

Pierce County General Election - November 2, 2010
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Status Report

Ballot Statistics as of 11/16/2010

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total number of Vote-By-Mail voters	338,778
Total number of poll voters	71,303
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	410,081
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	52,539
Total registered voters in all precincts	462,620

BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Vote-By-Mail Ballots</u>	
The total number of Vote-By-Mail ballots issued	343,888
Total number of Vote-By-Mail ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	243,697
Total Vote-By-Mail ballots counted*	243,174
*includes Vote-By-Mail, overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<u>Vote-By-Mail Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	164,501
Ballots returned at staffed Express Booths	56,424
Ballots returned at drop boxes	16,818
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	689
Ballots returned at the Auditor's Office	0
Ballots returned at a polling place	5,265
<u>Polling Place Ballots</u>	
Total poll site ballots counted	28,949
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	3,393
Total provisional ballots counted (included in Vote-By-Mail count)	2,739
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by Vote-By-Mail voters	1,506
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by poll voters	1,233

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS	
Total ballots counted	272,123
Polling place turnout	7.06%
Vote-By-Mail turnout	59.30%
Overall Turnout Percentage	66.36%

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CHALLENGED BALLOT STATISTICS		
<u>Unsigned ballot envelopes</u>		
Total unsigned ballot envelopes received	745	
Signature updates received and processed	517	
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response		228
<u>Signature Discrepancies**</u>		
Total signature discrepancies received	1,949	
Signature discrepancies resolved and processed	693	
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response		1,256
**Includes signatures that do not match, wrong signers, and envelopes signed with Power of Attorney		
Other challenged ballots		66
Total ballots currently challenged		1,550

TO BE CANVASSED		
<u>Vote-By-Mail Ballots</u>		
<u>Voter Intent Unclear - Refer to Voter Intent Statewide Standards on What is a Vote</u>		
Group 1, Ballots 1 - 2 (Hesitation mark in target area pages 11, 17)	2	
Group 2, Ballots 3 - 40 (Inconsistent Pattern; page Pages 2, 22 - 31)	38	
Group 3, Ballots 41 - 101 (Corrected Votes; pages 32 - 41)	61	
Group 4, Ballots 102 - 119 (Outside the target area and write-ins pages 22 - 31, 50 - 69)	18	
Group 5, Ballot 120 - 125 (Messy marks pages 70 - 71)	6	
Group 6, Ballots 126 - 145 (Anything Else; page 73)	20	
Group 7, Ballot 146 - 150 (Two ballots in one envelope; RCW 29A.60.040, page 76)	5	
<u>Group 8 - Polling Place Ballots 151 - 157</u>		
At three separate polling places provisional ballot outer envelopes were returned without the secrecy envelope enclosed. What should be counted on these ballots?	7	
<u>Group 9 - 158 - 159</u>		
Voter was registered under two different names in the voter registration system. Voter was mailed two ballots. Both ballots were returned. Do we count one ballot? If so, which one?	1	
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REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Vote-By-Mail ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)</u>	
Voter cancelled after ballots were mailed	5
No ballot in envelope	13
<u>Vote-By-Mail ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)</u>	
Cannot identify voter (returned secrecy only)	50
Wrong election	310
Total Vote-By-Mail ballots rejected	378
<u>Provisional ballots rejected</u>	
Not currently registered	240
Registered in another county (sent to respective county)	292
Returned absentee ballot	19
Voter voted on the touch screen	1
Voter cancelled. No longer registered in Washington State.	86
Could not identify voter (secrecy envelope only or did not complete envelope)	12
Signature does not match (Will count if the voter provides a cure)	4
Total Provisional ballots rejected	654

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POLLING PLACE RECONCILIATION:

Ballot accountability forms

Poll workers are required to complete a ballot accountability form at the end of election night after closing the polls. A thorough review is currently underway. This involves an extensive review of the number of people signing the poll book compared to the number of ballots cast at the polling places and the number of voters receiving credit.

Research indicated:

Immanuel Presbyterian Church (27-309) returned 26 unprocessed ballots which were not counted on Election Day.

Centre at Norpoint (27-329) had one ballot which was accidentally run through the tabulator twice due to a jam.

Lakewood Presbyterian Church (28-434) experienced a stuck ballot in a machine due to coffee being spilled on a ballot. The machine was inoperable and was replaced with a new tabulator. As a result 48 ballots were unprocessed on Election Day.

Hope Lutheran Church (29-502) processed write-in ballots more than once on the voting machine. To rectify these problems, new packs were burned and the ballots re-tabulated. These new vote totals replaced the incorrect totals which matched the number of voters signing the poll books. Poll workers will be notified accordingly.

