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Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Quarterly Statistical Report

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Summary

Filings:

The ITA cases filed in King County Superior Court have been steadily increasing since 2017. In the last few years, the ITA filings remained well over 5000 cases per year. The annual ITA filing volume was 5,665, 5,541, 5,438, and 5,602 cases in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively. This translates into an average of 472, 462, 453 and 467 cases per month for the year 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

In the first quarter of 2026, a total of 1,354 ITA cases were filed, with an average of 451 cases per month. This is a comparable volume to that in the last 4 years.

Resolutions:

In 2024, the court resolved 5,476 ITA cases, averaging 456 cases per month. In 2024, the resolution pace matched the filing volume. In 2025, the court resolved 457 ITA cases per month, slightly lower than the average monthly filing volume of 467 cases.

In the first quarter of 2026, the ITA resolutions were 1,334 cases, with an average of 444 cases per month. The court was able to match the resolution with the filing volume.

Pending:

At the end of March 2026, there were 499 active ITA cases pending resolution. A high but manageable volume when compared with the previous quarters in last 2 years.

Orders:

The court enters a significant number of ITA orders every quarter. A total of 4,650, 4,532, 4,260, 4,491, and 5,082 ITA orders were entered per quarter in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively.

In the first quarter of 2026, the court signed 4,713 ITA orders, higher than previous years except 2025.

Hearings:

The number of ITA hearings varies from quarter to quarter. The average number of ITA hearings were 255, 287, 267, and 276 per quarter in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively.

In the first quarter of 2026, the court had 208 ITA hearings, lower than the average in the last 4 years.

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

Reporting Category	2024				2025				2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Filings (Total)	1391	1356	1368	1323	1332	1424	1468	1378	1354			
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
Mental Illness	1320	1240	1256	1180	1225	1190	1274	1210	1227			
Mental Illness Family Initiated	11	18	20	12	22	27	28	26	15			
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	14	13	11	13	16	8	10	21			
Mental Health /Other Venue	45	84	79	120	72	191	157	132	91			
Resolutions (Total)	1437	1304	1311	1424	1295	1369	1339	1484	1334			
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
Mental Illness	1345	1219	1200	1271	1196	1163	1168	1305	1198			
Mental Illness Family Initiated	6	12	15	18	13	22	12	20	15			
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	12	12	12	15	12	6	18	17			
Mental Health /Other Venue	71	61	84	123	71	172	152	141	104			
<i>Median Time (days) to Resolution</i>	13	11	13	14	10	11	12	15	13			
<i>Average Time (days) to Resolution</i>	26	19	21	32	18	18	19	35	23			
Resolution Types (Total)	1437	1304	1311	1424	1295	1369	1339	1484	1334			
Court Decision to Commit	290	318	309	332	351	345	318	342	343			
Dismissal Without Trial	141	110	118	146	134	176	133	113	120			
Uncontested Resolution	1006	876	884	946	810	848	888	1029	871			
Quarter End Pending Resolution (Total)	362	414	505	452	527	605	733	586	499			
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1			
Mental Illness	323	348	435	388	456	505	609	474	430			
Mental Illness Family Initiated	8	12	14	12	17	23	40	45	22			
Mental Illness Juvenile	5	6	8	7	5	9	11	4	4			
Mental Health /Other Venue	26	48	48	45	49	68	73	63	42			
<i>Median Time (days) Since Filing</i>	41	44	67	42	42	60	72	42	65			
<i>Average Time (days) since Filing</i>	175	188	198	240	243	255	258	238	269			
Quarter End Pending Completion (Total)	837	1021	1243	1005	1231	1464	1682	1218	1392			
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
Mental Illness	701	862	1042	813	1015	1194	1360	983	1156			
Mental Illness Family Initiated	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	5	5			
Mental Illness Juvenile	18	19	24	18	21	26	26	18	16			
Mental Health /Other Venue	116	139	176	172	193	243	293	212	215			

