

2026 General Election: Voter Participation & Apparent Results

Washington State
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2026 Washington State General Election Certification

Votes still being counted (as of 11/14, still 26,594 ballots to be counted (less than 1%)…results not final until certified:

+*County auditor election certification-by 11/24/26*

+*Secretary of State (SOS) election certification-by 12/3/26*

General Election Statistics

Source-Ballot Return Statistics | WA Secretary of State

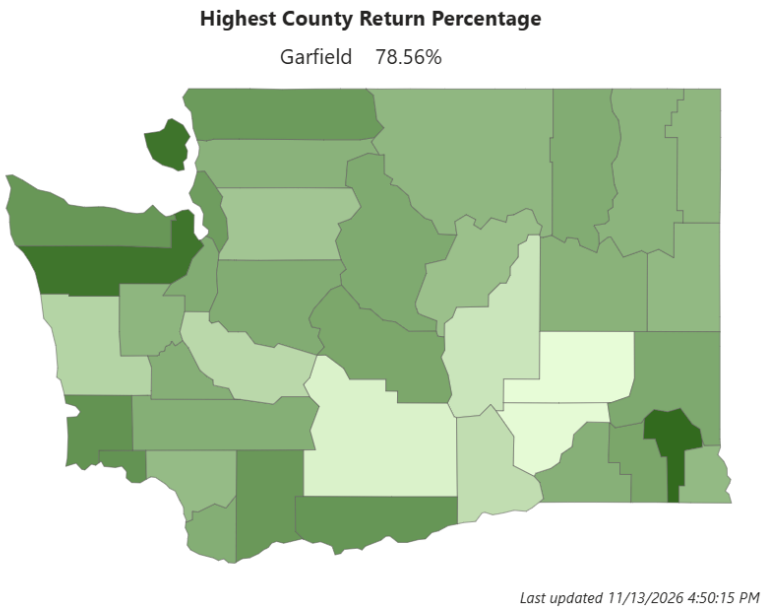
Friday, November 13, 2026

10 Days After Election

5,170,949 Voters in Election

Total Returned	Accepted	Challenged
3,279,400	**3,251,620**	**27,763**
% Returned	% Accepted	% Challenged
63.42%	**62.88%**	**0.85%**

2026 General Election-County Ballot Return Rates Ballot Return Statistics | WA Secretary of State



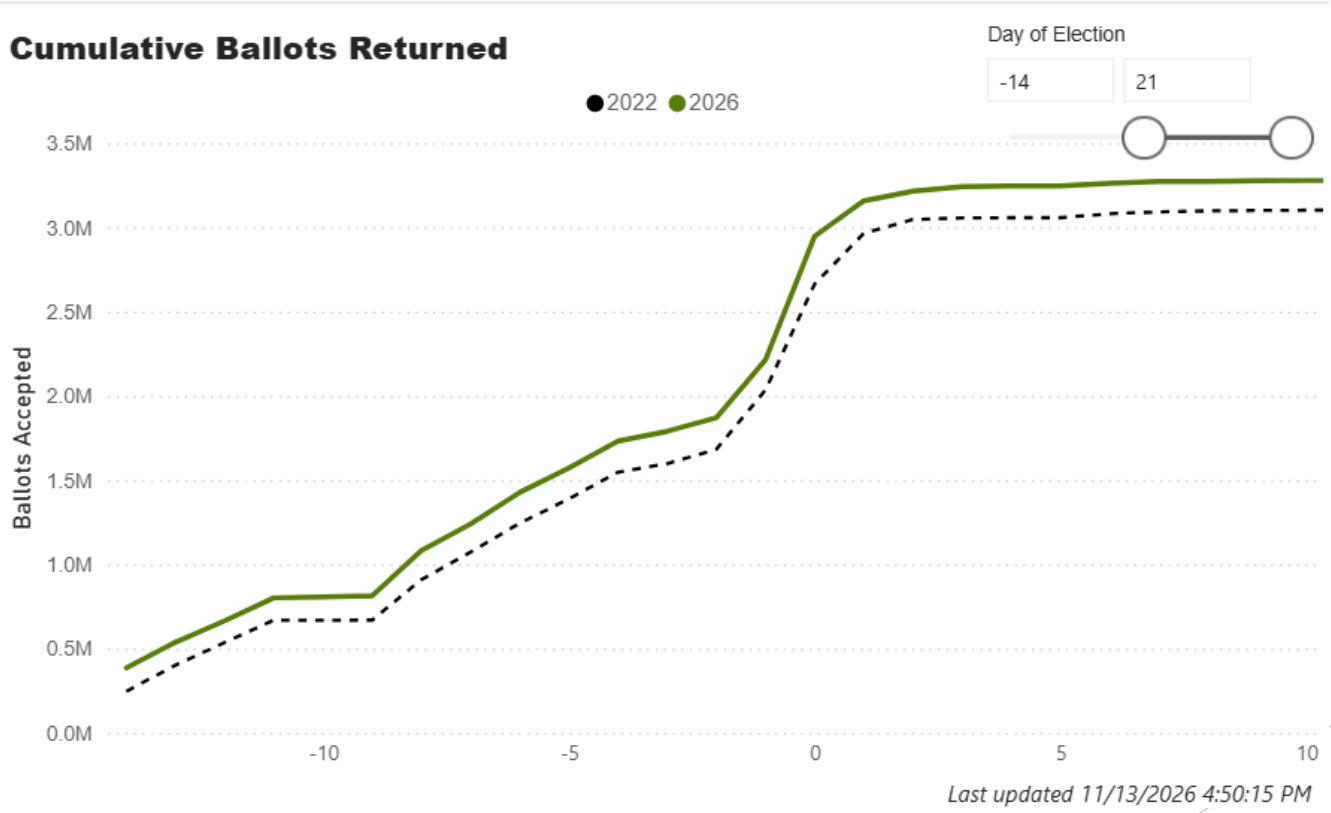
Ballot Return Rates
(11/13/26)

