






## 2024 Primary Voter Turnout

### Is Low Turnout A Sign of Voter Apathy or Something More?

The Washington Secretary of State website has a wealth of information regarding Voter Statistics. Our goal at Western Washington Moderates, is to reach out to moderates across the state, and unite, to turn Washington around. We can only turn things around if we turn out to vote. Voter turnout was over 13% lower in the 2024 Primary than in 2020. We need the middle to come out in full force to vote in moderate candidates.

Did you know that the Commissioner of Public Lands Vote came down to 51 votes?

<b>Jaime Herrera Beutler</b> 	(Prefers Republican Party)	419,297	22.03%
<b>Dave Upthegrove</b> 	(Prefers Democratic Party)	396,300	20.82%
<b>Sue Kuehl Pederson</b> 	(Prefers Republican Party)	396,249	20.82%

Below image compares the number of primary voters in 2020 vs. 2024. Send us an email about why you think voter turnout was so much lower in 2024? Email to [westernwashingtomoderates@gmail.com](mailto:westernwashingtomoderates@gmail.com). We want to hear your opinion!

Statewide	
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<b>As of 3 Days After Election</b>	
<b>Voters in Election</b>	
<b>2020</b>	<b>2024</b>
4,612,018	4,876,626
<b>Ballots Returned</b>	
<b>2020</b>	<b>2024</b>
2,501,200	1,997,298
<b>Percent Returned</b>	
<b>2020</b>	<b>2024</b>
54.23%	40.96%

Some interesting observations from the Secretary of State Website:

- The only group where more than half of registered voters turned in ballots was those 65 and older.
- 1.25% of the ballots are challenged, meaning a signature is missing or it is a mismatch with the records. In the case of recounts, the candidates' campaign can try to help resolve these by letting people know. Currently there are over 25,000 challenged votes. This could make a difference in the race for Commissioner of Public Lands.
- In previous Presidential election years, there was about 80% turnout of eligible voters. This Primary had 41% Turnout, so roughly half of the number expected in November
- Roughly 60% of voters used the ballot collection drop boxes.
- The second picture shows how much lower 2024 turnout was than 2020.

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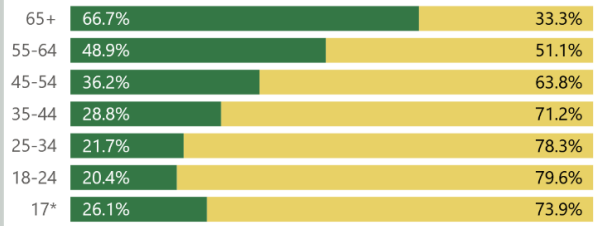
3 Days After Election

**4,876,626 Voters in Election**

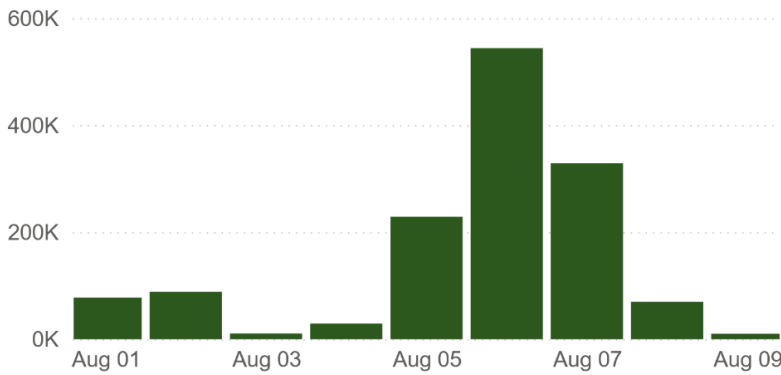
Total Returned	Accepted	Challenged
1,997,417	1,971,755	25,064
% Returned	% Accepted	% Challenged
40.96%	40.43%	1.25%

### Return by Age Range

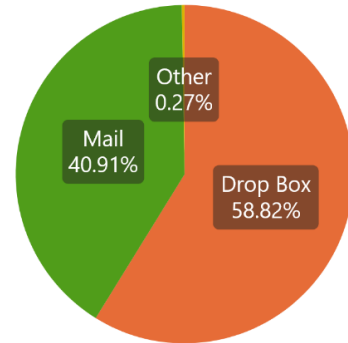
● Returned ● Not Returned



### Return by Date



### Return by Method



These statistics are easily accessible on the [Washington State Secretary of State website](#).