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# Dependency/Termination/ At-Risk Youth/Child in-Need-of Service/ Truancy Quarterly Statistical Report

Third Quarter 2022

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# Summary

NOTE: Covid-19 pandemic affects the statistics, as of March 2020

# Filings

**2021 annual filings.** The filings in 2021 were: 394 dependency cases, 203 termination cases, 65 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 61 truancy cases, and 155 others<sup>(1)</sup>.

<u>2022 YTD filings.</u> The YTD filings in 2022: 310 dependency cases, 132 termination cases, 68 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 811 truancy cases, and 125 others.

Comparing with 2021, the change in average monthly filings in 2022 is: 4.9% increase (+4.9%) for dependency, and 11.8% decrease (-11.8%) for termination.

#### Resolutions (approval or dismissal of petitions)

Resolution is defined as either the "approval" or the "dismissal" of the petition.

<u>2021 annual resolutions.</u> The resolutions in 2021 were: 399 dependency cases, 265 termination cases, 55 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 587 truancy cases, and 170 others<sup>(1)</sup>.

**2022 YTD resolutions.** The YTD resolutions in 2022: 249 dependency cases, 134 termination cases, 61 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 278 truancy cases, and 112 others.

Comparing with 2021, the change in average monthly resolutions in 2022 is: 16.8% decrease (-16.8%) for dependency, and 32.6% decrease (-32.6%) for termination.

# • Pending Resolution

At the end of the third quarter of 2022, the pending resolution (petitions are neither approved nor dismissed yet) caseload was: 283 dependency cases, 241 termination cases, 39 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 900 truancy cases, and 88 others.

#### • Age of Pending Resolution Cases

At the end of the third quarter of 2022, there were a number of cases (older than 180 days since filing) which remained as unresolved (still pending the approval or dismissal of the petitions): 132 dependency cases, 167 termination cases, 12 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, and 401 truancy cases.

#### Number of Fact-findings (FF)

<u>2021 annual fact-findings.</u> The number of fact-findings in 2021 were: 193 for dependency cases, 197 for termination cases, 19 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, and 86 for others.

**2022 YTD fact-findings.** The YTD number of fact-findings in 2022: 157 for dependency cases, 96 for termination cases, 34 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 2 for truancy cases, and 89 for others.

Comparing with 2021, the change in average monthly fact-findings in 2022 is: 8.1% increase (+8.1%) for dependency, and 34.8% decrease (-34.8%) for termination.

# • Number of Hearings (non Fact-findings)

**<u>2021 annual hearings.</u>** The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2021 were: 7066 for dependency cases, 448 for termination cases, 77 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, and 388 for others.

<u>2022 YTD hearings.</u> The YTD number of non fact-finding hearings in 2022: 5630 for dependency cases, 383 for termination cases, 118 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 27 for truancy cases, and 601 for others.

Comparing with 2021, the change in average monthly number of hearings (other than fact-findings) in 2022 is: 6.1% increase (+6.1%) for dependency, and 14.2% increase (+14.2%) for termination.

(1) "Others" category includes the following case types: DDP - Developmental Disability; DGN - Dependency Guardianship; RVS - Relative Visitation; EFC - Extended Foster Care, Dependency; GFC - Guardianship Foster Children; RPR - Reinstatement of Parental rights; and VYG - Vulnerable Youth Guardianship.

# Terminology

# **Filings**

Number of petitions (cases) filed.

#### Resolutions

Number of petitions (cases) resolved, either by "approval" or "dismissal" of petitions. Unlike the definition of "resolution" for other Superior Court case types, the "resolution" for these case categories does not indicate the end of judicial involvement if the petition is approved.

### **Pending Resolution**

Number of active cases that have not been resolved, namely the petition has neither been approved nor dismissed yet.

# Resolved, Pending Completion

Number of cases for which the petition has been approved, but issues (sometime significant issues) still remain in which the court is actively involved.

#### Resolution Age

Time (days) from filing to resolution, less suspense time if applicable.

#### **Pending Resolution Case Age**

Time (days) from filing to the last day of the reporting period for these cases that still remain unresolved (no approval or dismiss yet), less suspense time, if applicable.