- *78.56% Garfield County*
- *76.44% Jefferson County*
- *65.91% King County*
- *57.55% Pierce County*
- *52.66% Yakima County*
- *50.66% Adams County*

General Election: 2022 vs 2026

Note-2022-64.55%; 2026-63.42%

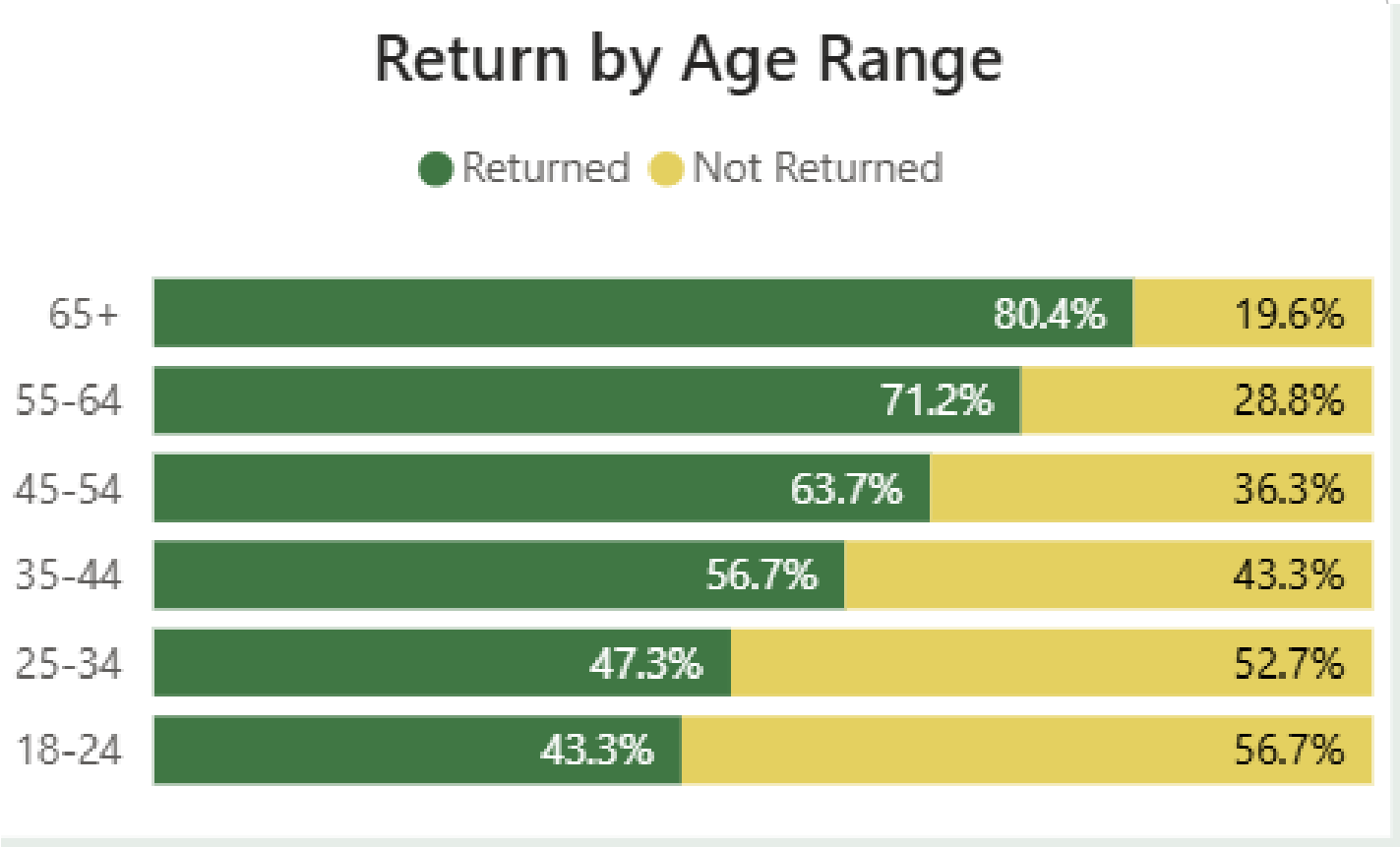
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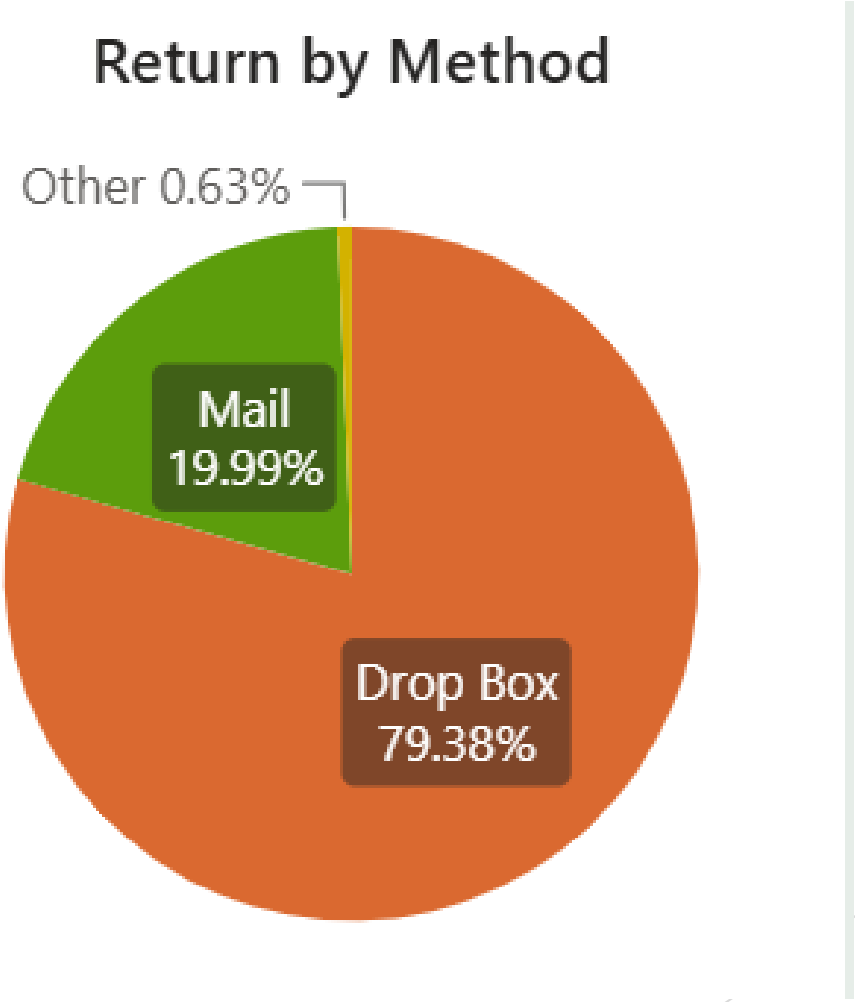
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2026 National Elections: Congress/Governors

Associated Press as of 11/13/26

2026 Midterm Election Results: Senate, House and Governor Races | AP News

- Senate: 55/44; 50=majority; 1 race still to be called (gain of 8 for D's)
- House: 256/169; 218=majority; 10 races still to be called (gain of 41 for D's)
- Governors: 30/20 (gain of 6 for D's)

