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Truancy
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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 ⁽¹⁾.

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: 185 dependency cases, 62 termination cases, 40 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1,181 truancy cases, and 247 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 ⁽¹⁾.

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: 112 dependency cases, 88 termination cases, 51 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 776 truancy cases, and 225 others.

- **Pending Resolution**

At the end of June 2024, the pending resolution (petitions are neither approved nor dismissed yet) caseload was: 246 dependency cases, 106 termination cases, 27 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 2,081 truancy cases, and 116 others.

- **Age of Pending Resolution Cases**

At the end of June 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): 95 dependency cases, 55 termination cases, 17 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, and 1,002 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: 74 for dependency cases, 36 for termination cases, 30 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 67 for truancy cases, and 199 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: 4,346 for dependency cases, 251 for termination cases, 88 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 375 for truancy cases, and 304 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
Filings										
SEA	82	48	37	49	216	65	85			150
KNT	23	33	16	31	103	17	18			35
BOTH SEA/KNT	105	81	53	80	319	82	103			185
Resolutions										
SEA	49	65	55	41	210	37	49			86
KNT	22	27	31	29	109	16	10			26
BOTH SEA/KNT	71	92	86	70	319	53	59			112
Pending Resolution										
SEA	177	164	140	148		170	173			
KNT	70	76	67	69		72	73			
BOTH SEA/KNT	247	240	207	217		242	246			
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	598	562	513	451		410	399			
KNT	389	394	398	396		403	389			
BOTH SEA/KNT	987	956	911	847		813	788			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	37%	20%	15%	17%		19%	20%			
% of Cases within 90 days	28%	27%	22%	21%		28%	24%			
% of Cases within 120 days	38%	31%	35%	26%		49%	31%			
% of Cases within 180 days	58%	51%	49%	47%		66%	46%			
% of Cases >180 days	42%	49%	51%	53%		34%	54%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	71	92	86	70		53	59			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	84	60	42	50		70	66			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	6	10	5	23		4	21			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	24	30	13	10		6	25			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	36	33	31	21		45	39			
# of cases > 180 days	97	107	116	113		117	95			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	247	240	207	217		242	246			
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	78	77	75	70		64	74			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	200	202	179	174		142	161			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	195	180	203	172		175	156			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	176	148	117	116		126	114			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	120	138	130	115		110	79			
# of cases > 5 years	218	211	207	200		196	204			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	987	956	911	847		813	788			

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 1 (continued). Dependency Statistics

	2023 Dependency					2024 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	214	201	195	176		164	181			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	200	189	174	168		168	158			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	148	185	173	159		134	120			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	128	99	82	91		103	113			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	123	99	114	82		69	47			
# of cases > 5 years	174	183	173	171		175	169			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	987	956	911	847		813	788			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	37	44	43	23	147	24	43			67
KNT	16	21	22	16	75	5	2			7
BOTH SEA/KNT	53	65	65	39	222	29	45			74
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	1409	1266	1149	885	4709	1058	2040			3098
KNT	686	774	632	676	2768	644	604			1248
BOTH SEA/KNT	2095	2040	1781	1561	7477	1702	2644			4346

Table 2. Termination Statistics

	2023 Termination					2024 Termination				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	30	40	41	19	130	21	17			38
KNT	15	10	9	4	38	5	19			24
BOTH SEA/KNT	45	50	50	23	168	26	36			62
Resolutions										
SEA	28	49	32	37	146	35	34			69
KNT	20	22	21	14	77	7	12			19
BOTH SEA/KNT	48	71	53	51	223	42	46			88
Pending Resolution										
SEA	142	130	134	111		89	72			
KNT	63	50	41	26		24	34			
BOTH SEA/KNT	205	180	175	137		113	106			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	6%	3%	8%	2%		5%	2%			
% of Cases within 90 days	19%	20%	15%	12%		5%	2%			
% of Cases within 120 days	19%	25%	24%	26%		22%	17%			
% of Cases within 180 days	35%	32%	42%	41%		38%	32%			
% of Cases >180 days	65%	68%	58%	59%		62%	67%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	48	71	53	51		42	46			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	39	36	41	15		17	23			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	4	11	5	4		7	12			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	18	12	7	8		4	5			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	25	15	24	26		5	11			
# of cases > 180 days	119	106	98	84		80	55			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	205	180	175	137		113	106			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	23	24	22	23	92	18	10			28
KNT	17	12	13	6	48	3	5			8
BOTH SEA/KNT	40	36	35	29	140	21	15			36
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	138	178	166	138	620	114	78			192
KNT	45	59	35	26	165	32	27			59
BOTH SEA/KNT	183	237	201	164	785	146	105			251