# Pending Completion Case Age since the Approval of Petition

Time (days) from filing from the approval of the original petition (resolution) to the last day of the reporting period for those cases that still remain uncompleted (resolved, but with court activities), less suspense time, if applicable.

#### **Number of Fact-findings (FF)**

This is an estimate of actual fact-finding hearings held due to siblings belonging to one family unit having data entered on each case for the same fact-finding hearing proceeding.

#### Number of Hearings (non Fact-findings)

Number of all hearings other than fact-findings entered during the reporting period. The number of hearings is further divided into "pre-resolution" and "post-resolution" hearings depending on the time of the hearings in relation to the resolution date.

Table 1. Dependency Statistics

		2021	Depend	dency		2022 Dependency					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	
Filings											
SEA	66	67	77	52	262	72	54	51		177	
KNT	45	28	24	35	132	57	35	41		133	
BOTH SEA/KNT	111	95	101	87	394	129	89	92		310	
Resolutions											
SEA	98	68	52	52	270	47	63	44		154	
KNT	36	40	34	19	129	31	42	22		95	
BOTH SEA/KNT	134	108	86	71	399	78	105	66		249	
Pending Resolution											
SEA	243	155	168	160		175	164	168			
KNT	139	97	81	81		104	96	115			
BOTH SEA/KNT	382	252	249	241		279	260	283			
Resolved, Pending Completion											
SEA	769	784	728	690		661	644	609			
KNT	611	627	578	536		471	456	431			
BOTH SEA/KNT	1380	1411	1306	1226		1132	1100	1040			
Resolution Age (days)											
% of Cases within 75 days	16%	20%	21%	16%		24%	12%	12%			
% of Cases within 90 days	17%	32%	23%	21%		32%	19%	21%			
% of Cases within 120 days	37%	42%	33%	30%		41%	40%	30%			
% of Cases within 180 days	57%	54%	60%	49%		63%	52%	60%			
% of Cases >180 days	43%	45%	40%	51%		37%	48%	40%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	134	108	86	71		78	105	66			
Pending Resolution Case Age											
# of Cases less than 75 days	82	54	71	63		108	64	74			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	11	12	14	6		10	14	12			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	26	26	29	20		19	39	21			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	34	38	27	49		26	37	44			
# of cases > 180 days	229	122	108	103		116	106	132			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	382	252	249	241		279	260	283			
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Filing											
# of Cases less than 1 year	141	151	149	108		147	98	85			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	264	291	254	230		217	214	205			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	337	338	312	307		270	221	190			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	263	255	249	237		207	220	210			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	140	142	139	156		124	145	143			
# of cases > 5 years	235	234	203	188		167	202	207			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	1380	1411	1306	1226		1132	1100	1040			

Table 1 (continued). Dependency Statistics

		2021	Depend	lency		2022 Dependency					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Approval of Petition											
# of Cases less than 1 year	270	345	318	256		296	197	182			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	258	238	217	229		198	271	249			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	347	305	274	257		226	172	140			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	209	228	227	226		188	171	177			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	130	117	109	108		91	128	121			
# of cases > 5 years	166	178	161	150		133	161	171			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	1380	1411	1306	1226		1132	1100	1040			
Number of Fact-findings											
SEA	36	37	17	31	121	33	41	38		112	
KNT	16	36	10	10	72	15	10	20		45	
BOTH SEA/KNT	52	73	27	41	193	48	51	58		157	
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)											
SEA	906	1082	979	945	3912	1042	1100	1131		3273	
KNT	734	821	849	750	3154	855	760	742		2357	
BOTH SEA/KNT	1640	1903	1828	1695	7066	1897	1860	1873		5630	

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Table 2. Termination Statistics

