

# General Election Results—2008

	Washington State		Whatcom County		Washington State		Whatcom County		Prefers	
<b>President/Vice President</b>									(D) Democratic Party (R) Republican Party (G) Green Party (I) Independent	
B. Obama/J. Biden (D) .....	1,750,848	57.65%	58,236	58.04%	36,118	58.55%	15	53.57%	(NP) Nonpartisan	
J. McCain/S. Palin (R) .....	1,229,216	40.48%	40,205	40.07%	25,570	41.45%	13	46.43%		
R. Nader/M. Gonzalez (I) .....	29,489	0.97%	1,005	1.00%						
Five other political parties.....	27,325	0.90%	893	0.90%						
<b>2nd Congressional District</b>										
Rick Larsen (D)* .....	217,416	62.39%	62,864	65.06%			13	50.00%	*Incumbent	
Rick Bart (R) .....	131,051	37.61%	32,848	34.00%			13	50.00%		
Bill Distler (write-in) .....			900	0.94%						
<b>Governor</b>										
Christine Gregoire (D)* .....	1,598,738	53.24%	54,249	54.67%			13	50.00%	<sup>1</sup> The 39th District represents eastern Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties and the northeastern portion of King County.	
Dino Rossi (R) .....	1,404,124	46.76%	44,975	45.33%			13	50.00%		
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>										
Brad Owen (D)* .....	1,718,033	60.80%	56,318	59.79%					<sup>2</sup> The 40th District represents San Juan, northwestern Skagit and southwestern Whatcom counties.	
Marcia McCraw (R) .....	1,107,634	39.20%	37,879	40.21%						
<b>Secretary of State</b>										
Sam Reed (R)* .....	1,644,587	58.33%	53,006	56.49%			18,003	77.17%		
Jason Osgood (D).....	1,175,086	41.67%	40,820	43.51%			5,325	22.83%		
<b>State Treasurer</b>										
Jim McIntire (D) .....	1,420,022	51.08%	48,798	53.03%						
Allan Martin (R) .....	1,360,063	48.92%	43,218	46.97%						
<b>State Auditor</b>										
Brian Sonntag (D)* .....	1,770,977	63.54%	56,309	61.19%						
J. Richard McEntee (R) .....	1,016,396	36.46%	35,712	38.81%						
<b>Attorney General</b>										
Rob McKenna (R)* .....	1,689,764	59.46%	53,466	56.95%						
John Ladenburg (D) .....	1,152,174	40.54%	40,419	43.05%						
<b>Commissioner Of Public Lands</b>										
Peter J. Goldmark (D).....	1,416,904	50.55%	47,978	51.47%						
Doug Sutherland (R)* .....	1,385,903	49.45%	45,234	48.53%						
<b>Superintendent Of Public Instruction</b>										
Randy Dorn (NP) .....	1,333,290	52.38%	42,375	51.53%						
Teresa Bergeson (NP)* .....	1,211,909	47.62%	39,859	48.47%						
<b>Insurance Commissioner</b>										
Mike Kreidler (D)* .....	1,679,696	61.38%	55,309	61.24%						
John R. Adams (R) .....	1,056,693	38.62%	35,006	38.76%						

## Age Profile of Whatcom County Registered Voters

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35 – 44	8,639	9,381	18,020	47.9%	52.1%
45 – 54	10,278	11,433	21,711	47.3%	52.7%
55 – 64	10,432	11,260	21,692	48.1%	51.9%
65 & over	10,272	11,703	21,975	46.7%	53.3%
Total	54,874	60,759	115,633	47.5%	52.5%

