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Summary

- **Filings**

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 annual filings. The filings in 2024 were: 430 dependency cases, 127 termination cases, 90 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1,571 truancy cases, and 609 others.

2025 annual filings. The filings in 2025 were: 464 dependency cases, 76 termination cases, 81 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1,290 truancy cases, and 674 others.

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

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

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 annual resolutions. The resolutions in 2024 were: 255 dependency cases, 163 termination cases, 85 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1,390 truancy cases, and 517 others.

2025 annual resolutions. The resolutions in 2025 were: 428 dependency cases, 85 termination cases, 77 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1,529 truancy cases, and 687 others.

- **Pending Resolution**

At the end of December 2025, the pending resolution (petitions are neither approved nor dismissed yet) caseload was: 336 dependency cases, 67 termination cases, 45 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 1,597 truancy cases, and 168 others.

- **Age of Pending Resolution Cases**

At the end of December 2025, there were cases older than 180 days since filing which remained as unresolved (still pending the approval or dismissal of the petitions): 181 dependency cases, 39 termination cases, 22 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 1,356 truancy cases, and 97 other cases.

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

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 annual fact-findings. The number of fact-findings in 2024 were: 198 for dependency cases, 64 for termination cases, 44 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 85 for truancy cases, and 456 for others.

2025 annual fact-findings. The numbers of fact-findings in 2025 were: 340 for dependency cases, 43 for termination cases, 30 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 57 for truancy cases, and 617 for others.

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

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 annual hearings. The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2024 were: 7,952 for dependency cases, 450 for termination cases, 149 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 528 for truancy cases, and 622 for others.

2025 annual hearings. The numbers of non fact-finding hearings in 2025 were: 7713 for dependency cases, 352 for termination cases, 94 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 683 for truancy cases, and 689 for others.

“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

	2024 Dependency					2025 Dependency				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	65	85	99	66	315	73	90	58	74	295
KNT	17	18	37	43	115	53	41	45	30	169
BOTH SEA/KNT	82	103	136	109	430	126	131	103	104	464
Resolutions										
SEA	37	49	57	49	192	76	59	71	68	274
KNT	16	10	25	12	63	33	46	34	41	154
BOTH SEA/KNT	53	59	82	61	255	109	105	105	109	428
Pending Resolution										
SEA	170	173	210	220		308	234	218	212	
KNT	72	73	86	113		131	120	134	124	
BOTH SEA/KNT	242	246	296	333		439	354	352	336	
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	410	399	374	369		371	367	376	371	
KNT	403	389	370	346		340	331	324	301	
BOTH SEA/KNT	813	788	744	715		711	698	700	672	
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	19%	20%	18%	18%		11%	19%	19%	12%	
% of Cases within 90 days	28%	24%	21%	25%		3%	22%	20%	16%	
% of Cases within 120 days	49%	31%	39%	31%		7%	29%	29%	20%	
% of Cases within 180 days	66%	46%	65%	48%		28%	49%	43%	38%	
% of Cases >180 days	34%	54%	35%	52%		51%	51%	58%	58%	
Total # of Cases Resolved	53	59	82	61		109	105	105	109	
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	70	66	112	78		108	93	70	76	
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	4	21	8	21		13	23	15	15	
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	6	25	28	55		28	45	44	19	
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	45	39	36	50		49	56	54	45	
# of cases > 180 days	117	95	112	129		141	137	169	181	
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	242	246	296	333		339	354	352	336	
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	64	74	75	78		94	105	85	81	
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	142	161	157	144		138	153	186	187	
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	175	156	131	138		129	126	113	109	
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	126	114	128	106		102	91	85	79	
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	110	79	64	60		62	51	62	49	
# of cases > 5 years	196	204	189	189		186	172	169	167	
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	813	788	744	715		711	698	700	672	

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 1 (continued). Dependency Statistics

	2024 Dependency					2025 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	164	181	159	162		193	214	215	210	
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	168	158	168	157		141	40	128	134	
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	134	120	115	105		103	91	101	88	
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	103	113	96	90		74	62	64	57	
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	69	47	41	46		51	55	47	37	
# of cases > 5 years	175	169	165	155		149	136	145	146	
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	813	788	744	715		711	598	700	672	
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	24	43	62	49	178	54	58	69	42	223
KNT	5	2	7	6	20	28	36	28	25	117
BOTH SEA/KNT	29	45	69	55	198	82	94	97	67	340
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	1058	2040	1124	1165	5387	1120	1167	1254	1255	4796
KNT	644	604	596	721	2565	806	735	746	630	2917
BOTH SEA/KNT	1702	2644	1720	1886	7952	1926	1902	2000	1885	7713

