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King County Superior Court **Juvenile Offender Statistical Report**

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Juvenile Offender Summary

NOTE: Washington State Supreme Court orders related to the coronavirus pandemic, beginning March 2020, affect the statistics for the foreseeable future.

• Filings (Table 1)

The number of juvenile offender filings in January 2023 was 44 cases. This compares with a monthly average of 137, 108, 110, 102, 93, 66, 30, and 42 cases in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 respectively.

• Resolutions (Table 2-A)

The number of resolutions in January 2023 was 54 cases. This compares with the average number of resolutions of 128, 117, 98, 102, 86, 69, 52, and 31 cases in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 respectively.

Age of Resolved Cases (Tables 2-C)

Because of the relatively small number of resolutions each month, the average age is likely to fluctuate significantly. Therefore, a more robust measurement of the age is the "median age" (i.e., the days at which 50% of the cases were resolved below the "median age" and 50% beyond the "median age"). The median age of all resolved cases was 137 days in January 2023.

Pending Caseload (Tables 3-A and 3-B)

The pending active caseload (those cases not on warrant, deferred disposition, stay or appeal status, and not yet resolved) at the end of January 2023 was 284 cases, a low volume. The pending numbers were 464, 647, 572, 286, and 301 cases at the year-end of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, respectively.

• Age of Pending Cases (Table 3-C)

At the end of January 2023, the median age of the pending cases was 114 days, namely, 50% of the pending cases were about 4 months old (114 days), with 61 cases older than 9 months. This compares to median age of 111, 142, 241, 241, and 122 days at the year end of the last five years.

CONCLUSION: The filings in 2023 remain at a low level, with 42 cases filed in January 2023. The resolutions in January 2023 were 54 cases. The pending active juvenile offender caseload was 284 cases, with 61 cases over 9 months, at the end of January 2023.

Terminology

Age of Pending Case

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

Age of Resolved Case

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

Filing

A juvenile offender case filed at the King County Superior Court with a new case number assigned.

Median Age

Half cases are less and half cases are more (the 50 percentile).

Pending Case

A case is defined as pending if it is unresolved and not on suspense status.

Pending Caseload

Number of pending cases at the end of reporting period.

Resolution

A case is resolved if all issues in the complaint are fully adjudicated.

Resolution Category

Four resolution categories are used to report resolution of criminal cases: Fact-findings (CVCT, AQCT), guilty plea (GP, GPAT), dismissal (DSM, DAT), and other (all other resolution codes).

Suspended Case

A case is placed in suspense status (removing from active) during the reporting period.

Suspense Status

A case is said to be on suspense status if it is on warrant or appeal.

Suspense Time

Time (days) a case is on suspense status.

DDSP - Deferred Dispositions

Entered – A case listed as entered means that a youth has stipulated to the facts in support of the charge and is considered adjudicated per RCW 13.4-0.127 however the court defers imposition of the disposition based on conditions being met.

Completed by Dismissal – The youth complied with all terms of the deferred disposition conditions and the case is dismissed and charges vacated.

Completed by Order of Disposition – The youth did NOT comply with all terms of the deferred disposition and is sentenced.

Figure 1. Number of Juvenile Offender Filings, Resolutions and Pending Caseload by Month

