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### **King County Superior Court**

# **Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Quarterly Statistical Report**

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## Summary

### **Filings:**

ITA filings continue to increase and remain at a high level in recent years. In 2022, the total ITA filings reached a historical high of 5,665 cases. The average filings were 472 cases per month in 2022.

In 2023, a total of 5,541 ITA cases were filed, just a slightly lower than the historical high in 2022. Of the 5,541 ITA cases received in 2023, 82 ITA petitions were filed by families, and 668 were from other jurisdictions. The monthly average of filings in 2023 were 462 cases.

In 2024, 5,438 ITA cases were filed, averaging 453 cases per month, a comparable filing volume with the last three years. This compares with the monthly average of 472 and 462 cases filed in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

In the first two quarters of 2025, 2,756 ITA cases were filed, with a monthly average of 459 cases. This compares with the monthly average of 472, 462 and 453 cases filed in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

### **Resolutions:**

The resolutions of ITA cases matched with the increasing trend in ITA filings in recent years. The median time (50%tile) to reach resolution has consistently been under 2 weeks.

In 2024, the court resolved 5,476 ITA cases, averaging 456 cases per month. This compares with an average of 493 and 451 cases resolved per month in 2022 and 2023, respectively. In 2024, the resolution pace matched the filing volume.

In the first two quarters of 2025, the court resolved 2,664 ITA cases, with a monthly average of 444 cases. This compares with the monthly average of 493, 451 and 456 cases in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

### **Pending:**

Because the resolution pace of ITA has matched with the filing volume, the pending active ITA cases remain at a reasonable level. At the end of June 2025, there were 605 ITA cases pending resolution.

### **Orders:**

There have been a significant number of ITA orders every quarter. There were 4,650 and 4,532 ITA orders entered per quarter in 2021 and 2022, respectively. In 2023, an average of 4,260 ITA orders were entered per quarter. In 2024, the court issued a total of 17,967 ITA orders, with an average of 4,491 per quarter.

In the first two quarters of 2025, the court signed 9,945 orders for ITA cases, averaging 4,972 orders per quarter. This compares with an average of 4,532, 4,260 and 4,491 ITA orders per quarter in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

### **Hearings:**

The number of ITA hearings varies from quarter to quarter. In 2022, there were 255 ITA hearings per quarter on average. In 2023, the court held 287 ITA hearings per quarter on average. In 2024, there were 1,071 ITA hearings, averaging 267 hearings per quarter.

In the first two quarters of 2025, the court had 585 ITA hearings, with an average of 293 hearings per quarter. This compares with an average of 255, 287 and 267 ITA hearings per quarter in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

## Terminology

### **Filing**

The number of petitions filed, initiating new ITA cases during the reporting period.

### **Resolution**

The number of petitions (cases) resolved, either by “approval” or “dismissal” order during the reporting period.

An ITA case has been resolved when the Court enters a 14-Day, 90-Day, or 180-Day Order of Detention, Less Restrictive Alternative, or when the Court enters an Order of Dismissal.

Unlike the definition of “resolution” for other Superior Court case types, the “resolution” for these case categories may not indicate the end of judicial involvement when the petition is approved.

### **Pending Resolution**

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

### **Completion**

ITA cases are completed when a Notice of Release, Notice of Completion of Program, or an Order of Dismissal are filed. When an Order of Dismissal or Notice of Release is filed, and the case has not been resolved by a previous Order, the Order of Dismissal or Notice of Release will resolve and complete the case.

### **Pending Completion**

Indicates the number of cases for which the petition has been approved, but issues (sometimes significant issues) remain in which the court may become actively involved.

### **Resolution Age**

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

### **Pending Resolution Case Age**

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

### **Number of Petitions**

The total number of petitions entered during the reporting period.

### **Number of Orders**

The total number of orders entered during the reporting period.

### **Number of Hearings**

The total number of hearings held other than fact-findings during the reporting period.

