¹	\$10,769 ¹	\$3,714 ¹	0 ¹
2,100	18.08%	Jaime Arnett	\$6,905 ¹	\$4,920 ¹	\$1,985 ¹	\$2,828 ¹
14	0.12%	Write-In				
Mayor of Bellingham						
6,757	28.69%	Seth Fleetwood	\$24,369 ¹	\$21,419 ¹	\$2,950 ¹	0 ¹
6,281	26.67%	April Barker	\$42,553 ¹	\$40,771 ¹	\$1,782 ¹	\$5,399 ¹
5,355	22.73%	Pinky Vargas	\$29,909 ¹	\$22,362 ¹	\$7,547 ¹	\$3,395 ¹
5,087	21.60%	Garrett O'Brien	\$55,673 ¹	\$45,228 ¹	\$10,445 ¹	\$3,000 ¹
74	0.31%	Write-In				
Bellingham City Council At-Large						
14,360	67.10%	Hollie Huthman	\$5,517 ¹	\$4,859 ¹	\$659 ¹	0 ¹
4,392	20.52%	Dana Briggs		Under \$5,001 ⁵		
2,367	11.06%	Von Emeth Ochoa	\$270 ⁶	? ⁶	? ⁶	? ⁶
282	1.32%	Write-In				
Ward 3						
1,971	62.73%	Dan Hammill*	\$4,142 ¹	\$616 ¹	\$3,525 ¹	\$250 ¹
816	25.97%	Ashanti Monts-Treviska		Under \$5,001 ⁵		
331	10.53%	Raymond A. Straka		Under \$5,001 ⁵		
24	0.76%	Write-In				