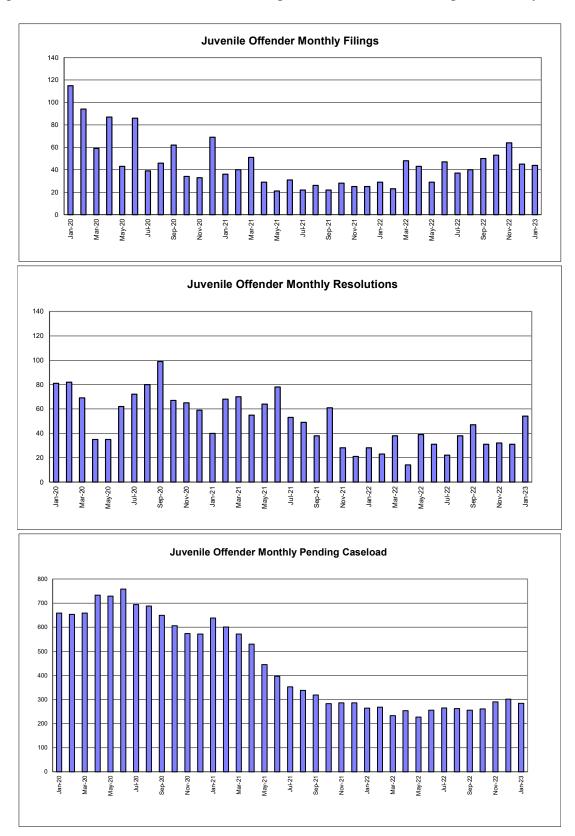


Table 1. Monthly Juvenile Offender New Filings

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2020	115	94	59	87	43	86	39	46	62	34	33	69
2021	36	40	51	29	21	31	22	26	22	28	25	25
2022	29	23	48	43	29	47	37	40	50	53	64	45
2023	44											
Felony												
2020	65	50	34	56	28	56	24	29	35	27	23	44
2021	30	35	33	21	18	23	14	19	13	18	18	17
2022	23	18	31	35	24	38	22	28	30	35	47	30
2023	35											
Misdemeanor												
2020	45	32	18	29	12	27	11	13	18	6	8	22
2021	6	2	14	5	3	8	6	5	7	9	6	6
2022	3	5	13	7	2	9	11	6	16	18	14	10
2023	7											
Other												
2020	5	12	7	3	3	3	4	4	9	1	2	3
2021	0	3	4	3	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	2
2022	3	0	4	1	3	0	4	6	4	0	3	5
2023	2											

Table 2-A. Monthly Juvenile Offender Resolutions

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2020	81	82	69	35	35	62	72	80	99	67	65	59
2021	40	68	70	55	64	78	53	49	38	61	28	21
2022	28	23	38	14	39	31	22	38	47	31	32	31
2023	54											
Felony												
2020	42	52	34	24	22	36	31	51	52	45	39	31
2021	20	31	41	26	33	43	25	32	27	32	19	12
2022	17	7	26	12	26	19	12	26	25	20	13	11
2023	30											
Misdemeanor												
2020	27	19	25	8	9	17	34	21	37	17	19	23
2021	20	32	27	22	25	25	15	12	8	24	7	6
2022	9	12	9	1	8	8	6	6	13	8	12	13
2023	17											
Other												
2020	12	11	10	3	4	7	7	8	10	5	6	4
2021	0	5	2	7	6	10	13	5	3	5	2	3
2022	2	4	3	1	5	4	4	6	9	3	2 7	7
2023	7						-					,

Table 2-B. Monthly Juvenile Offender Resolution Category

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2022 # of Resolutions	28	23	38	14	39	31	22	38	47	31	32	31
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	5%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Resolved by G.P. (%)	18%	22%	66%	29%	41%	42%	46%	40%	40%	52%	41%	16%
Dismissed (%)	43%	61%	26%	43%	36%	48%	14%	32%	38%	32%	41%	58%
Deferred Disposition (%)	32%	17%	8%	29%	15%	10%	23%	18%	11%	13%	13%	10%
Other Resolutions (%)	7%	0%	0%	0%	5%	1%	14%	8%	9%	3%	6%	16%
2023 # of Resolutions	54											
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%											
Resolved by G.P. (%)	37%											
Dismissed (%)	56%											
Deferred Disposition (%)	6%											
Other Resolutions (%)	2%											
Felony												
2022 # of Resolutions	17	7	26	12	26	19	12	26	25	20	13	11
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	8%	4%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Resolved by G.P. (%)	24%	43%	69%	25%	50%	53%	50%	58%	60%	50%	69%	27%
Dismissed (%)	24%	29%	19%	42%	23%	37%	8%	12%	16%	25%	15%	55%
Deferred Disposition (%)	53%	29%	12%	33%	23%	11%	33%	27%	20%	20%	15%	18%
Other Resolutions (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%
2023 # of Resolutions	30											
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%											
Resolved by G.P. (%)	43%											
Dismissed (%)	47%											
Deferred Disposition (%)	10%											
Other Resolutions (%)	0%											
Misdemeanor												
2022 # of Resolutions	9	12	9	1	8	8	6	6	13	8	12	13
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Resolved by G.P. (%)	11%	17%	56%	100%	38%	25%	67%	0%	15%	63%	25%	15%
Dismissed (%)	89%	67%	44%	0%	63%	75%	17%	100%	85%	38%	58%	77%
Deferred Disposition (%)	0%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%	0%	0%	0%	17%	8%
Other Resolutions (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2023 # of Resolutions	17											
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%											
Resolved by G.P. (%)	35%											
Dismissed (%)	65%											
Dismissed (%) Deferred Disposition (%)	03%											
Other Resolutions (%)	0%											
Other Resolutions (%)	U70											

Resolution categories:

Age = time between filing and resolution. Suspense time on warrant, diversion, appeal or stay status is excluded.