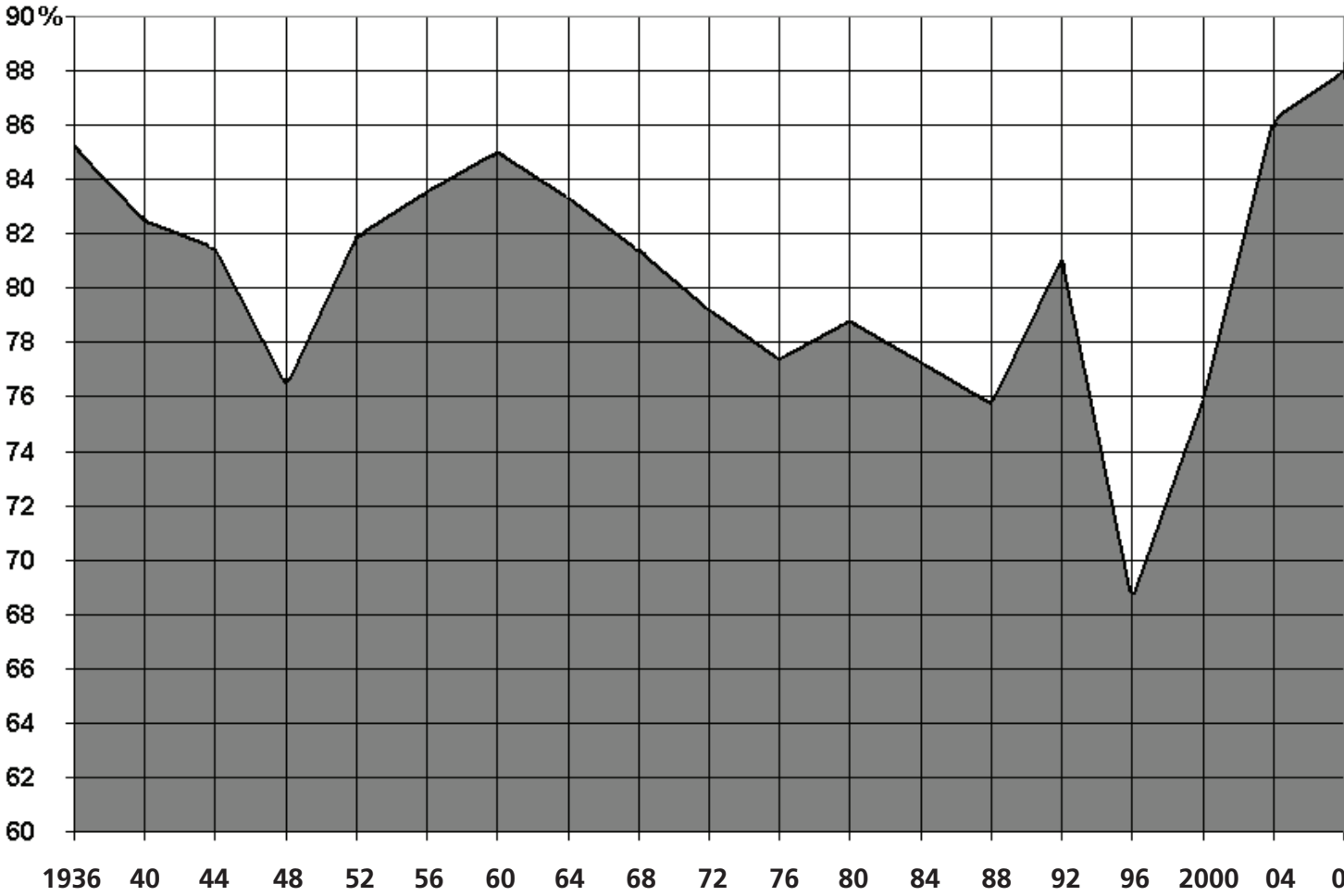
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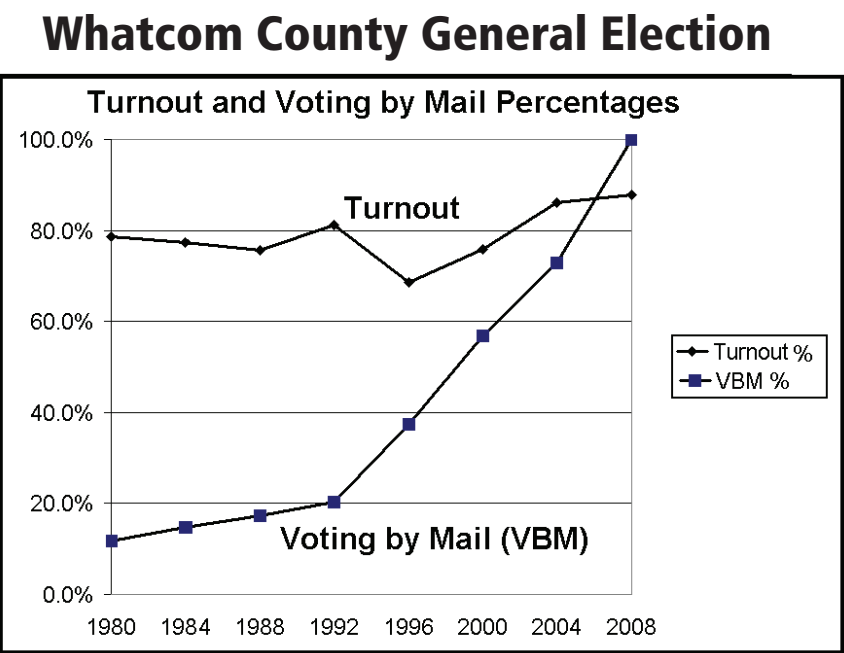
## Whatcom County Voter Turnout: Presidential Elections 1936 - 2008