WA Congressional Districts

State Election Results as of 11/13/26; apparent winner underlined

- 1-Suzan DelBene (D)-67.45%/198,290; Mary Silva (R)-32.24%/94,796
- 2-Rick Larsen (D)-66.53%/230,569; Edwin H. Feller (R)-33.08%/114,641
- 3 John Braun (R)-45.41%/160,595; Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D)-53.66%/189,802
- 4 Amanda McKinney (R)-53.80%/130,634; John Duresky (D)-45.97%/111,621
- 5 Michael Baumgartner (R)-52.02%/168,345; Carmela Conroy (D)-47.62%/154,092
- 6 Emily Randall (D)-62.41%/223,381; Teresa Fox (R)-37.37%/133,747

WA Congressional Districts

State Election Results as of 11/13/26; apparent winners underlined

- 7 **Pramila Jayapal (D)-87.58%/323,922; Nirav Sheth (R)-12.06%/44,603**
- 8 **Kim Schrier (D)-57.04%/193,720; Spencer Meline (R)-42.69%/144,977**
- 9 **Adam Smith (D)-75.65%/189,965; Doug Basler (R)-23.62%/59,320**
- 10 **Marilyn Strickland (D)-63.84%/174,446; Chris D. Chung (R)-35.52%/97,054**

Washington State 2026 Legislative Races
(as of 11/13/26)

- **House 69/29 (10 seats shifted from R to D); a few still close**
  - **12th (Willoughby-D/Burnett-R);**
  - **23rd (Simmons/Ilgen-both Ds);**
  - **25th (Strickling-D/Jacobsen-R).**
- **Senate 30/19; 35th District-MacEwen/Mejia still close**
- **Possible recounts?**-machine recount if less that half percentage point and difference less than 2,000 votes; manual recount if margin under 150 votes and .25%.

State Election Results

2026 Washington Midterm Election Results | AP News

How Washington Voted in the 2026 Election by Race, Gender, Age and Education - The New York Times

State Supreme Court

State Election Results as of 11/13/26; apparent winners underlined

Position #1: Colleen Melody (59.91%/1,750,149) vs Scott Edwards (39.82%/1,163,564)

Position #3: David Stevens (41.98%/1,220,853) vs Jaime Michelle Hawk (57.71%/1,678,388)

Position #4: Ian Birk (49.12%/1,413,099) vs Sean O'Donnell (50.51%/1,452,919)

Position #5: Theo Angelis (55.66%/1,610,211) vs Dave Larson (44.04%/1,274,025)

Position #7: Debra L. Stephens (63.49%/1,832,383) vs Todd A Bloom (36.33%/1,050,109)

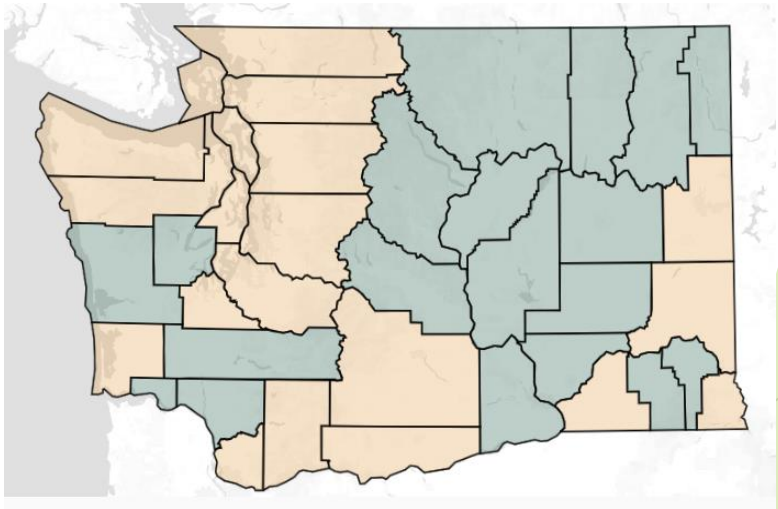
Initiative Measure No. IP26-645

Yes	42.02%	1,328,980
No	57.98%	1,833,384

Ballot Description

This measure would repeal a 9.9% tax on annual individual income over $1,000,000; prohibit taxes measured by individual income and taxes on individual income or the receipt of individual income; and define "income." This measure would decrease funding for public K-12 education, higher education (including universities and community colleges), and human services (primarily healthcare).