F.F. = Convicted by Court (CVCT) or Acquittal by Court (AQCT); G.P. = Guilty Plea before Adjudicatory Hearing (GP) or Guilty Plea after Adjudicatory Hearing Commencement (GPAT);

Dismissed = Dismissal before Adjudicatory Hearing (DSM) or Dismissal after Adjudicatory Hearing Commencement (DAT);

Other Resolutions = Uncontested (UNDS) or Change of Venue (CHV) or Declination of Jurisdiction (DECL) or Consolidated Case (CONS).

Table 2-C. Age (days) of Resolved Juvenile Offender Cases vs. Time Standard

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases					•				•			
2021: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	40 252 20% 35% 60%	68 249 24% 37% 59%	70 202 30% 44% 66%	55 176 36% 51% 65%	64 186 25% 48% 66%	78 161 30% 53% 76%	53 344 11% 21% 36%	49 202 18% 41% 55%	38 284 13% 29% 45%	61 245 20% 30% 56%	28 284 21% 29% 46%	21 346 24% 24% 48%
2022: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	28 162 36% 61% 71%	23 330 22% 26% 43%	38 296 32% 42% 45%	14 119 50% 71% 79%	39 193 36% 49% 56%	31 204 29% 36% 84%	22 177 46% 50% 64%	38 113 53% 64% 68%	47 169 43% 53% 77%	31 167 45% 61% 77%	32 153 44% 56% 78%	31 97 68% 74% 87%
2023: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	54 137 48% 61% 78%											
Felony												
2021: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	20 239 15% 30% 55%	31 252 10% 23% 55%	41 198 27% 41% 68%	26 137 42% 62% 65%	33 196 24% 45% 70%	43 157 28% 56% 77%	25 301 12% 24% 36%	32 217 16% 38% 56%	27 265 11% 33% 52%	32 238 22% 34% 63%	19 439 16% 16% 37%	12 316 17% 17% 50%
2022: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	17 254 29% 35% 53%	7 286 29% 29% 43%	26 307 23% 35% 38%	12 111 58% 75% 83%	26 131 46% 62% 65%	19 219 26% 26% 84%	12 237 25% 33% 58%	26 128 50% 62% 69%	25 118 52% 64% 76%	20 150 45% 65% 80%	13 204 15% 39% 85%	11 114 55% 64% 82%
2023: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	30 199 37% 47% 70%											
Misdemeanor												
2021: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	20 253 25% 40% 65%	32 252 31% 47% 63%	27 230 30% 44% 59%	22 238 27% 41% 64%	25 150 28% 52% 64%	25 182 32% 48% 76%	15 331 7% 14% 47%	12 298 17% 42% 42%	8 316 25% 25% 38%	24 280 17% 21% 46%	7 234 29% 43% 57%	6 368 17% 17% 33%
2022: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	9 158 33% 100% 100%	12 435 17% 25% 42%	9 309 44% 56% 56%	1 282 0% 0% 0%	8 461 0% 13% 38%	8 189 38% 63% 75%	6 75 67% 67% 67%	6 175 68% 83% 83%	13 210 23% 31% 77%	8 207 38% 50% 75%	12 116 58% 67% 75%	13 85 69% 85% 92%
2023: # of Cases Resolved Median Age (days) % in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%) % in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%) % in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	17 105 59% 76% 83%											

Age = time between filing and resolution. Suspense time on warrant, appeal or stay status is excluded.

Table 3-A. Monthly Juvenile Offender Pending Caseload

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2020	659	654	659	733	729	758	694	688	649	606	574	572
2021	638	601	572	530	445	396	353	338	319	283	286	286
2022	264	268	233	254	227	256	265	262	256	261	290	301
2023	284											
Felony												
2020	405	386	393	435	433	454	427	419	396	373	355	366
2021	408	392	363	346	296	257	230	214	195	171	175	177
2022	167	173	169	190	173	189	192	195	186	180	210	224
2023	218											
Misdemeanor												
2020	180	194	192	219	217	231	191	195	178	159	149	153
2021	184	164	164	145	110	101	86	86	85	73	73	71
2022	59	54	50	49	38	51	58	57	63	73	78	75
2023	66											
Other												
2020	70	70	69	74	74	71	72	70	71	70	67	51
2021	46	45	45	39	39	38	37	38	39	39	38	38
2022	38	41	14	15	16	16	15	10	7	8	2	2
2023	0											

The pending caseload is total number of active cases, excluding cases on warrant/appeal/stay status.