Table 1. ITA Statistics by Quarter

	2023				2024				2025			
Reporting Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Filings (Total)</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>1423</b>	<b>1328</b>	<b>1341</b>	<b>1391</b>	<b>1356</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>1424</b>		
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mental Illness	1214	1203	1156	1162	1320	1240	1256	1180	1225	1190		
Mental Illness Family Initiated	35	18	12	17	11	18	20	12	22	27		
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	15	8	10	15	14	13	11	13	16		
Mental Health /Other Venue	177	187	152	152	45	84	79	120	72	191		
<b>Resolutions (Total)</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1369</b>		
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		
Mental Illness	1251	1173	1107	1099	1345	1219	1200	1271	1196	1163		
Mental Illness Family Initiated	33	20	12	18	6	12	15	18	13	22		
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	17	4	11	15	12	12	12	15	12		
Mental Health /Other Venue	164	180	154	145	71	61	84	123	71	172		
<i>Median Time (days) to Resolution</i>	10	11	10	10	13	11	13	14	10	11		
<i>Average Time (days) to Resolution</i>	19	20	20	19	26	19	21	32	18	18		
<b>Resolution Types (Total)</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1369</b>		
Court Decision To Commit	292	307	315	277	290	318	309	332	351	345		
Dismissal Without Trial	208	191	173	160	141	110	118	146	134	176		
Uncontested Resolution	971	892	789	836	1006	876	884	946	810	848		
<b>Quarter End Pending Resolution (Total)</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>605</b>		
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mental Illness	224	259	305	281	323	348	435	388	456	505		
Mental Illness Family Initiated	4	3	3	4	8	12	14	12	17	23		
Mental Illness Juvenile	4	2	5	4	5	6	8	7	5	9		
Mental Health /Other Venue	42	45	43	44	26	48	48	45	49	68		
<i>Median Time (days) Since Filing</i>	25	26	38	49	41	44	67	42	42	60		
<i>Average Time (days) since Filing</i>	102	112	127	161	175	188	198	240	243	255		
<b>Quarter End Pending Completion (Total)</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>1243</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>1464</b>		
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mental Illness	592	669	794	870	701	862	1042	813	1015	1194		
Mental Illness Family Initiated	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	2	2	1		
Mental Illness Juvenile	19	21	18	19	18	19	24	18	21	26		
Mental Health /Other Venue	105	132	160	164	116	139	176	172	193	243		

Table 2. Year-to-Date (YTD) Comparison by Quarter

	2023 YTD				2024 YTD				2025 YTD			
Reporting Category	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual
<b>Filings (Total)</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>2872</b>	<b>4200</b>	<b>5541</b>	<b>1391</b>	<b>2747</b>	<b>4115</b>	<b>5438</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>2756</b>		
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mental Illness	1214	2417	3573	4735	1320	2560	3816	4996	1225	2415		
Mental Illness Family Initiated	35	53	65	82	11	29	49	61	22	49		
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	38	46	56	15	29	42	53	13	29		
Mental Health /Other Venue	177	364	516	668	45	129	208	328	72	263		
<b>Resolutions (Total)</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>2861</b>	<b>4138</b>	<b>5411</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>2741</b>	<b>4052</b>	<b>5476</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>2664</b>		
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mental Illness	1251	2424	3531	4630	1345	2564	3764	5035	1196	2359		
Mental Illness Family Initiated	33	53	65	83	6	18	33	51	13	35		
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	40	44	55	15	27	39	51	15	27		
Mental Health /Other Venue	164	344	498	643	71	132	216	339	71	243		
<b>Resolution Types (Total)</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>2861</b>	<b>4138</b>	<b>5411</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>2741</b>	<b>4052</b>	<b>5476</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>2664</b>		
Court Decision To Commit	292	599	914	1191	290	608	917	1249	351	696		
Dismissal Without Trial	208	399	572	732	141	251	369	515	134	310		
Uncontested Resolution	971	1863	2652	3488	1006	1882	2766	3712	810	1658		

