

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

November 7, 2017
General and Special Elections

Final Report - November 28, 2017



Snohomish County
Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The November 7, 2017 General and Special Elections featured races in county, city and other local districts. The ballot also included three state advisory measures and funding measures in the City of Mountlake Terrace, Fire District 10, Fire District 17, Fire District 25, Lake Stevens Fire, the Mukilteo Transportation Benefit District and the Bothell Urban EMS District. The City of Snohomish also presented an advisory measure to its voters related to marijuana-related businesses.

General Elections for local offices which run in years ending in odd numbers have an average turnout of 50% since 2003, with the recent trend being towards much lower turnouts. The turnout for the November 7, 2017 General and Special Election was 32.70%. 61% of voters choose to return their ballot through one of our drop boxes.

A random batch audit of mail ballots was performed. The results of the six hand-counted batches exactly matched the results of the tabulation system tally for those same batches. There was also an audit conducted of the accessible voting equipment where the votes on the paper audit trail exactly matched the results of the tabulation system.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, the number of voters credited matches the total number of ballots counted. However there were two known discrepancies. First one voter left the voting center without casting a vote after receiving credit and a ballot to vote (+1 on the voters credited side). There was also an additional ballot found in a batch of envelopes after all the ballots were separated from the secrecy envelopes (+1 on the ballots counted side).

AVU: Accessible Voting Unit used to allow voters with a variety of disabilities to cast an independent, private, secure ballot.

Challenged: Mail Ballot Envelopes or Provisional Ballot Envelopes that are not processed due to a variety of voter related issues or actions.

Comparative Data: Column containing data from previous years or at other points during the election that can provide perspective to the number or percentage to which it is related. Clarification of what the data represents will be listed in parenthesis or in the comments field.

DIMS: Snohomish County's election management / voter registration database.

WINEDS: Snohomish County's vote tabulation system.

Election Statistical Summary					
		Total	Percentage	Comparative Data	Comment
Voter Registration					
Registered Voters		453,062			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		95			
Overseas and Service Voters		5,988			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		0			
Participation					
Voters credited		148,155			
Ballots counted		148,155			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		0			one more voter credited with casting an AVU ballot and one more ballot counted in a mail ballot batch
Overseas and Service voters credited		627	10.47%	13.10% - 2015 General	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		5			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Mail Ballot Summary					
Mail Ballots Issued		457,104			
Mail Ballots Returned		149,328	32.67%		percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		91,106	61.01%	64.97% - 2016 General	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		58,222	38.99%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		147,996	99.11%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		147,996	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		147,997	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
Provisional Ballot Summary					
Provisional Ballots Issued		14			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		6	42.86%		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		6	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		6	100.00%		percent open and extracted that have been tabulated
Accessible Voting Summary					
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		153			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		153	100.00%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		152	99.35%		percent credited where a ballot was tabulated; voter fled before casting ballot

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
Mail Ballots Issued					
1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	457,104			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		457,009		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		95		Address Confidentiality Program participants
Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	149,328			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		149,257		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		34		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		36		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		1		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	4,690		1.03%: 0.79% (2015 General)	Undeliverable ballots are reviewed for anomalies and voters contacted to update address information per state and federal law
Mail Ballot Envelopes Verified					
4	Number Mail Ballots Envelopes Verified And Accepted	147,996			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		147,963		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		33		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins) and voters credited once but two ballots counted.
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record		0		
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	1,332		0.89%: 1.08% (2015 General)	DIMS data reconciled with hand counts and augmented with hand counts for non-DIMS ballots (sum of 5a - 5p). Percentages are challenged vs. total returned
5a	2X - Voter returned a second ballot		2		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5b	AVU - Voter returned ballot and voted AVU		1		" "
5c	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		16		" "
5d	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		3		" "
5e	LATE - Returned too late		915	0.61%: 0.74% (2015 General)	" "
5f	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		0		
5g	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5h	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		8		" "

Details - Mail Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
5i	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		284	0.19%: 0.21% (2015 General)	" "
5j	NSWS - No signature or wrong signature on file		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5k	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		14		" "
5l	POA - Signed by power of attorney		1		" "
5m	SIGPR - Signature does not match		51	0.03%; 0.01% (2015 General)	" "
5n	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5o	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5p	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		Hand Count
5q	Wrong Election		1		" "
5r	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		36		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation		147,996		
7	Number of Empty Envelopes		0		
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in DIMS)		0		
9	Number of Ballots Not Opened		0		
10	Number of Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision		0		

Ballots Tabulated

11	Number of Mail Ballots Tabulated		147,997		Reported by WinEDS. One more ballot than expected was identified in a batch after all ballots were removed from secrecy envelopes. No particular voter could be identified as having returned two ballots. Therefore one more ballot was tabulated than expected.
12	Number of Mail Ballots Awaiting Tabulation		0		

Details - Provisional Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
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Provisional Ballots Issued

1	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued	14			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	3			
1a.1	Voter did not want to use AVU		0		
1a.2	AVU Equipment Issue (resulting in no ballot cast)		0		
1a.3	Site worker could not find or flag voter		1		
1a.4	Voter did not have proper ID to vote in person		0		
1a.5	Voter needed paper for accessibility reason		0		
1a.6	Voter not registered in our county or in election area		2		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	11			

Provisional Ballots Verified

2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	6			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	7			
3a	Cancelled registration		0		
3b	Can't read (or no) name/address		0		
3c	Felony conviction		0		
3d	Incomplete Information		0		No snohomish county races on ballots received from other counties.
3e	No signature on envelope		0		
3f	Not eligible for election (wrong district)		0		
3g	Not Registered		0		
3h	Registered too late (after cut off)		1		
3i	Signature doesn't match original		0		
3j	Voter voting twice		6		
4	Number of Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties	1			

Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	6			
6	Number of Empty Envelopes	0			Unable to remove credit in DIMS
7	Number of Provisional Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board	0			Unable to remove credit in DIMS
8	Number of Provisional Ballots Not Opened	0			
9	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision	0			

Provisional Ballots Tabulated

10	Number of Provisional Ballots Tabulated	6			Reported from WinEDS
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

Details - Accessible Voting					
Line	Description	Totals	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
Accessible Voting Ballots Issued					
1	Number of Voters Signed in to Vote on AVU	153			
Voters Credited with AVU					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	153			One voter left before casting their ballot.
Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	152			Reported from WinEDS