



WA State Primary Election

WA State Senior Citizens Lobby

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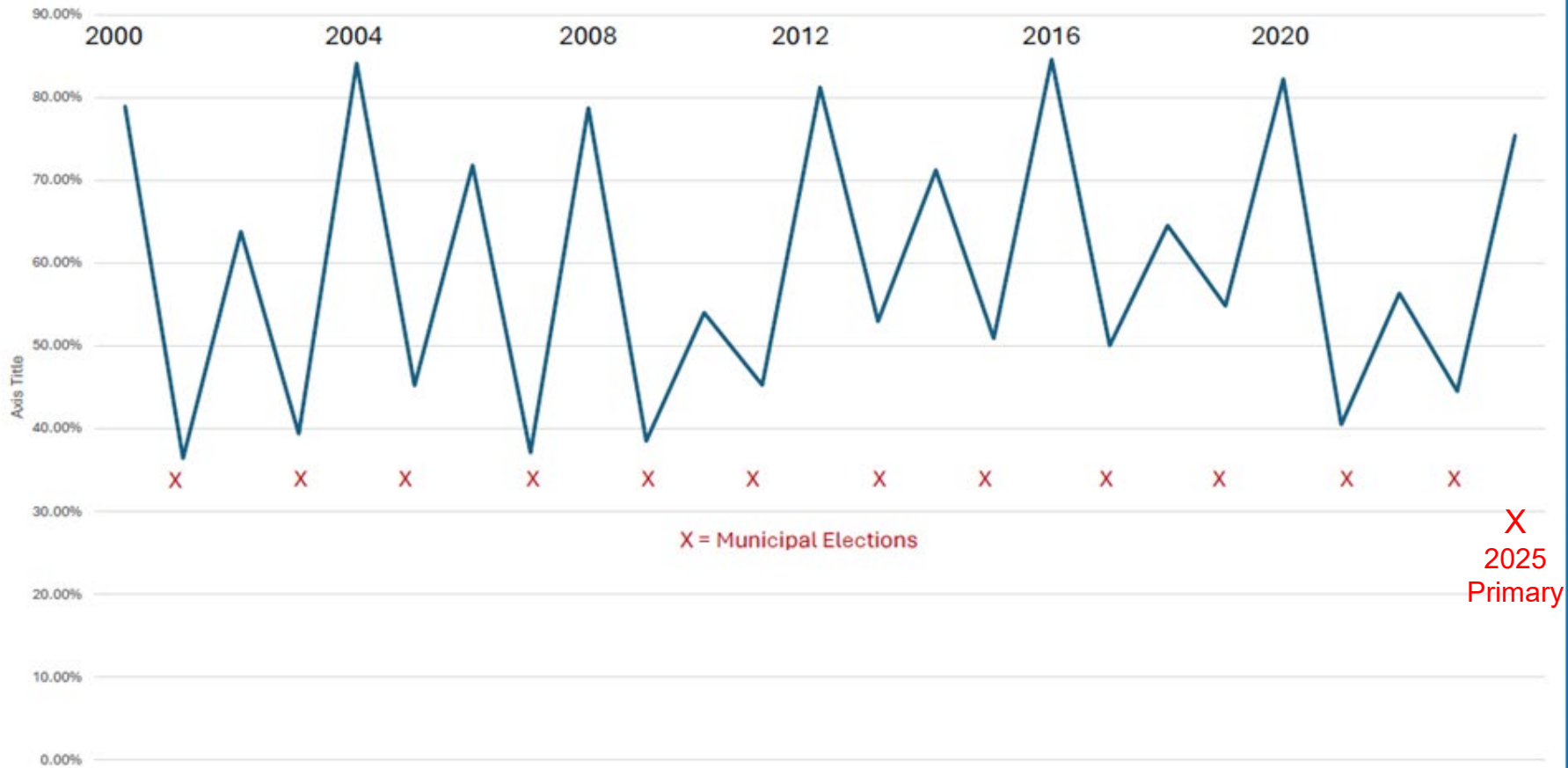
2025 Outcomes

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- Voter turnout overall was 28.5 %
 - Lowest County – Yakima 16.4%
 - Highest County – San Juan 46.5%
- Typical for an off-year municipal election
- Total Filed for Office:
 - Number of offices: 2756
 - Number of candidates: 4206

WA State Election Turnout



<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/data-research/reports-data-and-statistics/general-election-turnout>



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Legislative Districts – Senators:

- None with Primary
- Running in General Election:
 - LD 5 - Chad Magendanz (R) & Victoria Hunt (D)
 - LD 26 - Deb Krishnadasan (D) & Michelle Caldier (R)
 - LD 33 - Tina Orwall (D), unopposed
 - LD 34 - Sen. Emily Alarado (D), unopposed
 - LD 48 - Vandana Slatter (D) & Amy Walen (D)



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Legislative Districts:

- Representatives (all Pos. 1) winning Primary:
 - LD 33 – Edwin Obras (D) & Kevin Schilling (D)
 - LD 41 - Janice Zahn (D) & John Whitney (R)
 - LD 48 - Osman Salahuddin (D) & Dennis Ellis (R)
- No Primary: LD 34 - Brianna K. Thomas (D), unopposed

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- Statewide: 239 races out of 2756 had Primary contests
- In addition to 9 Legislative positions, they include:
 - 34 County
 - 128 City
 - 47 School District
 - 18 Fire & Hospital Districts
 - 3 other local

And there are 59 local ballot measures

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- Statewide: 239 races out of 2756 had Primary contests
- 34 County races. Most positions had primary elections.
- Of those, many had 4 or 5 candidates; several had six or more:
 - **King County:**
 - Executive – out of 8:
 - Girmay Zahilay v Claudia Balducci
 - Council District 5 – out of 6:
 - Peter Kwon v Steffanie Fain

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- Six or more candidates, cont'd:
 - **City of Kent Council Position No. 6** – out of 7
Sharn Shoker v Andy Song
 - **City of Seattle Mayor** – out of 8
Katie Wilson v Bruce Harrell
 - **City of Tacoma Mayor** – out of 6:
Anders Ibsen v John Hines
 - **City of Tacoma Council** – At Large – out of 6
Latasha Palmer v Jessica Johnson
 - Whitman County Ward District

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- Six or more candidates, cont'd:
 - **Whitman County Council Ward District 1** –
out of 7
Bryan MacDonald v John-Mark Mahnkey
 - **Whitman County Council Ward District 3** -
out of 8
Tawny Szumlas v John Cassleman
- Of the 59 local ballot measures (mostly levies), nearly all passed



Coming in the
General Election

SJR 8201
WA Cares Fund
for Long-Term Care

- A constitutional amendment to allow the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Trust Fund to be invested in stocks and equities to improve the fund's long-term solvency.



Coming in the General Election

IL26 – I-126

- Title: “Concerns heightened voter registration requirements for applicants and currently registered voters.”
- Would require voters to have an enhanced driver's license or enhanced identicard, or provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in person, and would cancel registrations for voters not meeting those requirements.
- Needs 308,911 registered voter signatures by Jan 2, 2026
- Decline to sign; WA State Elections are very secure already

WA State General Election – November 4

Voters can register:

- By October 27- Online and mail registrations must be received 8 days before Election Day.
- On November 4 - Register to vote in person during business hours and any time before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

To vote:

- Ballots must be in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day; or
- Postmarked by Election Day



Use a drop box or mail
early to be sure your
ballot is counted



Thank You!

