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

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# Summary

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

- **Filings**

**2022 annual filings.** The filings in 2022 were: 385 dependency cases, 188 termination cases, 100 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1061 truancy cases, and 193 others <sup>(1)</sup>.

**2023 annual filings.** The filings in 2023 were: 319 dependency cases, 168 termination cases, 111 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1,560 truancy cases, and 351 others.

**2024 YTD filings.** The YTD filings in 2024 were: 82 dependency cases, 26 termination cases, 24 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 638 truancy cases, and 102 others.

- **Resolutions (approval or dismissal of petitions)**

*Resolution is defined as either the “approval” or the “dismissal” of the petition.*

**2022 annual resolutions.** The resolutions in 2022 were: 324 dependency cases, 165 termination cases, 86 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 429 truancy cases, and 155 others <sup>(1)</sup>.

**2023 annual resolutions.** The resolutions in 2023 were: 319 dependency cases, 223 termination cases, 110 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 887 truancy cases, and 323 others.

**2024 YTD resolutions.** The YTD resolutions in 2024 were: 82 dependency cases, 42 termination cases, 31 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 224 truancy cases, and 97 others.

- **Pending Resolution**

At the end of March 2024, the pending resolution (petitions are neither approved nor dismissed yet) caseload was: 242 dependency cases, 113 termination cases, 31 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 2,092 truancy cases, and 98 others.

- **Age of Pending Resolution Cases**

At the end of March 2024, 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): 117 dependency cases, 80 termination cases, 18 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, and 1,267 truancy cases.

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

**2022 annual fact-findings.** The number of fact-findings in 2022 were: 211 for dependency cases, 131 for termination cases, 48 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 6 for truancy cases, and 140 for others.

**2023 annual fact-findings.** The number of fact-findings in 2023 were: 222 for dependency cases, 140 for termination cases, 75 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 39 for truancy cases, and 268 for others.

**2024 YTD fact-findings.** The number of fact-findings in 2024 were: 29 for dependency cases, 21 for termination cases, 19 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 5 for truancy cases, and 83 for others.

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

**2022 annual hearings.** The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2022 were: 7,467 for dependency cases, 439 for termination cases, 166 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 54 for truancy cases, and 781 for others.

**2023 annual hearings.** The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2023 were: 7,477 for dependency cases, 785 for termination cases, 173 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 302 for truancy cases, and 708 for others.

**2024 YTD hearings.** The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2024 were: 1,702 for dependency cases, 146 for termination cases, 50 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 150 for truancy cases, and 159 for others.

*(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

	2023 Dependency					2024 Dependency				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	82	48	37	49	216	65				65
KNT	23	33	16	31	103	17				17
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>82</b>				<b>82</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	49	65	55	41	210	37				37
KNT	22	27	31	29	109	16				16
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>53</b>				<b>53</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	177	164	140	148		170				
KNT	70	76	67	69		72				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>217</b>		<b>242</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	598	562	513	451		410				
KNT	389	394	398	396		403				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>847</b>		<b>813</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	37%	20%	15%	17%		19%				
% of Cases within 90 days	28%	27%	22%	21%		28%				
% of Cases within 120 days	38%	31%	35%	26%		49%				
% of Cases within 180 days	58%	51%	49%	47%		66%				
% of Cases >180 days	42%	49%	51%	53%		34%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>70</b>		<b>53</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	84	60	42	50		70				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	6	10	5	23		4				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	24	30	13	10		6				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	36	33	31	21		45				
# of cases > 180 days	97	107	116	113		117				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>217</b>		<b>242</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	78	77	75	70		64				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	200	202	179	174		142				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	195	180	203	172		175				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	176	148	117	116		126				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	120	138	130	115		110				
# of cases > 5 years	218	211	207	200		196				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>847</b>		<b>813</b>				

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 1 (continued). Dependency Statistics

	<b>2023 Dependency</b>					<b>2024 Dependency</b>				
	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Approval of Petition</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	214	201	195	176		164				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	200	189	174	168		168				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	148	185	173	159		134				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	128	99	82	91		103				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	123	99	114	82		69				
# of cases > 5 years	174	183	173	171		175				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>847</b>		<b>813</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	37	44	43	23	147	24				24
KNT	16	21	22	16	75	5				5
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>29</b>				<b>29</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	1409	1266	1149	885	4709	1058				1058
KNT	686	774	632	676	2768	644				644
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>2095</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>1781</b>	<b>1561</b>	<b>7477</b>	<b>1702</b>				<b>1702</b>

Table 2. Termination Statistics

	2023 Termination					2024 Termination				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	30	40	41	19	130	21				21
KNT	15	10	9	4	38	5				5
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>26</b>				<b>26</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	28	49	32	37	146	35				35
KNT	20	22	21	14	77	7				7
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>42</b>				<b>42</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	142	130	134	111		89				
KNT	63	50	41	26		24				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>137</b>		<b>113</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	6%	3%	8%	2%		5%				
% of Cases within 90 days	19%	20%	15%	12%		5%				
% of Cases within 120 days	19%	25%	24%	26%		22%				
% of Cases within 180 days	35%	32%	42%	41%		38%				
% of Cases >180 days	65%	68%	58%	59%		62%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>42</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	39	36	41	15		17				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	4	11	5	4		7				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	18	12	7	8		4				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	25	15	24	26		5				
# of cases > 180 days	119	106	98	84		80				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>137</b>		<b>113</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	23	24	22	23	92	18				18
KNT	17	12	13	6	48	3				3
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>21</b>				<b>21</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	138	178	166	138	620	114				114
KNT	45	59	35	26	165	32				32
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>146</b>				<b>146</b>