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
Filings										
SEA	10	9	8	10	37	8	2			10
KNT	16	30	13	15	74	16	14			30
BOTH SEA/KNT	26	39	21	25	111	24	16			40
Resolutions										
SEA	9	10	8	13	40	7	7			14
KNT	18	21	17	14	70	24	13			37
BOTH SEA/KNT	27	31	25	27	110	31	20			51
Pending Resolution										
SEA	25	24	24	18		21	15			
KNT	16	23	18	20		10	12			
BOTH SEA/KNT	41	47	42	38		31	27			
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	48	48	52	60		58	57			
KNT	33	39	37	34		33	36			
BOTH SEA/KNT	81	87	89	94		91	93			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	44%	68%	72%	70%		48%	70%			
% of Cases within 90 days	63%	74%	72%	74%		48%	75%			
% of Cases within 120 days	74%	74%	80%	78%		55%	75%			
% of Cases within 180 days	82%	90%	80%	81%		65%	90%			
% of Cases >180 days	18%	10%	20%	19%		35%	10%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	27	31	25	27		31	20			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	16	21	11	8		9	5			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	1	2	1	1		0	1			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	4	2	5	3		2	2			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	5	4	7	4		2	2			
# of cases > 180 days	15	18	18	22		18	17			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	41	47	42	38		31	27			
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	25	27	30	33		34	31			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	1	5	4	5		4	8			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	2	2	2	3		3	4			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	1		2	2			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	3	1	1	0		1	1			
# of cases > 5 years	49	51	51	52		47	47			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	81	87	89	94		91	93			

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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
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case – Age Since Approval of Petition										
# of Cases less than 1 year	25	29	30	35		37	38			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	2	3	4	4		3	2			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	2	2	2		2	3			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	1		1	2			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	3	1	1	1		1	1			
# of cases > 5 years	49	51	51	51		47	47			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	81	87	89	94		91	93			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	2	4	15	10	31	3	2			5
KNT	9	13	15	7	44	16	9			25
BOTH SEA/KNT	11	17	30	17	75	19	11			30
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	12	9	13	27	61	11	9			20
KNT	29	27	35	21	112	39	29			68
BOTH SEA/KNT	41	36	48	48	173	50	38			88

Table 4. Truancy Statistics

	2023 Truancy					2024 Truancy				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	175	200	4	139	518	189	176			365
KNT	284	433	240	85	1042	449	367			816
BOTH SEA/KNT	459	633	244	224	1560	638	543			1181
Resolutions										
SEA	39	28	102	90	259	78	178			256
KNT	140	140	192	146	618	146	374			520
BOTH SEA/KNT	179	168	294	236	877	224	552			776
Pending Resolution										
SEA	495	667	569	618		722	722			
KNT	780	1072	1120	1059		1370	1359			
BOTH SEA/KNT	1275	1739	1689	1677		2092	2081			
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	22	37	38	46		60	107			
KNT	46	65	69	70		76	111			
BOTH SEA/KNT	68	102	107	116		136	218			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	5%	5%	4%	3%		5%	4%			
% of Cases within 90 days	8%	7%	5%	3%		6%	5%			
% of Cases within 120 days	11%	10%	8%	3%		8%	11%			
% of Cases within 180 days	15%	17%	16%	14%		9%	20%			
% of Cases >180 days	84%	83%	84%	86%		91%	80%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	179	168	294	236		224	552			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	389	544	242	195		544	467			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	63	83	1	20		82	58			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	72	184	196	3		89	194			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	146	257	387	239		110	360			
# of cases > 180 days	605	671	863	1220		1267	1002			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	1275	1739	1689	1677		2092	2081			
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	18	24	33	19		26	66			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	23	52	48	69		66	101			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	1	1	2		19	30			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	2		1	1			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	1	0		1	1			
# of cases > 5 years	24	23	23	24		23	19			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	68	102	107	116		136	218			

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Table 4 (continued). Truancy Statistics

	2023 Truancy					2024 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	41	71	76	80		88	160			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	0	5	5	10		23	37			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	1	1	0		0	0			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	1	2		1	1			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	1	0		1	1			
# of cases > 5 years	24	23	23	24		23	19			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	68	102	107	116		136	218			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	43			43
KNT	10	17	8	4	39	5	19			24
BOTH SEA/KNT	10	17	8	4	39	5	62			67
Number of Hearings (Non Fact-findings)										
SEA	25	41	10	22	98	64	101			165
KNT	50	78	21	55	204	86	124			210
BOTH SEA/KNT	75	119	31	77	302	150	225			375

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
Filings										
SEA	61	37	54	63	215	50	82			132
KNT	31	38	33	34	136	52	63			115
Both SEA/KNT	92	75	87	97	351	102	145			247
Resolutions										
SEA	48	43	48	50	189	49	80			129
KNT	42	29	37	26	134	48	48			96
Both SEA/KNT	90	72	85	76	323	97	128			225
Pending Resolution										
SEA	58	51	56	74		69	71			
KNT	22	31	23	31		29	45			
Both SEA/KNT	80	82	79	105		98	116			
Pending Completion										
SEA	231	48	240	253		261	278			
KNT	130	39	158	164		191	208			
Both SEA/KNT	361	87	398	417		452	486			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	35	41	42	43	161	40	72			112
KNT	26	21	36	24	107	43	44			87
BOTH SEA/KNT	61	62	78	67	268	83	116			199
Number of Hearings (non FF)										
SEA	165	126	95	101	487	111	98			209
KNT	65	57	54	45	221	48	47			95
BOTH SEA/KNT	230	183	149	146	708	159	145			304

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.

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