

Pierce County Special Election - February 14, 2012
Certification Report
February 28, 2012

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	117,916
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	16,479
Total registered voters in all precincts	134,395

BALLOT STATISTICS	
The total number of ballots issued (includes 15 Address Confidentiality ballots)	118,307
Total number of ballots returned (includes challenged ballots and 10 Address Confidentiality ballots)	46,062
Total ballots counted*	45,853
*includes overseas, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<u>Ballot Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	29,889
Ballots returned at drop boxes	15,829
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	98
Ballots returned at Voting Centers	246
<u>Overseas, Service Voters and E-ballots</u>	
The total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots issued	4,254
The total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots returned	722
The total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots rejected	12
The total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots counted	710
<u>Federal Write-In Ballots</u>	
The total number of federal write-in ballots counted	0
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued	1
Provisional ballots received from other counties	0
Total provisional ballots counted	0

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS	
Total ballots counted	45,853
Overall turnout percentage	38.89%

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REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS	
Total ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)	
Unsigned registration or ballot envelopes	69
Signature discrepancies (Signature doesn't match, wrong signer, power of attorney)	158
Voter cancelled after ballots were mailed	14
ID not provided at registration, failed to respond to request for ID	1
Voter moved after ballot mailed returned incorrect ballot	2
Total ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, no credit given)	
Cannot identify voter (ballot only, returned in personal envelope or secrecy only)	10
Wrong Election	11
Provisional ballots rejected	
Not currently registered	1
Total ballots rejected	266

MAILING STATISTICS	
<u>Undeliverable ballots</u>	
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office	1,147
<u>Ballots postmarked too late</u>	
Received February 16, 2012	191
Received February 17, 2012	58
Received February 21, 2012	35
Received February 22, 2012	44
Received February 23, 2012	2
Received February 24, 2013	10
Received February 27, 2014	7
Total number of ballots postmarked too late	347

Reconciliation Report

County Name: **Pierce**

Election Date:

2/14/2012

Active registered voters	117916	Overall ballot reconciliation	Total ballots received	46062
Inactive registered voters	16479		Total ballots counted	45853
Total registered voters	134395		Total ballots rejected	244
Credited voters	45808		Not reconciled	-35

Voter Category Reconciliation Detail					
Ballot Categories	Issued	Returned (include provisionals from other counties)	Accepted / counted	Rejected (include provisionals sent to other counties)	Ballot category discrepancy
Ballot category totals	118307	46062	45853	244	-35
UOCAVA	4254	722	710	12	0
Federal write-In	n/a				0
Provisional	1	1	0	1	0
Ballots cast on DRE's	21	21	21	0	0
All other ballots not reported above (include Regular & ACP)	114031	45318	45122	231	-35
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are both the Overall ballot reconciliation and total Ballot category discrepancy cells showing zero? If not, attach an explanation of the discrepancies and/or the process followed to resolve the discrepancies per WAC 434-262-060, 434-262-070 and 434-262-100.				

Additional information requested by the Secretary of State	
Of the ballots accounted for above, how many were returned by email or fax?	7
Of the ballots accounted for above, how many were from MyBallot, another online program, or a pdf sent from the county?	7
AutoMark counties: Please enter an estimate of voters using the AutoMark in the box to the right.	

Reconciliation

The reconciliation review of this election indicates that ballots cast exceed credit by 35. This reflects an accuracy rate of .9993. Our ultimate goal is to have a zero variance in the outcome of any given election. The accuracy rate in previous elections has ranged from .9995 to 1.0.

Based upon this variance a comprehensive review of all ballot processing activities was conducted. Election staff performed the following actions during the election certification process:

- Audits were conducted in the remake department and challenge department to ensure all ballots were properly resolved and sent to tabulation.
- Provisional ballots were checked to make sure credit was applied properly.
- Credit was double checked on all opened envelopes.
- At voting centers, the number of ballots cast was compared to the number of voters signing declarations.
- Queries were conducted against the voter registration database and sorter database to make sure credit was applied properly.
- All ballot envelopes and secrecy envelopes were checked to make sure they were empty.
- All ballot containers, tubs, mail trays and transfer containers were checked to make sure they were empty.

