

New Bedford election turnout at 25%, up 11% over 2015

Last night's New Bedford municipal election saw a 25.1% voter turnout and an 11.3% increase in the number of voters compared to 2015. Yesterday, 14,098 voted compared to 12,466 in 2015, an increase of 1,631 votes. Full results can be see [here](#).

The most significant vote was for mayor. Jon Mitchell won his fourth consecutive election defeating Charlie Perry by 2,875 votes – 8,371 to 5,496. Percentage wise that's 60% to 39%. It's a significant victory, considering the increase of votes was 1,631 over 2015 and Mitchell won by 2,875 votes.

in 2015, there were 54,726 registered voters – 12,466 turned out to vote that translates into a 22.78% voter turnout. In 2017, there were 56,213 registered voters translating into a 25.1% turnout.

New Bedford should be happy that more residents showed up to vote, but yesterday does show voter apathy continuing to be a problem. With a city of 100,000 people, roughly 14% of the city, or 1/4 of the registered voters, are deciding New Bedford's future.