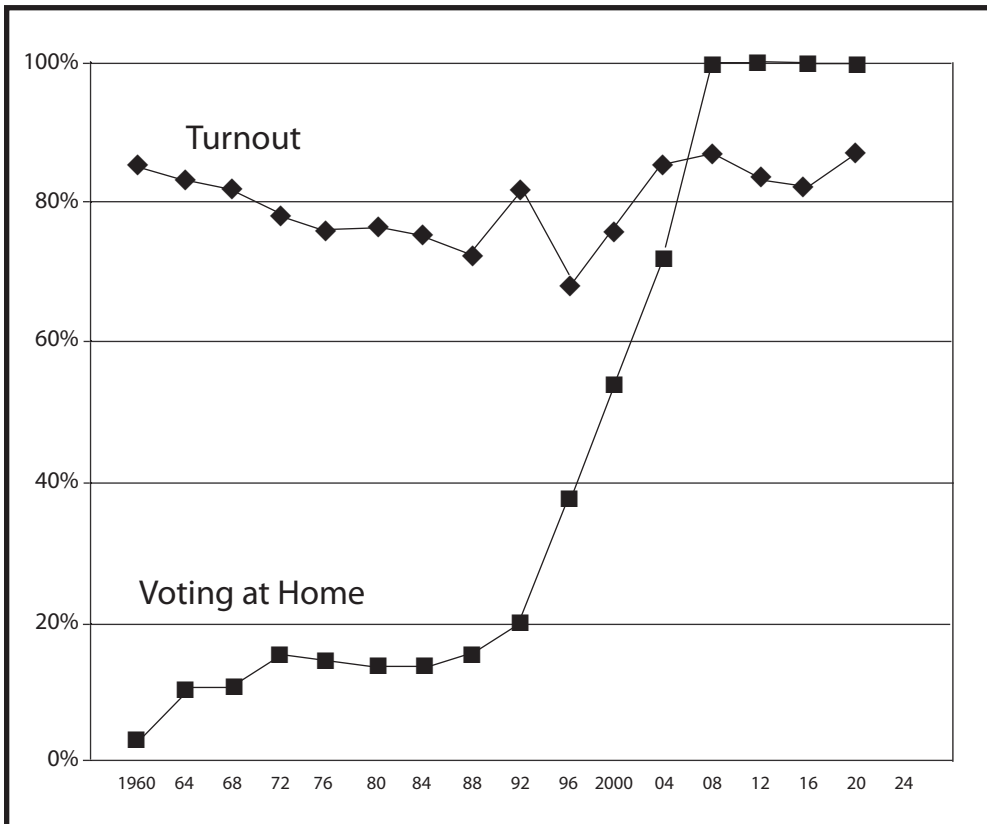


Turnout and Voting at Home Percentages



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 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 sent to their home. In 1993, the Legislature expanded it to all citizens. By 2002, five rural counties were conducting all elections by mail. Whatcom County adopted voting-at-home in 2005. All registered voters in the state are now mailed ballots to their homes.

General Election	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout Percent	Voting at Home
1960	38,339	32,601	85.0%	3.5%
1964	38,290	31,903	83.3%	10.8%
1968	38,918	31,662	81.4%	11.5%
1972	50,117	39,693	79.1%	16.1%
1976	54,335	42,038	77.4%	15.2%
1980	59,639	46,995	78.7%	13.4%
1984	66,965	51,736	77.3%	14.7%
1988	67,817	51,354	75.7%	17.4%
1992	79,501	64,463	81.1%	20.3%
1996	95,665	65,518	68.5%	39.0%
2000	98,352	74,671	75.9%	56.9%
2004	106,094	91,497	86.2%	72.9%
2008	115,314	101,399	87.9%	100%
2012	125,485	104,727	84.5%	100%
2016	138,962	114,920	82.7%	100%
2020	158,780	139,628	87.9%	100%

Drop Box Count

Bellingham drop boxes

Location	Number Returned	Percentage of Total Returned
Courthouse	37,792	27.07%
Haggen Schome Village	14,450	10.35%
Whatcom Community College	4,747	3.40%
WWU Recreation Center	2,107	1.51%
WWU Bond Hall (Red Square)	597	0.43%
WWU Student Engagement HUB	63	0.05%
Total	59,756	42.81%
Lynden drop box (library)	13,552	9.71%
Ferndale drop box (city hall)	13,202	9.46%
Blaine drop box (library)	4,671	3.35%
Birch Bay drop box (fire and rescue station)	4,193	3.00%
Everson drop box (Whatcom Education Credit Union)	4,114	2.95%
Sudden Valley drop box (security office turnaround)	2,866	2.05%
Deming drop box (library)	2,053	1.47%
Meridian drop box (Laurel Grange)	1,724	1.23%
Kendall drop box (North Fork library)	1,502	1.08%
Custer drop box (elementary school)	1,221	0.87%
Lummi Nation drop box (administration building)	1,213	0.87%
Sumas drop box (behind post office)	1,048	0.75%
Point Robert drop box (International Marketplace)	615	0.44%
Acme drop box (elemenaty school)	348	0.25%
Lummi Island (portable drop box)	24	0.02%
Nooksack drop box (Market Center)	21	0.02%
Drop box total	112,123	80.31%
U.S. Postal Service	25,967*	18.60%
Email	1,460	1.06%
Fax	41	0.03%
Confidential	38	0.00%
AVU (Vision impaired machine)	4	0.00%
Total ballots counted	139,628	

*does not include 2,593 undeliverable ballots.

