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

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# Summary

- **Filings**

**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.

**2026 YTD filings.** The YTD filings in 2026 were: 129 dependency cases, 10 termination cases, 18 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 413 truancy cases, and 110 others.

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

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

**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.

**2026 YTD resolutions.** The YTD resolutions in 2026 were: 135 dependency cases, 25 termination cases, 24 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 406 truancy cases, and 102 others.

- **Pending Resolution**

At the end of March 2026, the pending resolution (petitions are neither approved nor dismissed yet) caseload was: 327 dependency cases, 53 termination cases, 39 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 1,555 truancy cases, and 173 others.

- **Age of Pending Resolution Cases**

At the end of March 2026, there were cases older than 180 days since filing which remained as unresolved (still pending the approval or dismissal of the petitions): 146 dependency cases, 37 termination cases, 20 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 963 truancy cases, and 106 other cases.

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

**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.

**2026 YTD fact-findings.** The YTD numbers of fact-findings in 2026 were: 88 for dependency cases, 13 for termination cases, 8 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 18 for truancy cases, and 87 for others.

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

**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.

**2026 YTD hearings.** The YTD numbers of non fact-finding hearings in 2026 were: 1,898 for dependency cases, 64 for termination cases, 46 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 217 for truancy cases, and 152 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

	2025 Dependency					2026 Dependency				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	73	90	58	74	295	82				82
KNT	53	41	45	30	169	47				47
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>104</b>	464	<b>129</b>				129
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	76	59	71	68	274	83				83
KNT	33	46	34	41	154	52				52
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>109</b>	428	<b>135</b>				135
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	308	234	218	212		203				
KNT	131	120	134	124		124				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>336</b>		<b>327</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	371	367	376	371		379				
KNT	340	331	324	301		301				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>672</b>		<b>680</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	11%	19%	19%	12%		15%				
% of Cases within 90 days	3%	22%	20%	16%		19%				
% of Cases within 120 days	7%	29%	29%	20%		24%				
% of Cases within 180 days	28%	49%	43%	38%		39%				
% of Cases >180 days	51%	51%	58%	58%		61%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>109</b>		<b>135</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	108	93	70	76		95				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	13	23	15	15		13				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	28	45	44	19		33				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	49	56	54	45		40				
# of cases > 180 days	141	137	169	181		146				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>336</b>		<b>327</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	94	105	85	81		87				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	138	153	186	187		205				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	129	126	113	109		112				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	102	91	85	79		62				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	62	51	62	49		60				
# of cases > 5 years	186	172	169	167		154				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>672</b>		<b>680</b>				

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 1 (continued). Dependency Statistics

	<b>2025 Dependency</b>					<b>2026 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	193	214	215	210		221				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	141	40	128	134		161				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	103	91	101	88		80				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	74	62	64	57		52				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	51	55	47	37		33				
# of cases > 5 years	149	136	145	146		133				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>672</b>		<b>680</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	54	58	69	42	223	72				72
KNT	28	36	28	25	117	16				16
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>88</b>				<b>88</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	1120	1167	1254	1255	4796	1265				1265
KNT	806	735	746	630	2917	633				633
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>1926</b>	<b>1902</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>7713</b>	<b>1898</b>				<b>1898</b>

Table 2. Termination Statistics

	2025 Termination					2026 Termination				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	22	7	11	7	47	8				8
KNT	4	4	12	9	29	2				2
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>10</b>				<b>10</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	10	11	16	18	55	13				13
KNT	6	8	4	12	30	12				12
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>25</b>				<b>25</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	79	71	55	42		37				
KNT	25	22	27	25		16				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>67</b>		<b>53</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	0%	0%	0%	17%		0%				
% of Cases within 90 days	0%	0%	0%	17%		0%				
% of Cases within 120 days	6%	21%	0%	30%		28%				
% of Cases within 180 days	75%	42%	30%	33%		60%				
% of Cases >180 days	19%	58%	70%	70%		40%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>25</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	22	11	21	9		6				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	4	0	0	1		4				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	11	15	6	10		4				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	18	8	5	8		2				
# of cases > 180 days	49	59	50	39		37				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>67</b>		<b>53</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	6	7	8	5	26	6				6
KNT	4	5	5	3	17	7				7
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>				<b>13</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	56	69	80	42	247	53				53
KNT	21	19	32	33	105	11				11
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>64</b>				<b>64</b>