	Registered	Voted	Turnout
1936	30,857	26,293	85.2%
1940	33,753	27,837	82.5%
1944	34,770	28,340	81.5%
1948	37,783	28,853	76.4%
1952	38,409	31,448	81.9%
1956	39,169	32,712	83.5%
1960	38,339	32,601	85.0%
1964	38,290	31,903	83.3%
1968	38,918	31,662	81.4%
1972	50,117	39,693	79.1%
1976	54,335	42,038	77.4%
1980	59,639	46,995	78.7%
1984	66,965	51,736	77.3%
1988	67,817	51,354	75.7%
1992	79,501	64,463	81.1%
1996	95,665	65,518	68.5%
2000	98,352	74,671	75.9%
2004	106,094	91,497	86.2%
2008	115,314	101,399	87.9%

# General Election Results–2008

	Washington State	Whatcom County
<b>General</b>		
Total Registered	3,630,118	115,314
Ballots Cast	3,071,587	101,399
Turnout	84.61%	87.93%
<b>Primary</b>		
Total Registered	3,417,355	107,538
Ballots Cast	1,455,701	50,167
Turnout	42.60%	46.65%



Of the 39 counties in Washington state, five had a higher turnout than Whatcom: San Juan at 91.49 percent, Jefferson at 91.27 percent, Island at 89.44 percent, Garfield at 89.26 percent and Columbia at 88.47 percent. Two counties had a turnout below 80 percent: Adams at 79.73 percent and Walla Walla at 79.30 percent.

## General Election Ballots Returned

The Whatcom County auditor’s office mailed 115,314 ballots to registered voters on October 15; 979 were undeliverable. Almost three-quarters — 73,575 or 72.4 percent — of the ballots were returned before election day. Last year, only 51.7 percent of the ballots were returned before the election day. Invalidated ballots (467) accounted for less than one-half of 1 percent of the total returned.

General Election	Number of Ballots Returned	Percent of Total Returned
October 15..... (Wednesday: Ballots Mailed)		
October 16..... (Thursday)	9	0.01
October 18..... (Saturday)	2,974	2.92
October 20..... (Monday)	3,458	3.40
October 21..... (Tuesday)	8,077	7.94
October 22..... (Wednesday)	5,447	5.36
October 23..... (Thursday)	4,015	3.95
October 24..... (Friday)	4,025	3.96
October 25..... (Saturday)	3,795	3.73
October 27..... (Monday)	3,621	3.56
October 28..... (Tuesday)	7,392	7.27
October 29..... (Wednesday)	5,848	5.75
October 30..... (Thursday)	5,563	5.47
October 31..... (Friday)	5,938	5.84
November 1 ..... (Saturday)	5,135	5.05
November 3 ..... (Monday)	8,278	8.14
November 4 ..... (Tuesday: Election Day)	20,575	20.23
November 5 .... (Wednesday)	6,243	6.14
November 6 ..... (Thursday)	513	0.50
November 7 ..... (Friday)	215	0.21
November 10 ..... (Monday)	387	0.38
November 11 ..... (Tuesday: Veterans’ Day – Courthouse closed)		
November 12 .. (Wednesday)	125	0.12
November 13 .... (Thursday)	26	0.03
November 14 ..... (Friday)	23	0.02
November 17 ..... (Monday)	9	0.01
November 18 through 24	9	0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,700</b>	<b>88.19</b>

## Washington State Ballot Measures

Initiative 985 (Open high-occupancy vehicle lanes to all traffic)					
	Washington State		Whatcom County		
Yes	1,163,216	40.01%	36,256	37.99%	
No	1,744,156	59.99%✓	59,179	62.01%	
Initiative 1000 (Allow lethal prescriptions for terminally ill)					
	Washington State		Whatcom County		
Yes	1,715,215	57.82%✓	56,354	57.62%	
No	1,251,255	42.18%	41,452	42.38%	
Initiative 1029 (Require certification for long-term care workers)					
	Washington State		Whatcom County		
Yes	2,113,773	72.53%✓	64,255	67.66%	
No	800,733	27.47%	30,717	32.34%	

<b>Whatcom County</b>					
<b>Charter Amendment</b>					
Yes	48,275	53.75%✓	Change the general election voting from		
No	41,544	46.25%	district-only to countywide.		