		2021	Termin	ation		2022 Termination					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	
Filings											
SEA	21	30	52	25	128	20	24	26		70	
KNT	25	21	23	6	75	19	25	18		62	
BOTH SEA/KNT	46	51	75	31	203	39	49	44		132	
Resolutions											
SEA	31	29	61	19	140	39	23	16		78	
KNT	25	40	38	22	125	21	20	15		56	
BOTH SEA/KNT	56	69	99	41	265	60	43	31		134	
Pending Resolution											
SEA	203	207	174	166		145	148	155			
KNT	151	138	104	82		79	84	86			
BOTH SEA/KNT	354	345	278	248		224	232	241			
Resolution Age (days)											
% of Cases within 75 days	0%	4%	5%	10%		13%	7%	13%			
% of Cases within 90 days	29%	24%	20%	37%		28%	26%	23%			
% of Cases within 120 days	30%	33%	22%	44%		28%	42%	26%			
% of Cases within 180 days	43%	55%	29%	51%		32%	49%	42%			
% of Cases >180 days	57%	45%	71%	49%		68%	51%	58%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	56	69	99	41		60	43	31			
Pending Resolution Case Age											
# of Cases less than 75 days	41	41	55	19		28	37	39			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	3	7	11	4		2	6	2			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	31	10	13	16		2	10	9			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	37	14	18	33		15	7	24			
# of cases > 180 days	242	273	181	176		177	172	167			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	354	345	278	248		224	232	241			
Number of Fact-findings											
SEA	37	33	31	27	128	28	18	7		53	
KNT	20	28	14	7	69	14	16	13		43	
BOTH SEA/KNT	57	61	45	34	197	42	34	20		96	
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)											
SEA	85	49	64	67	223	78	71	125		274	
KNT	103	70	46	47	225	42	36	31		109	
BOTH SEA/KNT	188	119	110	114	448	120	107	156		383	

Table 3. ARY/CHINS Statistics

		2021	ARY/C	HINS			2022	ARY/C	HINS	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	5	5	7	14	31	7	12	11		30
KNT	9	8	8	9	34	6	17	15		38
BOTH SEA/KNT	14	13	15	23	65	13	29	26		68
Resolutions										
SEA	8	8	5	6	27	13	7	12		32
KNT	10	6	7	5	28	8	10	11		29
BOTH SEA/KNT	18	14	12	11	55	21	17	23		61
Pending Resolution										
SEA	17	14	15	22		15	21	19		
KNT	10	11	11	12		12	18	20		
BOTH SEA/KNT	27	25	26	34		27	39	39		
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	44	44	45	46		55	49	50		
KNT	24	24	24	17		19	22	26		
BOTH SEA/KNT	68	68	69	63		74	71	76		
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	50%	36%	33%	73%		52%	71%	52%		
% of Cases within 90 days	50%	50%	42%	73%		67%	71%	57%		
% of Cases within 120 days	56%	57%	67%	82%		76%	77%	66%		
% of Cases within 180 days	67%	64%	83%	82%		95%	88%	74%		
% of Cases >180 days	33%	36%	17%	18%		5%	12%	26%		
Total # of Cases Resolved	18	14	12	11		21	17	23		
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	6	9	11	14		7	14	16		
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	1	1	1	3		0	5	1		
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	1	0	1	4		2	1	1		
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	5	1	1	2		5	3	9		
# of cases > 180 days	14	14	12	11		13	16	12		
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	27	25	26	34		27	39	39		
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	14	15	16	9		20	15	21		
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	2	1	1	2		2	3	2		
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	3	1	1	0		0	1	1		
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	3	3	3		3	1	1		
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	4	4	4	5		5	3	3		
# of cases > 5 years	44	44	44	44		44	48	48		
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	68	68	69	63		74	71	76		

Table 3 (continued). ARY/CHINS Statistics

		2021	ARY/C	HINS		2022 ARY/CHINS					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case – Age Since Approval of Petition											
# of Cases less than 1 year	15	15	16	10		21	16	21			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	1	1	1	1		1	2	2			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	3	1	1	1		1	1	1			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	2	3	3	2		2	1	1			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	3	4	4	5		5	3	3			
# of cases > 5 years	44	44	44	44		44	48	48			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	68	68	69	63		74	71	76			
Number of Fact-findings											
SEA	1	2	1	3	7	3	4	4		11	
KNT	4	1	3	4	12	5	8	10		23	
BOTH SEA/KNT	5	3	4	7	19	8	12	14		34	
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)											
SEA	4	2	6	8	20	14	21	24		59	
KNT	20	17	8	12	57	14	26	19		59	
BOTH SEA/KNT	24	19	14	20	77	28	47	43		118	

