

New Bedford records 22% primary voter turnout, picked Kennedy over Markey

According to the data provided by the New Bedford elections office, New Bedford saw 22% of registered voters turn out for the primary elections held on September 1st. Of New Bedford's 61,577 registered voters, 13,834 cast a ballot on Tuesday. 11,753 ballots were cast in the Democrat primary and 2,042 were cast in the Republican primary.

By more than a two to one margin, New Bedford voters cast a ballot for Joe Kennedy over incumbent Ed Markey in the Democratic Senate race – 7,855 to 3,764. New Bedford Republican voters picked Kevin O'Connor over Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai – 1,102 or 891, or 55% to 44%. Markey and O'Connor went on to win their primary elections.