<b>City of Bellingham</b>					
<b>Charter Amendment</b>					
Yes	16,182	47.74%	Change the term of the council at-large		
No	17,714	52.26%✓	position from two to four years?		

## Whatcom County General Election

The first column is the total number voting in the general election. The second column is the number voting on the ballot measure, executive, legislative or judicial position. The third column is the second column subtracted from the first column and reflected as a percent. Of the 101,399 county residents who voted, 72,085 live in the 42nd District, 29,284 in the 40th District and 30 in the 39th District.

Whatcom County	Total Voting	Voted On	Not Voting
President/Vice President.....	101,399....	100,339.....	1.05%
Governor.....	101,399.....	99,224.....	2.14%
Initiative 1000.....	101,399.....	97,806.....	3.54%
2nd Congressional District.....	101,399.....	96,612.....	4.72%
Initiative 985.....	101,399.....	95,435.....	5.88%
Initiative 1029.....	101,399.....	94,972.....	6.34%
42nd District, Position #2.....	72,085.....	67,359.....	6.56%
39th District, Senate .....	30.....	28.....	6.67%
42nd District, Position #1.....	72,085.....	67,010.....	7.04%
Lieutenant Governor.....	101,399.....	94,197.....	7.10%
Attorney General.....	101,399.....	93,885.....	7.41%
Secretary Of State.....	101,399.....	93,826.....	7.47%
Commissioner Of Public Lands .....	101,399.....	93,212.....	8.07%
State Auditor.....	101,399.....	92,021.....	9.25%
State Treasurer .....	101,399.....	92,016.....	9.25%
Insurance Commissioner .....	101,399.....	90,31.....	10.93%
40th District, Senate .....	29,284.....	26,058.....	11.02%
County Charter Amendment .....	101,399.....	89,819.....	11.42%
39th District, Position #1.....	30.....	26.....	13.33%
39th District, Position #2.....	30.....	26.....	13.33%
Supt. Of Public Instruction.....	101,399.....	82,234.....	18.90%
40th District, Position #2.....	29,284.....	23,328.....	20.34%
40th District, Position #1* .....	29,284.....	21,099.....	27.95%
State Supreme Court, Position 4*.....	101,399.....	67,005.....	33.92%
State Supreme Court, Position 3*.....	101,399.....	66,431.....	34.49%
State Supreme Court, Position 7*.....	101,399.....	66,298.....	34.62%
PUD Commissioner, District #1.....	101,399.....	65,869.....	35.04%
<b>City of Bellingham</b>			
Charter Amendment .....	39,399.....	33,896.....	13.97%
*Unopposed			

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**Primary Election**  
August 19, 2008

**General Election**  
November 4, 2008

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NA—Not Applicable  
\*Incumbent

**Prefers**  
(D) Democratic Party  
(G) Green Party  
(I) Independent Party  
(L) Libertarian Party  
(R) Republican Party  
(SY) Salmon Yoga

<sup>1</sup>Federal candidates who received or spent less than \$5,000 are not required to file reports.

<sup>2</sup>Not final report.

<sup>3</sup>Liabilities: \$16,638

<sup>4</sup>Liabilities: \$73,986

<sup>5</sup>State candidates who pledge not to spend more than \$5,000 and not to receive single contributions above \$200, are not required to file disclosure reports.

<sup>6</sup>Liabilities \$5,745

<sup>7</sup>Liabilities: \$8,600

<sup>8</sup>Hasn't filed campaign reports (required by law) due on July 29, August 12 and September 10.

<sup>9</sup>On 6/25/08 the Stoddard campaign filed a candidate registration form with full reporting checked. Three reports — see footnote eight for due dates — hasn't been filed.

<sup>10</sup>Liabilities: \$525

<sup>11</sup>Liabilities: \$517

<sup>12</sup>As of 1/3/09, the campaign report due on 12/10/08 hasn't been filed with the Public Disclosure Commision. This information is through 10/27/08. On 12/23/08, the PDC fined the Linville campaign \$400 for the late filing of the campaign report due on 7/29/08. Three hundred dollars was suspended on the condition that no further violations are committed for the next four years.

<sup>13</sup>If a Superior Court candidate receives more than 50 percent of the primary vote, that race doesn't appear on the general election ballot.