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 3. ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2023 ARY/CHINS					2024 ARY/CHINS				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	10	9	8	10	37	8				8
KNT	16	30	13	15	74	16				16
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>24</b>				<b>24</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	9	10	8	13	40	7				7
KNT	18	21	17	14	70	24				24
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>31</b>				<b>31</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	25	24	24	18		21				
KNT	16	23	18	20		10				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>31</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	48	48	52	60		58				
KNT	33	39	37	34		33				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>91</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	44%	68%	72%	70%		48%				
% of Cases within 90 days	63%	74%	72%	74%		48%				
% of Cases within 120 days	74%	74%	80%	78%		55%				
% of Cases within 180 days	82%	90%	80%	81%		65%				
% of Cases >180 days	18%	10%	20%	19%		35%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>31</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	16	21	11	8		9				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	1	2	1	1		0				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	4	2	5	3		2				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	5	4	7	4		2				
# of cases > 180 days	15	18	18	22		18				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>31</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	25	27	30	33		34				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	1	5	4	5		4				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	2	2	2	3		3				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	1		2				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	3	1	1	0		1				
# of cases > 5 years	49	51	51	52		47				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>91</b>				

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Table 3 (continued). ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2023 ARY/CHINS					2024 ARY/CHINS				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case – Age Since Approval of Petition</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	25	29	30	35		37				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	2	3	4	4		3				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	2	2	2		2				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	1		1				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	3	1	1	1		1				
# of cases > 5 years	49	51	51	51		47				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>91</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	2	4	15	10	31	3				3
KNT	9	13	15	7	44	16				16
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>19</b>				<b>19</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	12	9	13	27	61	11				11
KNT	29	27	35	21	112	39				39
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>50</b>				<b>50</b>



Table 4. Truancy Statistics

	2023 Truancy					2024 Truancy				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	175	200	4	139	518	189				189
KNT	284	433	240	85	1042	449				449
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>638</b>				<b>638</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	39	28	102	90	259	78				78
KNT	140	140	192	146	618	146				146
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>224</b>				<b>224</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	495	667	569	618		722				
KNT	780	1072	1120	1059		1370				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>1739</b>	<b>1689</b>	<b>1677</b>		<b>2092</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	22	37	38	46		60				
KNT	46	65	69	70		76				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>136</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	5%	5%	4%	3%		5%				
% of Cases within 90 days	8%	7%	5%	3%		6%				
% of Cases within 120 days	11%	10%	8%	3%		8%				
% of Cases within 180 days	15%	17%	16%	14%		9%				
% of Cases >180 days	84%	83%	84%	86%		91%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>236</b>		<b>224</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	389	544	242	195		544				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	63	83	1	20		82				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	72	184	196	3		89				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	146	257	387	239		110				
# of cases > 180 days	605	671	863	1220		1267				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>1739</b>	<b>1689</b>	<b>1677</b>		<b>2092</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	18	24	33	19		26				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	23	52	48	69		66				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	1	1	2		19				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	2		1				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	1	0		1				
# of cases > 5 years	24	23	23	24		23				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>136</b>				

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 4 (continued). Truancy Statistics

	<b>2023 Truancy</b>					<b>2024 Truancy</b>				
	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Approval of Petition</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	41	71	76	80		88				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	0	5	5	10		23				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	1	1	0		0				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	2		1				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	1	0		1				
# of cases > 5 years	24	23	23	24		23				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>136</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
KNT	10	17	8	4	39	5				5
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>5</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non Fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	25	41	10	22	98	64				64
KNT	50	78	21	55	204	86				86
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>150</b>				<b>150</b>

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

	DDP/EFC/GFC/RPR/RVS etc.									
	Q1/2023	Q2/2023	Q3/2023	Q4/2023	2023 Annual	Q1/2024	Q2/2024	Q3/2024	Q4/2024	2024 Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	61	37	54	63	215	50				50
KNT	31	38	33	34	136	52				52
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>102</b>				<b>102</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	48	43	48	50	189	49				49
KNT	42	29	37	26	134	48				48
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>97</b>				<b>97</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	58	51	56	74		69				
KNT	22	31	23	31		29				
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>105</b>		<b>98</b>				
<b>Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	231	48	240	253		261				
KNT	130	39	158	164		191				
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>417</b>		<b>452</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	35	41	42	43	161	40				40
KNT	26	21	36	24	107	43				43
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>83</b>				<b>83</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (non FF)</b>										
SEA	165	126	95	101	487	111				111
KNT	65	57	54	45	221	48				48
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>159</b>				<b>159</b>

*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.*

*Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.*