Table 4. Truancy Statistics

		202	21 Trua	псу			202	22 Trual	псу	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings	_									
SEA	0	2	0	31	33	120	109	11		240
KNT	0	2	0	26	28	216	302	53		571
BOTH SEA/KNT	0	4	0	57	61	336	411	64		811
Resolutions										
SEA	61	9	14	110	194	6	6	190		202
KNT	224	66	102	1	393	11	14	51		76
BOTH SEA/KNT	285	75	116	111	587	17	20	241		278
Pending Resolution										
SEA	352	345	325	246		359	463	284		
KNT	206	134	36	61		266	614	616		
BOTH SEA/KNT	558	479	361	307		625	1077	900		
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	15	15	15	14		14	16	17		
KNT	25	25	22	19		16	20	22		
BOTH SEA/KNT	40	40	37	33		30	36	39		
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	0%	0%	0%	1%		65%	45%	4%		
% of Cases within 90 days	0%	0%	0%	1%		65%	60%	7%		
% of Cases within 120 days	0%	0%	0%	1%		71%	60%	11%		
% of Cases within 180 days	0%	0%	0%	1%		77%	90%	18%		
% of Cases >180 days	100%	100%	100%	99%		24%	10%	82%		
Total # of Cases Resolved	285	75	116	111		17	20	241		
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	0	4	0	55		302	420	57		
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	0	0	0	1		23	38	2		
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	0	0	2	0		31	138	148		
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	0	0	2	0		22	187	292		
# of cases > 180 days	558	475	357	251		247	294	401		
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	558	479	361	307		625	1077	900		
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	1	1	1	0		2	8	12		
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	1	1	1	2		2	1	1		
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	8	6	5	2		1	1	1		
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	6	7	6	4		1	2	1		
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	5	5	4	2		1	0	0		
# of cases > 5 years	19	20	20	23		23	24	24		
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	40	40	37	33		30	36	39		

Table 4 (continued). Truancy Statistics

		202	1 Truai	псу		2022 Truancy					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Approval of Petition											
# of Cases less than 1 year	1	1	1	0		2	8	12			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	6	3	3	2		2	1	1			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	9	11	7	4		1	1	1			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	4	3	4	5		3	2	1			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	5	7	7	3		3	2	2			
# of cases > 5 years	15	15	15	19		19	22	22			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	40	40	37	33		30	36	39			
Number of Fact-findings											
SEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		2	
KNT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
BOTH SEA/KNT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		2	
Number of Hearings (Non Fact-findings)											
SEA	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3		7	
KNT	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	8		20	
BOTH SEA/KNT	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	11		27	

Table 5. Case Filing, Resolution and Pending for Other Causes of Action

				DDF	P/EFC/GFO	C/RPR/RVS	etc.			
	Q1/2021	Q2/2021	Q3/2021	Q4/2021	2021 Annual	Q1/2022	Q2/2022	Q3/2022	Q4/2022	2022 Annual
Filings										
SEA	27	26	28	13	94	15	34	26		75
KNT	19	14	16	12	61	17	16	17		50
Both SEA/KNT	46	40	44	25	155	32	50	43		125
Resolutions										
SEA	41	25	30	9	105	18	23	22		63
KNT	16	16	23	10	65	18	17	14		49
Both SEA/KNT	57	41	53	19	170	36	40	36		112
Pending Resolution										
SEA	64	66	46	50		42	53	53		
KNT	65	60	37	36		33	33	35		
Both SEA/KNT	129	126	83	86		75	86	88		
Pending Completion										
SEA	248	297	324	267		239	241	247		
KNT	110	126	136	121		107	118	121		
Both SEA/KNT	358	423	460	388		346	359	368		
Number of Fact- findings										
SEA	9	9	14	9	41	12	16	21		49
KNT	5	9	10	6	30	14	13	13		40
BOTH SEA/KNT	14	18	24	15	71	26	29	34		89
Number of Hearings (non FF)										
SEA	107	152	164	130	553	148	126	154		428
KNT	61	48	65	52	226	52	66	55		173
BOTH SEA/KNT	168	200	229	182	779	200	192	209		601

This tables includes case flow information for the following causes of actions under case type 7: DDP (developmental Disability), GFC includes the following case types: DDP - Developmental Disability; DGN - Dependency Guardianship; RVS - Relative Visitation; EFC - Extended Foster Care, Dependency; GFC - Guardianship Foster Children; RPR - Reinstatement of Parental rights; and VYG - Vulnerable Youth Guardianship.















