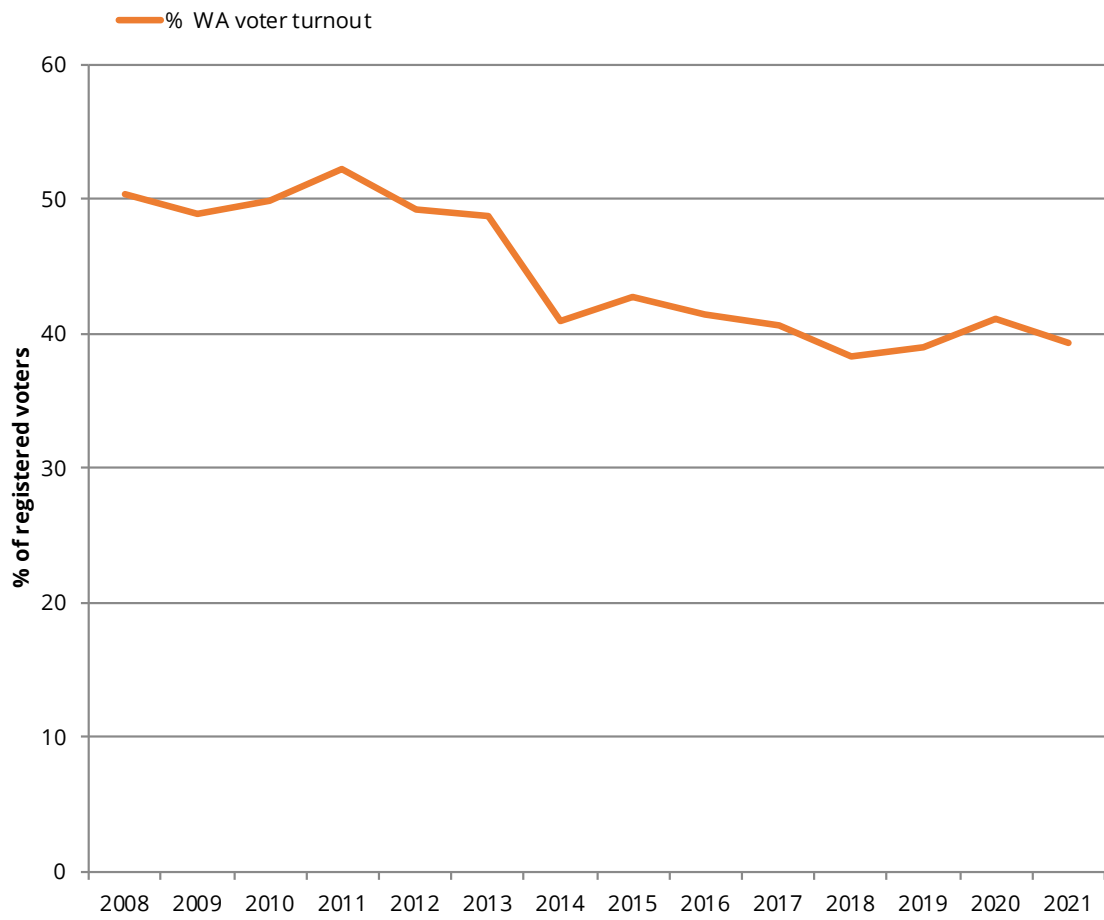


Voter Participation in February County Special Elections 2008-2021



Percentage of Registered Voters Casting a Special Election Ballot

	Mar. 11, 2008	Feb. 3, 2009	Feb. 9, 2010	Feb. 8, 2011	Feb. 14, 2012	Feb. 12, 2013	Feb. 11, 2014	Feb. 10, 2015	Feb. 9, 2016	Feb. 14, 2017	Feb. 13, 2018	Feb. 12, 2019	Feb. 11, 2020	Feb. 9, 2021
https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/research/election-results-and-voters-pamphlets.aspx														
Adams	32.22		45.39	37.63	42.24	94.29	38.06	25.00	54.44	36.74	37.55	18.12	35.66	40.00
Asotin			51.26	59.11	51.31		46.71		44.74		35.80	46.84	37.86	
Benton		41.01	43.57	62.00	41.31	42.78	35.85	38.76	35.25	36.08	31.97	33.99	29.78	
Chehalis		45.56	49.30	54.98	47.99	49.53	43.10	52.73	46.06	44.19	40.17	44.40	45.05	41.41
Clallum			58.12	49.67	52.55	50.49		52.57	61.29	47.19	43.74		50.45	47.27
Clark	43.63		44.19		39.36	37.49	30.48	40.51	32.05	35.84	31.24	32.29	34.11	39.06
Columbia			65.18	54.85	56.91		64.29	49.33	57.77		49.92		51.95	
Cowlitz	44.02	47.03	44.02	44.88	44.42		34.08	39.04		36.06	35.37		40.70	39.09
Douglas		48.63	50.65	54.70	55.72	37.40	47.24	2.88	5.01	48.28	46.49	50.43	44.15	39.60
Ferry					56.66	47.45		53.72	58.25		47.49	51.96	49.23	
Franklin		57.22	43.80		44.71	44.06	33.98		33.66	30.85	29.91	17.28	34.92	
Garfield			63.73	56.75	71.95	55.28		55.65		53.75		47.64		
Grant	70.00	46.07	49.06	51.39	44.57	58.10	41.46	45.23	43.41	47.25	34.83	39.25	36.04	37.12
Grays Harbor	53.26	44.66	46.94	51.19	42.56	35.48	36.32	34.62	36.50	35.10	31.39	27.28	36.46	31.33
Island		42.16	54.84		55.00	48.51	41.46		43.63	42.26	44.00	45.17	43.52	40.18
Jefferson	55.37		61.87	58.27	56.15	47.65	49.79	54.14	55.25	50.25	51.07	43.68	48.73	47.26
King			40.01	60.00	33.91		30.99	35.75	28.16	39.09	31.83	30.73	32.71	
Kitsap	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	38.91	52.20	39.42	44.09	33.45	33.71	28.37	39.89
Kittitas	no data	no data	no data	no data	46.00	48.30	38.00	49.44	39.04	25.64	35.22	35.68	43.24	43.90
Klickitat		71.09	52.15	61.15	48.65	50.82	43.64	47.71	49.94	41.37	42.89	45.91	45.05	47.26