A Pierce County poll worker left election material in an unsecured vehicle on the Sunday prior to the Election. The vehicle was burglarized, and thieves took an empty election bag and un-voted ballots that were still in their shrink wrap. Road maintenance workers with the Washington Department of Transportation found most of the stolen material by a roadside. The Auditor and Pierce County Sheriff's Department were both alerted.

After inspecting the recovered materials, staff determined that the only thing missing was a packet of 50 un-voted ballots still in shrink wrap. These un-voted ballots were destined for one poll site.

Please see the attached addendum for additional information including security procedures implemented and steps taken by Election staff to ensure the integrity of the Election.

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POLLING PLACE RECONCILIATION (continued):

Political parties requested a manual count of selected precincts

On election night political party observers requested a manual tally of the U.S. Senate race for the following precincts: 25-132, 26-227 and 31-614. Election staff performed this manual tally the day after the election in accordance with state law. The manual tally was compared to the results tabulated for each precinct. All results matched exactly. The requested manual count was done in the presence of the official political party observers.

Touch Screen Audit of Results

In accordance with State Law, Pierce County conducted an audit of results of votes cast on the touch screen voting machines. The law requires that this audit be conducted on four percent of the devices used in the election. Accordingly, three machines were selected by lot. To conduct the audit, an election worker read the results from the voter verifiable paper audit trail and another election worker tallied the results. These results were compared to the results accumulated in the election tabulation system. No discrepancies or anomalies were found. The audit was conducted for Initiative Measure 1105, House Joint Resolution 4220, and State Supreme Court Justice Position 1 on the following machines:

<u>Machine Number</u>	<u>Polling Location</u>
35255	Roy Fire Station
35261	South Hill Library
35270	Puyallup Library

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MAILING STATISTICS	
Undeliverable Vote-By-Mail ballots	
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office	3,225
Ballots postmarked too late	
Received November 4, 2010	1,153
Received November 5, 2010	61
Received November 8, 2010	47
Received November 9, 2010	23
Received November 10, 2010	7
Received November 12, 2010	2
Received November 15, 2010	6
Total number of ballots postmarked too late	1,299

Of special note:

Pierce County complied with the recently enacted MOVE act, even though the state was granted a waiver. This act requires ballots to be mailed 45 days prior to Election Day for all military and overseas voters. Pierce County mailed all military and overseas ballots 46 days prior to the Election. This was possible in part because there were no recounts in the Primary Election.

August 17, 2010 Pierce County Special Election

Ballot Return Statistics - Express Booths and Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)

Drop Boxes	9/28	10/5	10/15	10/19	10/21	10/25	10/27	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	Totals
County City Bldg	0	0	1	30	23	65	102	70	0	0	82	376	749
Gig Harbor Fire Station	1	2	0	62	99	154	180	263	49	45	127	382	1,364
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	0	2	6	79	169	281	316	232	97	77	240	856	2,355
PC Annex	0	4	8	132	242	488	752	1054	0	429	771	2775	6,655
Election Center	6	8	12	146	183	637	467	374	0	322	542	1207	3,904
Soundview Medical Clinic	0	0	0	22	15	47	54	70	0	14	81	284	587
TACID	0	0	1	50	54	98	135	109	30	38	136	553	1,204
Daily Totals	7	16	28	521	785	1770	2006	2172	176	925	1979	6433	16,818
Express Booths	9/28	10/5	10/15	10/19	10/21	10/25	10/27	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	Totals
Bethel Rite Aid								395	279	276	760	1344	3,054
Bonney Lake Fred Meyer								573	473	443	1124	2313	4,926
Browns Point Town Center								243	158	172	390	715	1,678
Purdy Fire Station (Not Open)								147	109	151	374	622	1,403
Pt Fosdick Gig Harbor (Not Open)								776	551	506	1564	2535	5,932
Green Firs University Place								431	424	370	1065	2102	4,392
Lakewood Towne Center								678	391	320	1238	2549	5,176
Oasis of Hope Tacoma								20	17	17	59	260	373
Rite Aid Tacoma								691	446	504	1235	3191	6,067
Puyallup Fred Meyer								716	505	468	1239	2795	5,723
Sprinker Spanaway								458	371	339	1003	1978	4,149
Sumner Fred Meyer								622	551	436	1094	2144	4,847
Surprise Lake Edgewood/Milton								377	279	257	698	1391	3,002
Thun Field South Hill								762	452	451	1162	2875	5,702
Daily Totals								6889	5006	4710	13005	26814	56,424
In Person	9/28	10/5	10/15	10/19	10/21	10/25	10/27	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	Totals
Election Center Customer Service	0	0	0	64	29	43	98	88	0	0	38	329	689
Auditors Office	0	0	0	0	0								0
Daily Totals	0	0	0	64	29	43	98	88	0	0	38	329	689
Polling Sites												5265	5,265
Grand Totals	7	16	28	585	814	1813	2104	9149	5182	5635	15022	38841	79,196