We are confident all of the valid ballots we received were processed, opened and tabulated. The variance of 35 is attributed to more ballots counted than credit applied. Examples of how this may happen are:

- Voter credit was not properly applied.
- A jam was improperly resolved on a ballot tabulator.

The variance of 35 would not impact the outcome of any election.

A new batch processing procedure will be implemented for the April election. This process will add controls to track voter credit and ballots counted in smaller batches.

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Report 1

Ballots Issued		118,292	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
1/30/2012	890	890	0.75%
1/31/2012	5,516	6,406	5.42%
2/1/2012	4,775	11,181	9.45%
2/2/2012	2,688	13,869	11.72%
2/3/2012	3,618	17,487	14.78%
2/6/2012	3,719	21,206	17.93%
2/7/2012	2,696	23,902	20.21%
2/8/2012	3,963	27,865	23.56%
2/9/2012	1,515	29,380	24.84%
2/10/2012	1,987	31,367	26.52%
2/13/2012	3,509	34,876	29.48%
2/14/2012	5,654	40,530	34.26%
2/15/2012	5,310	45,840	38.75%
2/16/2012	133	45,973	38.86%
2/17/2012	47	46,020	38.90%
2/21/2012	20	46,040	38.92%
2/22/2012	2	46,042	38.92%
2/23/2012	3	46,045	38.92%
2/24/2012	3	46,048	38.93%
2/27/2012	4	46,052	38.93%

Note: Turnout on this report is based on the cumulative number of ballots received (including challenged ballots) to the total number of ballots issued.

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Ballot Return Statistics - Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)

Drop Boxes	1/17	1/23	1/26	1/28	1/29	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	Totals
72nd Park & Ride	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	25	0	0	0	0	48	0	22	0	0	0	47	38	226
Barney's Corner - Eatonville	0	0	1	0	0	0	39	0	53	0	0	0	0	95	0	32	0	0	0	110	159	489
Bonney Lake Park & Ride	0	0	1	0	0	0	17	0	27	0	0	0	0	29	0	24	0	0	0	60	42	200
County-City Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	7	0	0	0	0	9	0	10	0	0	0	8	20	65
DuPont Ross Plaza	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	2	13
Edgewood City Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	11	12	28
Gig Harbor Fire Station	1	0	1	0	37	527	359	354	308	238	207	48	352	353	217	200	227	273	166	580	1219	5,667
Key Center Fire Station	0	0	6	0	0	0	191	0	259	0	0	0	0	374	0	160	0	130	0	250	316	1,686
Lakewood City Hall	0	0	3	0	0	0	279	0	289	0	0	0	0	581	0	131	0	237	0	515	765	2,800
Lakewood Park & Ride	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	12	0	0	0	0	38	0	6	0	0	0	37	54	163
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	0	0	0	0	0	0	191	0	211	0	0	0	0	264	0	110	0	113	0	210	279	1,378
PC Annex	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	66	0	0	0	0	111	0	37	0	0	0	125	120	531
Purdy Fire Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	196	0	172	0	0	0	0	380	0	150	0	123	0	319	382	1,722
Puyallup Library	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	26	0	0	0	0	39	0	12	0	0	0	31	28	156
Roy Y Park & Ride	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	0	13	0	0	0	0	37	0	11	0	0	0	29	16	119
South Hill Library	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	36	0	0	0	0	31	0	17	0	0	0	47	43	183
Sumner Library	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	0	61	0	0	0	0	90	0	22	0	0	0	110	79	403
Daily Totals	1	0	17	0	37	527	1497	354	1565	238	207	48	352	2487	217	947	227	876	166	2492	3574	15,829
In Person	1/17	1/23	1/26	1/28	1/29	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	Totals
Election Center Customer Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	11	0	0	0	0	22	0	14	0	0	0	9	22	98
Daily Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	11	0	0	0	0	22	0	14	0	0	0	9	22	98
Grand Totals	1	0	17	0	37	527	1517	354	1576	238	207	48	352	2509	217	961	227	876	166	2501	3596	15,927