Table 3. ITA Statistics by Quarter

	2023				2024				2025			
Reporting Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Petitions Filed (Total)</b>	<b>2785</b>	<b>2708</b>	<b>2557</b>	<b>2554</b>	<b>2638</b>	<b>2569</b>	<b>2608</b>	<b>2715</b>	<b>2718</b>	<b>2966</b>		
Petition for Initial Detention	1431	1411	1350	1349	1448	1304	1371	1354	1366	1472		
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	1091	1036	978	981	977	996	938	1052	1040	1166		
Petition for Involuntary Treatment -90 Day	140	140	130	129	109	119	143	157	145	148		
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	22	21	21	22	21	67	74	73	82	81		
Petition / Motion for Revocation	85	72	62	58	74	69	56	63	76	82		
Other Petitions	16	28	16	15	9	14	26	16	9	17		
<b>Orders Entered (Total)</b>	<b>4569</b>	<b>4361</b>	<b>4090</b>	<b>4023</b>	<b>4263</b>	<b>4367</b>	<b>4719</b>	<b>4618</b>	<b>4660</b>	<b>5285</b>		
Order of Continuance	2735	2606	2288	2318	2445	2420	2614	2589	2649	2933		
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	222	227	229	223	253	206	188	196	231	239		
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	17	8	12	13	9	21	35	32	33	48		
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	138	137	153	124	111	135	152	140	166	157		
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	26	22	31	15	28	31	41	46	48	53		
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	11	5	7	5	4	29	32	23	23	21		
Order Revoking / Rescinding	16	19	15	14	7	15	12	14	13	24		
Order Setting Trial Date	106	83	79	93	84	130	132	120	119	141		
Order of Dismissals	223	204	180	169	159	126	129	163	161	205		
Other Orders	1075	1050	1096	1049	1163	1254	1384	1295	1217	1464		
<b>Hearings Held (Total)</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>313</b>		
Commitment Hearings	172	163	185	174	166	198	231	216	211	244		
Dismissal Hearings	0	0	0	0	5	3	4	0	2	1		
Continuance Hearings	92	92	56	37	28	28	19	24	21	17		
Medication Hearings	0	2	3	3	0	1	4	6	1	0		
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review )	41	47	42	39	16	69	19	34	37	51		

Table 4. Year-to-Date (YTD) Comparison by Quarter

Reporting Category	2023 YTD				2024 YTD				2025 YTD			
	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual
<b>Petitions Filed (Total)</b>	<b>2785</b>	<b>5493</b>	<b>8050</b>	<b>10604</b>	<b>2638</b>	<b>5207</b>	<b>7815</b>	<b>10530</b>	<b>2718</b>	<b>5684</b>		
Petition for Initial Detention	1431	2842	4192	5541	1448	2752	4123	5477	1366	2838		
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	1091	2127	3105	4086	977	1973	2911	3963	1040	2206		
Petition for Involuntary Treatment -90 Day	140	280	410	539	109	228	371	528	145	293		
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	22	43	64	86	21	88	162	235	82	163		
Petition / Motion for Revocation	85	157	219	277	74	143	199	262	76	158		
Other Petitions	16	44	60	75	9	23	49	65	9	26		
<b>Orders Entered (Total)</b>	<b>4569</b>	<b>8930</b>	<b>13020</b>	<b>17043</b>	<b>4263</b>	<b>8630</b>	<b>13349</b>	<b>17967</b>	<b>4660</b>	<b>9945</b>		
Order of Continuance	2735	5341	7629	9947	2445	4865	7479	10068	2649	5582		
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	222	449	678	901	253	459	647	843	231	470		
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	17	25	37	50	9	30	65	97	33	81		
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	138	275	428	552	111	246	398	538	166	323		
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	26	48	79	94	28	59	100	146	48	101		
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	11	16	23	28	4	33	65	88	23	44		
Order Revoking / Rescinding	16	35	50	64	7	22	34	48	13	37		
Order Setting Trial Date	106	189	268	361	84	214	346	466	119	260		
Order of Dismissals	223	427	607	776	159	285	414	577	161	366		
Other Orders	1075	2125	3221	4270	1163	2417	3801	5096	1217	2681		
<b>Hearings Held (Total)</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>1071</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>585</b>		
Commitment Hearings	172	335	520	694	166	364	595	811	211	455		
Dismissal Hearings	0	0	0	0	5	8	12	12	2	3		
Continuance Hearings	92	184	240	277	28	56	75	99	21	38		
Medication Hearings	0	2	5	8	0	1	5	11	1	1		
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review )	41	88	130	169	16	85	104	138	37	88		