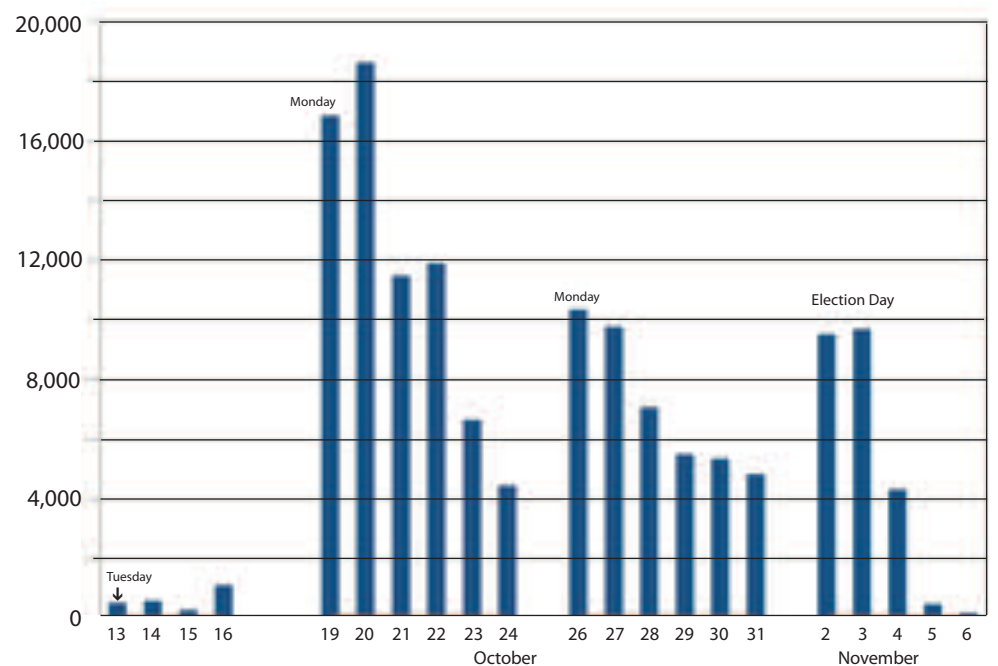
State and County Turnout

Of the 39 counties in the state, four had a higher general election turnout than Whatcom County. They were San Juan at 90.76 percent, Jefferson at 90.06 percent, Garfield at 88.97 percent and Columbia at 88.96 percent. The four counties had total ballots cast at 42,259. The four counties in the state with the lowest turnout were Yakima at 75.95 percent, Adams at 75.98 percent, Franklin at 78.29 percent and Grays Harbor at 79.15.

	Washington State	Whatcom County
General		
Total Registered	4,892,871	158,780
Ballots Cast	4,116,894	139,628
Turnout	84.14%	87.94%
Primary		
Total Registered	4,612,018	150,515
Ballots Cast	2,510,881	92,780
Turnout	54.44%	61.64%

Daily Ballot Return Count

The Whatcom County auditor's office mailed 158,780 general election ballots to registered voters; 2,593 were undeliverable. Of the 139,628 envelopes returned, almost 90 percent — 124,388 or 89.03 percent — of the envelopes were returned before election day. Ballots rejected (725) were approximately one-half of 1 percent of the 140,353 ballots returned.



General Election	Ballots Returned	Percent of Total Returned
September 18	(Friday: military/overseas ballots mailed)	
October 13	(Tuesday)	501 0.36%
October 14	(Wednesday: Whatcom County ballots mailed)	
October 14	(Wednesday)	572 0.41%
October 15	(Thursday)	265 0.19%
October 16	(Friday)	1,097 0.79%
October 19	(Monday)	16,799 12.03%
October 20	(Tuesday)	18,570 13.30%
October 21	(Wednesday)	11,441 8.20%
October 22	(Thursday)	11,859 8.50%
October 23	(Friday)	6,626 4.75%
October 24	Saturday	4,426 3.17%
October 26	(Monday)	10,318 7.39%
October 27	(Tuesday)	9,744 6.98%
October 28	(Wednesday)	7,027 5.03%
October 29	(Thursday)	5,481 3.93%
October 30	(Friday)	5,327 3.82%
October 31	(Saturday)	4,809 3.45%
November 2	(Monday)	9,488 6.80%
November 3	(Tuesday: Election Day)	9,660 6.92%
November 4	(Wednesday)	4,292 3.07%
November 5	(Thursday)	461 0.33%
November 6	(Friday)	152 0.11%
November 9	(Monday)	223 0.16%
November 10	(Tuesday)	304 0.22%
November 11	(Wednesday: Veterans Day — Courthouse closed)	
November 16	(Monday)	133 0.10%
November 17	(Tuesday)	9 0.01%
November 18	(Wednesday)	1 0.00%
November 20	(Friday)	2 0.00%
November 23	(Monday)	3 0.00%
Total	139,590*	

*does not include 38 confidential ballots