Lewis		51.44	47.68	49.05	45.44	46.72	38.77	41.41	39.69	42.36	36.62	42.52	39.18	34.73
Lincoln	54.99	57.99	56.36	55.07	60.90	52.39	49.29	50.89	53.68	48.33	47.06	49.57	48.39	48.14
Mason			52.02	44.85	51.08	48.67	36.48	46.68	42.43	38.95	39.72	39.34	39.96	39.71
Okanogan		55.04	50.11	42.63	48.86	50.75	43.28	45.25	47.80	42.42	41.01	37.90	43.09	
Pacific	51.76		54.98	57.43	52.24	66.08	53.76	51.86	43.33	45.20	44.70	42.62	45.98	38.52
Pend Oreille	52.59	39.68		53.71			47.69	39.74		44.86	40.34		47.39	35.64
Pierce			37.98	36.44	38.89	35.92	29.47	26.73	31.58	41.01	27.76	41.45	34.21	
San Juan			58.37	62.95	64.57	52.90	50.08		50.46	51.98			48.97	
Skagit			51.05	46.01	45.32	47.83	41.11	61.08	38.79	34.61	40.75	36.73	45.06	35.75
Skamania			45.62		57.57		38.01	41.54		33.54			41.29	42.90
Snohomish		23.04	36.51		34.02	33.42	28.42	30.18	29.78	32.59	30.80	22.44	33.02	26.62
Spokane	37.64	47.43	43.65	50.63	48.48	35.68	43.28	40.16	36.06	34.88	36.62	31.69	35.52	39.77
Stevens	57.13	55.19	50.50		56.76	52.97	47.40	50.05	49.24	35.17	42.53	38.84	45.57	41.76
Thurston			43.12		38.91		34.09	32.05	34.88	27.84	33.98	35.26	35.92	
Wahkiakum			56.28		55.90	61.80	42.93	46.99			45.41		62.66	44.46
Walla Walla			52.55	51.99	50.44	52.77	40.15	48.77	44.16	48.79	37.20	37.93	41.68	
Whatcom			47.04	50.01	43.07	47.06	43.69	33.94	36.15		32.58	43.63	37.55	21.62
Whitman	52.50	54.87	53.40	54.22	46.34	41.59	40.54	46.94	38.06	45.55	36.33	36.11	35.93	41.16
Yakima		52.17	44.05	51.76	52.05	35.36	34.42	30.60	30.02	37.65	32.30	37.08	31.99	33.42
% voting by year	50.43	48.90	49.87	52.26	49.27	48.69	41.03	42.69	41.47	40.58	38.33	38.05	41.09	39.17

We tested whether voter turnout declined in any of Washington's 39 counties over the years 2004 through 2021 when newspapers were experiencing declining content, consolidation, staffing losses and reductions in print circulation.

We chose the special elections that occur in early spring and involve nonpartisan county- or city-level bond and funding issues for police, libraries, schools and fire departments.

The few single digit turnout numbers in the chart indicate a fire or school district that crosses county lines.