Map: *green=yes; tan=no*



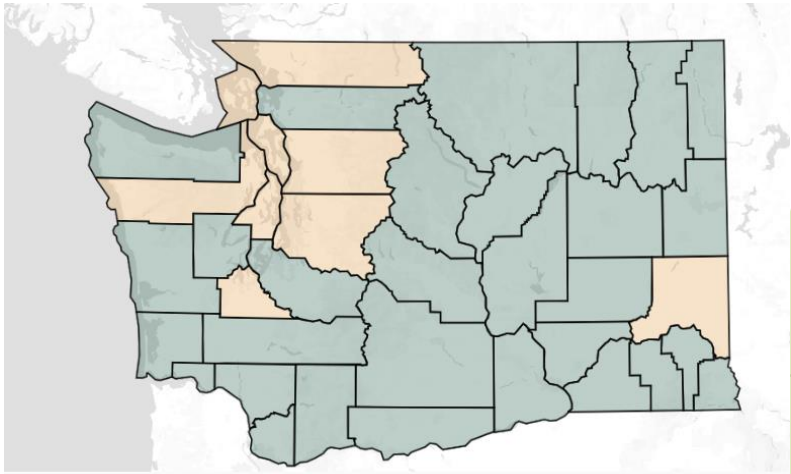
Initiative Measure No. IP26-001

Yes	47.61%	1,465,580
No	52.39%	1,612,656

Ballot Description

- Initiative Measure No. IL26-001 concerns parental rights relating to their children in public school.
- This measure would repeal amendments to a statute listing certain rights of parents and guardians of public-school children and re-enact the law as it was originally enacted by Initiative to the Legislature 2081.

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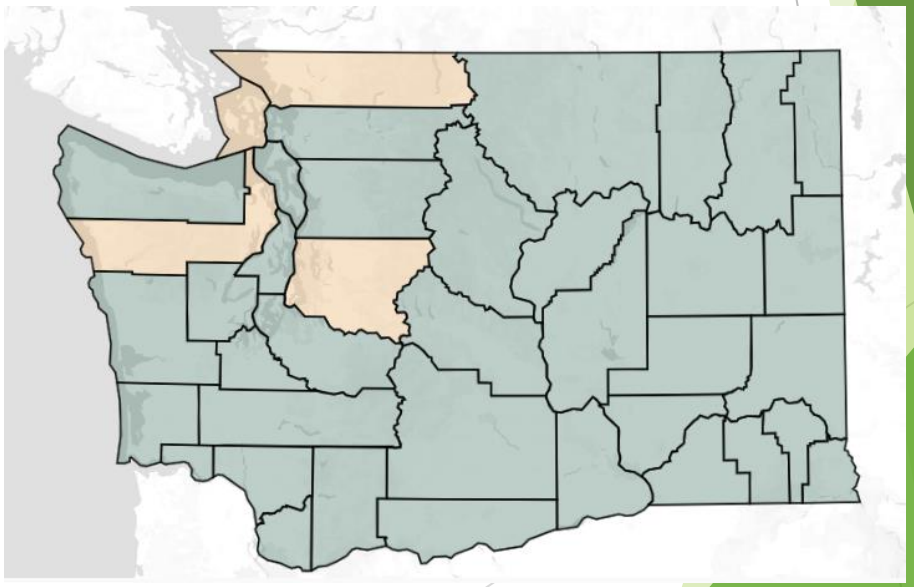
Initiative Measure No. IP26-638

Yes	55.98%	1,760,044
No	44.02%	1,384,206

Ballot Description

- Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 concerns participation in athletics at K-12 schools.
- This measure would prohibit students it defines as “biologically male” from competing in certain school athletic activities intended for female students only. It would require verification of biological sex by students’ healthcare providers.

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More About IP26-638

- Recent trans sports bans-Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska and WA
- November 9 lawsuit filed in King County Superior Court challenging I-638's restrictions on transgender girls participating in school sports and its medical sex-verification requirements for girls. The plaintiffs are represented by the ACLU of Washington, Legal Voice, and Pacifica Law Group.
  - Lawsuit raises legal concerns about its impact on students' rights, privacy, and protections against discrimination. The plaintiffs are asking the court to block I-638 before its scheduled December 3 effective date.
- Additionally, the Seattle Public Schools Board of Directors voted unanimously to authorize legal action against I-638, citing concerns about conflicts with existing state laws protecting student privacy, preventing discrimination, and ensuring equal access to education.

There's More! Upcoming Legislative Session



- *Economic & Revenue Update-Oct 14; next revenue review Nov 16 (today)*
- *Governor's proposed 2027-2029 budget-December 2026*
- *2027 Legislative Session-Jan 11 to April 25, 2027*

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