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

Reporting Category	2024 YTD				2025 YTD				2026 YTD			
	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual
Filings (Total)	1391	2747	4115	5438	1332	2756	4224	5602	1354			
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0			
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Mental Illness	1320	2560	3816	4996	1225	2415	3689	4899	1227			
Mental Illness Family Initiated	11	29	49	61	22	49	77	103	15			
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	29	42	53	13	29	37	47	21			
Mental Health /Other Venue	45	129	208	328	72	263	420	552	91			
Resolutions (Total)	1437	2741	4052	5476	1295	2664	4003	5487	1334			
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0			
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
Mental Illness	1345	2564	3764	5035	1196	2359	3527	4832	1198			
Mental Illness Family Initiated	6	18	33	51	13	35	47	67	15			
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	27	39	51	15	27	33	51	17			
Mental Health /Other Venue	71	132	216	339	71	243	395	536	104			
Resolution Types (Total)	1437	2741	4052	5476	1295	2664	4003	5487	1334			
Court Decision to Commit	290	608	917	1249	351	696	1014	1356	343			
Dismissal Without Trial	141	251	369	515	134	310	443	556	120			
Uncontested Resolution	1006	1882	2766	3712	810	1658	2546	3575	871			

Table 3. ITA Statistics by Quarter

Reporting Category	2024				2025				2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Petitions Filed (Total)	2638	2569	2608	2715	2718	2966	2953	2863	2802			
Petition for Initial Detention	1448	1304	1371	1354	1366	1472	1469	1384	1409			
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	977	996	938	1052	1040	1166	1168	1102	1082			
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 90 Day	109	119	143	157	145	148	157	158	122			
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	21	67	74	73	82	81	73	96	110			
Petition / Motion for Revocation	74	69	56	63	76	82	72	107	69			
Other Petitions	9	14	26	16	9	17	14	16	10			
Orders Entered (Total)	4263	4367	4719	4618	4660	5285	5185	5198	4713			
Order of Continuance	2445	2420	2614	2589	2649	2933	3054	3104	2870			
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	253	206	188	196	231	239	233	256	210			
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	9	21	35	32	33	48	33	57	67			
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	111	135	152	140	166	157	141	112	109			
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	28	31	41	46	48	53	40	42	30			
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	4	29	32	23	23	21	24	25	15			
Order Revoking / Rescinding	7	15	12	14	13	24	17	26	26			
Order Setting Trial Date	84	130	132	120	119	141	120	124	79			
Order of Dismissals	159	126	129	163	161	205	154	128	132			
Other Orders	1163	1254	1384	1295	1217	1464	1369	1324	1175			
Hearings Held (Total)	215	299	277	280	272	313	290	228	208			
Commitment Hearings	166	198	231	216	211	244	211	169	171			
Dismissal Hearings	5	3	4	0	2	1	4	0	4			
Continuance Hearings	28	28	19	24	21	17	29	33	12			
Medication Hearings	0	1	4	6	1	0	4	0	0			
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review)	16	69	19	34	37	51	42	26	21			

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

Reporting Category	2024 YTD				2025 YTD				2026 YTD			
	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual
Petitions Filed (Total)	2638	5207	7815	10530	2718	5684	8637	11500	2802			
Petition for Initial Detention	1448	2752	4123	5477	1366	2838	4307	5691	1409			
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	977	1973	2911	3963	1040	2206	3374	4476	1082			
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 90 Day	109	228	371	528	145	293	450	608	122			
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	21	88	162	235	82	163	236	332	110			
Petition / Motion for Revocation	74	143	199	262	76	158	230	337	69			
Other Petitions	9	23	49	65	9	26	40	56	10			
Orders Entered (Total)	4263	8630	13349	17967	4660	9945	15130	20328	4713			
Order of Continuance	2445	4865	7479	10068	2649	5582	8636	11740	2870			
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	253	459	647	843	231	470	703	959	210			
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	9	30	65	97	33	81	114	171	67			
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	111	246	398	538	166	323	464	576	109			
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	28	59	100	146	48	101	141	183	30			
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	4	33	65	88	23	44	68	93	15			
Order Revoking / Rescinding	7	22	34	48	13	37	54	80	26			
Order Setting Trial Date	84	214	346	466	119	260	380	504	79			
Order of Dismissals	159	285	414	577	161	366	520	648	132			
Other Orders	1163	2417	3801	5096	1217	2681	4050	5374	1175			
Hearings Held (Total)	215	514	791	1071	272	585	875	1103	208			
Commitment Hearings	166	364	595	811	211	455	666	835	171			
Dismissal Hearings	5	8	12	12	2	3	7	7	4			
Continuance Hearings	28	56	75	99	21	38	67	100	12			
Medication Hearings	0	1	5	11	1	1	5	5	0			
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review)	16	85	104	138	37	88	130	156	21			