Table 2. Termination Statistics

	2024 Termination					2025 Termination				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	21	17	21	26	85	22	7	11	7	47
KNT	5	19	9	9	42	4	4	12	9	29
BOTH SEA/KNT	26	36	30	35	127	26	11	23	16	76
Resolutions										
SEA	35	34	27	21	117	10	11	16	18	55
KNT	7	12	17	10	46	6	8	4	12	30
BOTH SEA/KNT	42	46	44	31	163	16	19	20	30	85
Pending Resolution										
SEA	89	72	65	72		79	71	55	42	
KNT	24	34	27	25		25	22	27	25	
BOTH SEA/KNT	113	106	92	97		104	93	82	67	
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	5%	2%	0%	0%		0%	0%	0%	17%	
% of Cases within 90 days	5%	2%	0%	0%		0%	0%	0%	17%	
% of Cases within 120 days	22%	17%	32%	16%		6%	21%	0%	30%	
% of Cases within 180 days	38%	32%	52%	39%		75%	42%	30%	33%	
% of Cases >180 days	62%	67%	48%	61%		19%	58%	70%	70%	
Total # of Cases Resolved	42	46	44	31		16	19	20	30	
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	17	23	27	27		22	11	21	9	
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	7	12	2	5		4	0	0	1	
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	4	5	8	10		11	15	6	10	
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	5	11	7	14		18	8	5	8	
# of cases > 180 days	80	55	48	41		49	59	50	39	
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	113	106	92	97		104	93	82	67	
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	18	10	10	14	52	6	7	8	5	26
KNT	3	5	1	3	12	4	5	5	3	17
BOTH SEA/KNT	21	15	11	17	64	10	12	13	8	43
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	114	78	78	58	328	56	69	80	42	247
KNT	32	27	31	32	122	21	19	32	33	105
BOTH SEA/KNT	146	105	109	90	450	77	88	112	75	352

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 3. ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2024 ARY/CHINS					2025 ARY/CHINS				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	8	2	10	4	24	7	6	6	14	33
KNT	16	14	12	24	66	12	13	11	12	48
BOTH SEA/KNT	24	16	22	28	90	19	19	17	26	81
Resolutions										
SEA	7	7	3	8	25	7	8	5	9	29
KNT	24	13	8	15	60	12	17	6	13	48
BOTH SEA/KNT	31	20	11	23	85	19	25	11	22	77
Pending Resolution										
SEA	21	15	23	20		20	16	17	22	
KNT	10	12	13	24		24	21	26	23	
BOTH SEA/KNT	31	27	36	44		44	37	43	45	
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	58	57	48	51		53	50	48	51	
KNT	33	36	28	26		27	29	28	27	
BOTH SEA/KNT	91	93	76	77		80	79	76	78	
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	48%	70%	46%	70%		48%	40%	64%	50%	
% of Cases within 90 days	48%	75%	56%	74%		48%	44%	73%	50%	
% of Cases within 120 days	55%	75%	56%	83%		55%	52%	82%	55%	
% of Cases within 180 days	65%	90%	73%	87%		65%	64%	100%	78%	
% of Cases >180 days	35%	10%	27%	13%		35%	36%	0%	36%	
Total # of Cases Resolved	31	20	11	23		19	25	11	22	
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	9	5	12	10		13	13	10	16	
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	0	1	4	3		2	0	1	1	
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	2	2	1	6		0	4	6	3	
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	2	2	2	7		5	4	3	3	
# of cases > 180 days	18	17	17	18		24	16	23	22	
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	31	27	36	44		44	37	43	45	
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	34	31	18	18		19	18	14	16	
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	4	8	4	4		6	5	6	5	
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	3	4	4	4		2	2	2	2	
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	2	2	2	3		3	4	4	4	
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	1	1		2	2	2	3	
# of cases > 5 years	47	47	47	47		48	48	48	48	
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	91	93	76	77		80	79	76	78	

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 3 (continued). ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2024 ARY/CHINS					2025 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	37	38	20	19		21	19	16	18	
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	3	2	2	4		5	5	4	3	
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	2	3	4	4		3	2	2	3	
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	2	2	2		2	3	4	4	
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	1	1		1	2	2	2	
# of cases > 5 years	47	47	47	47		48	48	48	48	
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	91	93	76	77		80	79	76	78	
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	3	2	0	4	9	3	2	1	3	9
KNT	16	9	5	5	35	1	7	7	6	21
BOTH SEA/KNT	19	11	5	9	44	4	9	8	9	30
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	11	9	5	8	33	4	9	4	10	27
KNT	39	29	26	22	116	15	15	12	25	67
BOTH SEA/KNT	50	38	31	30	149	19	24	16	35	94