Table 3-B. Month-to-Month Change (%) in Juvenile Offender Pending Caseload

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2020	+1.9%	-0.8%	+0.8%	+11.2%	-0.5%	+4.0%	-8.4%	-0.9%	-5.7%	-6.6%	-5.3%	-0.3%
2021	+11.5%	-5.8%	-4.8%	-7.3%	-16.0%	-11.0%	-10.9%	-4.2%	-5.9%	-11.3%	+1.1%	+0.0%
2022	-7.7%	+1.5%	-13.1%	+9.0%	-10.6%	+12.8%	+3.5%	-1.1%	-2.3%	+2.0%	+11.1%	+3.8%
2023	-5.6%											
Felony												
2020	+4.4%	-4.7%	+1.8%	+10.7%	-0.5%	+4.8%	-5.9%	-1.9%	-5.5%	-5.8%	-4.8%	+3.1%
2021	+11.5%	-3.9%	-7.4%	-4.7%	-14.5%	-13,2%	-10.5%	-7.0%	-8.9%	-12.3%	+2.3%	+1.1%
2022	-5.6%	+3.6%	-2.3%	+12.4%	-8.9%	+9.2%	+1.6%	+1.6%	-4.6%	-3.2%	+16.7%	+6.7%
2023	-2.7%											
Misdemeanor												
2020	+1.1%	+7.8%	-1.0%	+14.1%	-0.9%	+6.5%	-17.3%	+2.1%	-8.7%	-10.7%	-6.3%	+2.7%
2021	+20.3%	-10.9%	+0.0%	-11.6%	-24.1%	-8.2%	-14.9%	0.0%	-1.2%	-14.1%	0.0%	-2.7%
2022	-16.9%	-8.5%	-7.4%	-2.0%	-22.4%	+34.2%	+13.7%	-1.7%	+10.5%	+15.9%	+6.8%	-3.8%
2023	-12.0%											

The pending caseload is total number of active cases, excluding cases on warrant/appeal/stay status.

Table 3-C. Age (days) of Pending Juvenile Offender Cases

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases					•				•			
2022: # of Pending Cases Median Age (days)	264 260	268 247	233 246	254 134	227 131	256 114	265 131	262 132	256 122	261 131	290 112	301 122
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo. # of cases within 3 - 4 mo. # of cases within 5 - 6 mo. # of cases within 7 - 9 mo. # of cases > 9 mo.	44 41 23 28 128	50 38 28 27 125	66 39 34 24 70	81 40 31 30 72	53 54 26 30 64	73 63 32 24 64	71 51 51 23 69	63 61 42 36 60	71 54 40 37 54	74 43 47 42 55	98 53 41 45 53	86 62 36 53 64
2023: # of Pending Cases <i>Median Age (days)</i>	284 114											
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo. # of cases within 3 -4 mo. # of cases within 5 - 6 mo. # of cases within 7 - 9 mo. # of cases > 9 mo.	72 73 37 41 61											
Felony												
2022: # of Pending Cases Median Age (days)	167 179	173 162	169 207	190 <i>130</i>	173 127	189 113	192 129	195 128	186 130	180 146	210 136	224 127
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo. # of cases within 3 -4 mo. # of cases within 5 - 6 mo. # of cases within 7 - 9 mo. # of cases > 9 mo.	36 32 17 21 61	39 32 19 20 63	45 32 27 18 47	63 30 28 21 48	46 38 21 23 45	55 48 24 18 44	50 44 34 18 46	45 48 33 31 38	47 39 35 32 33	42 29 35 37 37	67 34 29 37 43	65 42 24 42 51
2023: # of Pending Cases Median Age (days)	218 112											
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo. # of cases within 3 - 4 mo. # of cases within 5 - 6 mo. # of cases within 7 - 9 mo. # of cases > 9 mo.	57 57 29 25 50											
Misdemeanor												
2022: # of Pending Cases Median Age (days)	59 301	54 250	50 240	49 195	38 161	51 113	58 136	57 127	63 94	73 83	78 81	75 101
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo. # of cases within 3 - 4 mo. # of cases within 5 - 6 mo. # of cases within 7 - 9 mo. # of cases > 9 mo.	8 9 5 7 30	9 6 8 6 25	17 5 6 5 17	14 7 3 7 18	5 12 3 6 12	17 11 5 5 13	21 5 13 3 16	15 13 9 5 15	23 15 5 5 15	31 13 12 5 12	31 17 12 8 10	21 19 11 11 13
2023: # of Pending Cases Median Age (days)	66 129											
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo. # of cases within 3 - 4 mo. # of cases within 5 - 6 mo. # of cases within 7 - 9 mo. # of cases > 9 mo.	15 16 8 16 11											

Age = time between filing and the end of the reporting month. Suspense time on warrant, appeal or stay status is excluded.