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 3. ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2025 ARY/CHINS					2026 ARY/CHINS				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	7	6	6	14	33	7				7
KNT	12	13	11	12	48	11				11
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>18</b>				<b>18</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	7	8	5	9	29	10				10
KNT	12	17	6	13	48	14				14
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>24</b>				<b>24</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	20	16	17	22		18				
KNT	24	21	26	23		21				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>39</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	53	50	48	51		53				
KNT	27	29	28	27		33				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>86</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	48%	40%	64%	50%		46%				
% of Cases within 90 days	48%	44%	73%	50%		50%				
% of Cases within 120 days	55%	52%	82%	55%		75%				
% of Cases within 180 days	65%	64%	100%	78%		79%				
% of Cases >180 days	35%	36%	0%	36%		21%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>24</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	13	13	10	16		13				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	2	0	1	1		1				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	0	4	6	3		1				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	5	4	3	3		4				
# of cases > 180 days	24	16	23	22		20				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>39</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	19	18	14	16		22				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	6	5	6	5		5				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	2	2	2	2		4				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	3	4	4	4		2				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	2	2	2	3		3				
# of cases > 5 years	48	48	48	48		50				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>86</b>				

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 3 (continued). ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2025 ARY/CHINS					2026 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	21	19	16	18		25				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	5	5	4	3		2				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	3	2	2	3		5				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	2	3	4	4		3				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	2	2	2		2				
# of cases > 5 years	48	48	48	48		49				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>86</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	3	2	1	3	9	3				3
KNT	1	7	7	6	21	5				5
BOTH SEA/KNT	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>				<b>8</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	4	9	4	10	27	15				15
KNT	15	15	12	25	67	31				31
BOTH SEA/KNT	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>46</b>				<b>46</b>

Table 4. Truancy Statistics

	2025 Truancy					2026 Truancy				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	195	177	11	114	497	132				132
KNT	315	347	12	119	793	281				281
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>413</b>				<b>413</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	163	84	226	74	547	117				117
KNT	143	86	625	128	982	289				289
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>1529</b>	<b>406</b>				<b>406</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	649	737	509	549		532				
KNT	1414	1675	1059	1048		1023				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>2063</b>	<b>2412</b>	<b>1568</b>	<b>1597</b>		<b>1555</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	116	129	96	102		113				
KNT	82	79	52	52		53				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>154</b>		<b>166</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	5%	5%	0%	1%		4%				
% of Cases within 90 days	6%	7%	1%	1%		5%				
% of Cases within 120 days	8%	11%	2%	2%		9%				
% of Cases within 180 days	9%	23%	6%	15%		11%				
% of Cases >180 days	91%	77%	94%	85%		89%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>202</b>		<b>406</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	446	451	9	206		367				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	55	58	0	26		30				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	130	169	198	2		80				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	103	317	279	7		115				
# of cases > 180 days	1329	1417	1082	1356		963				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>2063</b>	<b>2412</b>	<b>1568</b>	<b>1597</b>		<b>1555</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	35	31	33	36		30				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	113	102	78	73		75				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	41	62	30	39		46				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	9	13	7	5		12				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	0	0	0	1		3				
# of cases > 5 years	0	0	0	0		0				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>154</b>		<b>166</b>				

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 4 (continued). Truancy Statistics

	2025 Truancy					2026 Truancy				
	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	147	95	92	98		100				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	43	98	47	43		47				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	8	15	9	11		17				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	0	0	0	2		2				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	0	0	0	0		0				
# of cases > 5 years	0	0	0	0		0				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>154</b>		<b>166</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	35	15	1	6	57	6				6
KNT	0	0	0	0	0	12				12
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>				<b>18</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non Fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	130	152	53	127	462	180				180
KNT	78	91	8	44	221	37				37
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>217</b>				<b>217</b>

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

	DDP/EFC/GFC/RPR/RVS etc.									
	Q1/2025	Q2/2025	Q3/2025	Q4/2025	2025 Annual	Q1/2026	Q2/2026	Q3/2026	Q4/2026	2026 Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	98	98	87	60	343	61				61
KNT	114	108	68	41	331	49				49
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>110</b>				<b>110</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	95	92	75	82	344	56				56
KNT	102	129	63	49	343	46				46
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>102</b>				<b>102</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	108	114	127	104		108				
KNT	86	66	72	64		65				
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>168</b>		<b>173</b>				
<b>Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	298	309	312	320		299				
KNT	277	290	278	260		251				
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>580</b>		<b>550</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	80	88	82	67	317	49				49
KNT	99	92	67	42	300	38				38
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>87</b>				<b>87</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (non FF)</b>										
SEA	130	130	106	81	447	99				99
KNT	74	67	63	38	242	53				53
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>152</b>				<b>152</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.*