<sup>14</sup>Liabilities: \$4,977

General Election			Primary Election		Contributions	Expenses	Surplus Deficit	Cost Per Vote
2nd Congressional District								
217,416	62.4%	Rick Larsen (D)*	98,304	54.3%	\$1,336,375	\$1,090,421	\$330,629	\$3.45
131,051	37.6%	Rick Bart (R)	68,189	37.7%	\$47,105	\$44,571	\$2,534	.22
		Doug Schaffer (D)	8,857	4.9%	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA
		Glen S. Johnson (D)	5,590	3.1%	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA

<b>Governor</b>								
1,598,738	53.2%	Christine Gregoire (D)*	696,306	48.3%	\$13,484,535 <sup>2</sup>	\$13,565,108 <sup>2</sup>	\$111,789 <sup>3</sup>	\$5.91
1,404,124	46.8%	Dino Rossi (R)	668,571	46.4%	\$11,282,290 <sup>2</sup>	\$11,222,663 <sup>2</sup>	(\$14,341) <sup>4</sup>	\$5.41
		John W. Aiken, Jr. (R)	21,564	1.5%	\$83	0	\$83	.00
		Christian P. Joubet (D)	16,646	1.2%	Under \$5,001 <sup>5</sup>			
		James White (I)	10,884	0.8%	\$6,147	\$5,715	(\$5,313) <sup>6</sup>	.53
		Duff Badgley (G)	9,701	0.7%	Under \$5,001 <sup>5</sup>			
		four other candidates	18,784	1.3%	NA <sup>5</sup>	NA <sup>5</sup>	NA	NA

<b>Commissioner of Public Lands</b>								
1,416,904	50.6%	Peter J. Goldmark (D)	660,714	48.9%	\$1,010,017 <sup>2</sup>	\$1,059,165 <sup>2</sup>	\$12,951 <sup>7</sup>	.51
1,385,903	49.4%	Doug Sutherland (R)*	691,145	51.1%	\$601,556 <sup>2</sup>	\$585,767 <sup>2</sup>	\$15,788	.28

<b>40th District Senator</b>								
38,200	58.6%	Kevin Ranker (D)	10,310	28.3%	\$190,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$187,075 <sup>2</sup>	\$2,926	\$3.86
27,028	41.4%	Steve Van Luvan (R)	13,787	37.8%	\$65,624	\$65,730	(\$9,506)	\$1.61
		Ken Henderson (D)	6,342	17.4%	\$70,787	\$70,787	0	\$11.16
		Hue Beattie (D)	2,192	6.0%	\$2,100	\$2,100	0	.96
		Stephanie Kountouros (D)	1,613	4.4%	\$4,749 <sup>8</sup>	\$2,920 <sup>8</sup>	\$1,829 <sup>8</sup>	NA
		Paul Gonzales (D)	1,569	4.3%	\$6,625	\$6,590	\$35	\$4.20
		Timothy Stoddard (SY)	642	1.8%	NA <sup>9</sup>	NA <sup>9</sup>	NA <sup>9</sup>	NA

<b>40th District Representative — Position 1</b>								
51,568	100%	Dave Quall (D)*	27,514	100%	\$69,365 <sup>2</sup>	\$59,725 <sup>2</sup>	\$9,640	.76

<b>Representative — Position 2</b>								
44,168	76.4%	Jeff Morris (D)*	24,659	79.7%	\$125,092 <sup>2</sup>	\$108,256 <sup>2</sup>	\$16,311 <sup>10</sup>	\$1.57
13,683	23.6%	Howard Pellett (G)	6,266	20.3%	Under \$5,001 <sup>5</sup>			

<b>42nd District Representative — Position 1</b>								
39,155	58.4%	Doug Ericksen (R)*	20,481	59.7%	\$140,591 <sup>2</sup>	\$123,807 <sup>2</sup>	\$16,734	\$2.08
27,855	41.6%	Mark Flanders (D)	13,823	40.3%	\$23,339	\$22,304	\$518 <sup>11</sup>	.54

<b>Representative — Position 2</b>								
40,348	59.9%	Kelli Linville (D)*	20,227	58.9%	\$132,394 <sup>12</sup>	\$73,096 <sup>12</sup>	\$56,298 <sup>12</sup>	
27,011	40.1%	Jere Hawn (R)	14,133	41.1%	\$6,677	\$5,053	\$1,623	.12

<b>Public Utility District Commissioner District 1</b>								
45,413	68.9%	Jeffrey L. McClure (NP)			Under \$5,001 <sup>5</sup>			
20,456	31.1%	Roderick M. (Robin) Dexter (NP)			Under \$5,001 <sup>5</sup>			

<b>Whatcom County Superior Court<sup>13</sup> Position 3</b>								
		Chuck Snyder (NP)*	27,400	63.9%	\$32,573	\$32,573	0	\$1.19
		Douglas Shepherd (NP)	15,514	36.1%	\$47,183	\$45,505	(\$3,300) <sup>14</sup>	\$2.93



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