Table 4. Truancy Statistics

	2024 Truancy					2025 Truancy				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	189	176	4	104	473	195	177	11	114	497
KNT	449	367	129	153	1098	315	347	12	119	793
BOTH SEA/KNT	638	543	133	257	1571	510	524	23	233	1290
Resolutions										
SEA	78	178	123	91	470	163	84	226	74	547
KNT	146	374	247	153	920	143	86	625	128	982
BOTH SEA/KNT	224	552	370	244	1390	306	170	851	202	1529
Pending Resolution										
SEA	722	722	598	621		649	737	509	549	
KNT	1370	1359	1231	1244		1414	1675	1059	1048	
BOTH SEA/KNT	2092	2081	1829	1865		2063	2412	1568	1597	
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	60	107	95	94		116	129	96	102	
KNT	76	111	91	83		82	79	52	52	
BOTH SEA/KNT	136	218	186	177		198	208	148	154	
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	5%	4%	0%	3%		5%	5%	0%	1%	
% of Cases within 90 days	6%	5%	1%	3%		6%	7%	1%	1%	
% of Cases within 120 days	8%	11%	2%	17%		8%	11%	2%	2%	
% of Cases within 180 days	9%	20%	5%	26%		9%	23%	6%	15%	
% of Cases >180 days	91%	80%	95%	74%		91%	77%	94%	85%	
Total # of Cases Resolved	224	552	370	244		306	170	851	202	
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	544	467	131	229		446	451	9	206	
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	82	58	2	21		55	58	0	26	
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	89	194	201	5		130	169	198	2	
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	110	360	300	95		103	317	279	7	
# of cases > 180 days	1267	1002	1195	1515		1329	1417	1082	1356	
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	2092	2081	1829	1865		2063	2412	1568	1597	
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	26	66	63	42		35	31	33	36	
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	66	101	96	100		113	102	78	73	
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	19	30	21	31		41	62	30	39	
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	0	1		9	13	7	5	
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	0	0		0	0	0	1	
# of cases > 5 years	23	19	6	3		0	0	0	0	
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	136	218	186	177		198	208	148	154	

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Table 4 (continued). Truancy Statistics

	2024 Truancy					2025 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	88	160	145	129		147	95	92	98	
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	23	37	35	39		43	98	47	43	
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	0	0	0	6		8	15	9	11	
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	1	0	0		0	0	0	2	
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	1	0	0		0	0	0	0	
# of cases > 5 years	23	19	6	3		0	0	0	0	
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	136	218	186	177		198	208	148	154	
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	0	43	6	9	58	35	15	1	6	57
KNT	5	19	2	1	27	0	0	0	0	0
BOTH SEA/KNT	5	62	8	10	85	35	15	1	6	57
Number of Hearings (Non Fact-findings)										
SEA	64	101	17	81	263	130	152	53	127	462
KNT	86	124	9	46	265	78	91	8	44	221
BOTH SEA/KNT	150	225	26	127	528	208	243	61	171	683

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

	DDP/EFC/GFC/RPR/RVS etc.									
	Q1/2024	Q2/2024	Q3/2024	Q4/2024	2024 Annual	Q1/2025	Q2/2025	Q3/2025	Q4/2025	2025 Annual
Filings										
SEA	50	82	71	117	320	98	98	87	60	343
KNT	52	63	81	93	289	114	108	68	41	331
Both SEA/KNT	102	145	152	210	609	212	206	155	101	674
Resolutions										
SEA	49	80	68	82	279	95	92	75	82	344
KNT	48	48	71	71	238	102	129	63	49	343
Both SEA/KNT	97	128	139	153	517	197	221	138	131	687
Pending Resolution										
SEA	69	71	71	104		108	114	127	104	
KNT	29	45	50	71		86	66	72	64	
Both SEA/KNT	98	116	121	175		194	180	199	168	
Pending Completion										
SEA	261	278	281	94		298	309	312	320	
KNT	191	208	234	83		277	290	278	260	
Both SEA/KNT	452	486	515	177		575	599	590	580	
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	40	72	55	76	243	80	88	82	67	317
KNT	43	44	60	66	213	99	92	67	42	300
BOTH SEA/KNT	83	116	115	142	456	179	180	149	109	617
Number of Hearings (non FF)										
SEA	111	98	89	107	405	130	130	106	81	447
KNT	48	47	65	57	217	74	67	63	38	242
BOTH SEA/KNT	159	145	154	164	622	204	197	169	119	689

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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