

Risk-limiting Audit: Contest Lot Draw

2024 General Election – Statewide Audit

In a risk-limiting audit, the audit contests are selected randomly [[RCW 29A.60.185\(c\)\(ii\)](#)] to ensure that the process is free from bias or external influence.

For a risk-limiting audit to produce a mathematically significant result, all ballots containing the selected contest must be included in the population of ballots to be sampled.

For the contest lot draw, the Office of the Secretary of State or the county auditor will create a list of potential contests that are suitable for a risk-limiting audit, considering the following factors as described in [WAC 434-261-116](#):

- Number of candidates/positions—contests where a candidate is running unopposed will not be considered for audit
- Geographical scope of the contest—all ballots containing the selected contest must be included in the population of ballots to be sampled
- Number of ballots counted in the contest—contests that appear on only a small percentage of the county’s ballots are inefficient to audit
- Closeness of the reported tabulation outcome of the contests—contests that may potentially go to a recount are not considered for a risk-limiting audit
- Ability of county elections staff to complete the audit before the canvass deadline—contests whose estimated sample sizes are so large that the audit workload may compromise other election duties will generally be excluded from consideration for a risk-limiting audit

With these factors in mind, the following potential contests will appear in the contest lot draw for this election:

State of Washington

President/Vice President	Commissioner Of Public Lands
U.S. Senator	Superintendent Of Public Instruction
Governor	Insurance Commissioner
Lt. Governor	Initiative Measure No. 2066
Secretary Of State	Initiative Measure No. 2109
State Treasurer	Initiative Measure No. 2117
State Auditor	Initiative Measure No. 2124
Attorney General	

Each contest name is placed into a capsule and inserted into a random-draw cage, which mixes the capsules. One capsule is selected and withdrawn; the contest name inside is the target contest for the risk-limiting audit. This process is repeated for each county conducting an official risk-limiting audit.

The selected contest for the 2024 General Election statewide risk-limiting audit is:

Lt. Governor

Elections Division

In conjunction with the statewide risk-limiting audit, several counties have elected to conduct an audit of a county contest at the same time. The following counties and contests will also appear in the lot draw:

Mason

Mason County Commissioner Dist. No. 1

Mason County Commissioner Dist. No. 2

Spokane

Legislative District 3 State Senator

Spokane Superior Court Judge Position 8

Legislative District 3 State Rep. Pos. 1

Spokane Superior Court Judge Position 11

Legislative District 4 State Senator

Spokane County Measure No. 1

Legislative District 4 State Rep. Pos. 1

City Of Spokane Proposition No. 1

Legislative District 4 State Rep. Pos. 2

Legislative District 6 State Rep. Pos. 1

Legislative District 6 State Rep. Pos. 2

Thurston

Legislative District 22 State Senator

County Commissioner, District No. 2

Legislative District 22 State Rep. Pos. 1

County Commissioner, District No. 4

Legislative District 22 State Rep. Pos. 2

Thurston PUD Commissioner, District No. 1

Walla Walla

Walla Walla County Commissioner District 1

The contests selected are:

Mason	Mason County Commissioner Dist. No. 2
Spokane	Legislative District 4 State Senator
Thurston	Legislative District 22 State Rep. Pos. 1
Walla Walla	Walla Walla County Commissioner District 1