King County
Department of Judicial Administration
Catherine Cornwall
Director and Superior Court Clerk
(206) 296-9300 (206) 296-0100 TTY/TDD

King County Superior Court

Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Quarterly Statistical Report

Third Quarter 2026

Department of Judicial Administration

Prepared by: Shiquan Liao, Ph.D., Statistician

October 15, 2026

Report #: ITA-2026-Q3

Seattle:
516 Third Avenue Room E609
Seattle, WA 98104-2386

Maleng Regional Justice Center:
401 Fourth Avenue North Room 2C
Kent, WA 98032-4429

Juvenile Division:
1211 East Alder Room 3015
Seattle, WA 98122-5598

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 three quarters of 2026, a total of 4,186 ITA cases were filed, with an average of 465 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 three quarters of 2026, the ITA resolutions were 4,306 cases, with an average of 478 cases per month. The court was able to match the resolution with the filing volume.

Pending:

At the end of September 2026, there were 427 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 three quarters of 2026, the court signed 15,503 ITA orders, with an average of 5,168 per quarter and higher than previous 4 years.

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 three quarters of 2026, the court had an average of 241 ITA hearings per quarter, 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

	2024				2025				2026			
Reporting Category	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Filings (Total)	**1391**	**1356**	**1368**	**1323**	**1332**	**1424**	**1468**	**1378**	**1354**	**1409**	**1423**	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	
Mental Illness	1320	1240	1256	1180	1225	1190	1274	1210	1227	1267	1274	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	11	18	20	12	22	27	28	26	15	16	19	
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	14	13	11	13	16	8	10	21	19	12	
Mental Health /Other Venue	45	84	79	120	72	191	157	132	91	107	118	
Resolutions (Total)	**1437**	**1304**	**1311**	**1424**	**1295**	**1369**	**1339**	**1484**	**1334**	**1550**	**1422**	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	1	0	
Mental Illness	1345	1219	1200	1271	1196	1163	1168	1305	1198	1395	1299	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	6	12	15	18	13	22	12	20	15	14	12	
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	12	12	12	15	12	6	18	17	26	8	
Mental Health /Other Venue	71	61	84	123	71	172	152	141	104	114	103	
Median Time (days) to Resolution	13	11	13	14	10	11	12	15	13	15	14	
Average Time (days) to Resolution	26	19	21	32	18	18	19	35	23	88	23	
Resolution Types (Total)	**1437**	**1304**	**1311**	**1424**	**1295**	**1369**	**1339**	**1484**	**1334**	**1550**	**1422**	
Court Decision to Commit	290	318	309	332	351	345	318	342	343	411	364	
Dismissal Without Trial	141	110	118	146	134	176	133	113	120	83	112	
Uncontested Resolution	1006	876	884	946	810	848	888	1029	871	1056	946	
Quarter End Pending Resolution (Total)	**362**	**414**	**505**	**452**	**527**	**605**	**733**	**586**	**499**	**427**	**427**	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	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	0	0	
Mental Illness	323	348	435	388	456	505	609	474	430	362	340	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	8	12	14	12	17	23	40	45	22	24	31	
Mental Illness Juvenile	5	6	8	7	5	9	11	4	4	1	5	
Mental Health /Other Venue	26	48	48	45	49	68	73	63	42	40	51	
Median Time (days) Since Filing	*41*	*44*	*67*	*42*	*42*	*60*	*72*	*42*	*65*	*28*	*30*	
Average Time (days) since Filing	*175*	*188*	*198*	*240*	*243*	*255*	*258*	*238*	*269*	*145*	*170*	
Quarter End Pending Completion (Total)	**837**	**1021**	**1243**	**1005**	**1231**	**1464**	**1682**	**1218**	**1392**	**1098**	**1014**	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	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	1	1	
Mental Illness	701	862	1042	813	1015	1194	1360	983	1156	922	852	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	5	5	5	6	
Mental Illness Juvenile	18	19	24	18	21	26	26	18	16	16	16	
Mental Health /Other Venue	116	139	176	172	193	243	293	212	215	154	139	

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

	2024 YTD				2025 YTD				2026 YTD			
Reporting Category	**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**	**2763**	**4186**	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	
Mental Illness	1320	2560	3816	4996	1225	2415	3689	4899	1227	2494	3768	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	11	29	49	61	22	49	77	103	15	31	50	
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	29	42	53	13	29	37	47	21	40	52	
Mental Health /Other Venue	45	129	208	328	72	263	420	552	91	198	316	
Resolutions (Total)	**1437**	**2741**	**4052**	**5476**	**1295**	**2664**	**4003**	**5487**	**1334**	**2884**	**4306**	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	
Mental Illness	1345	2564	3764	5035	1196	2359	3527	4832	1198	2593	3892	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	6	18	33	51	13	35	47	67	15	29	41	
Mental Illness Juvenile	15	27	39	51	15	27	33	51	17	43	51	
Mental Health /Other Venue	71	132	216	339	71	243	395	536	104	218	321	
Resolution Types (Total)	**1437**	**2741**	**4052**	**5476**	**1295**	**2664**	**4003**	**5487**	**1334**	**2884**	**4306**	
Court Decision to Commit	290	608	917	1249	351	696	1014	1356	343	754	1118	
Dismissal Without Trial	141	251	369	515	134	310	443	556	120	203	315	
Uncontested Resolution	1006	1882	2766	3712	810	1658	2546	3575	871	1927	2873	

Table 3. ITA Statistics by Quarter

	2024				2025				2026			
Reporting Category	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Petitions Filed (Total)	**2638**	**2569**	**2608**	**2715**	**2718**	**2966**	**2953**	**2863**	**2802**	**2892**	**2761**	
Petition for Initial Detention	1448	1304	1371	1354	1366	1472	1469	1384	1409	1335	1282	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	977	996	938	1052	1040	1166	1168	1102	1082	1153	1094	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment -90 Day	109	119	143	157	145	148	157	158	122	161	163	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	21	67	74	73	82	81	73	96	110	125	105	
Petition / Motion for Revocation	74	69	56	63	76	82	72	107	69	101	95	
Other Petitions	9	14	26	16	9	17	14	16	10	17	22	
Orders Entered (Total)	**4263**	**4367**	**4719**	**4618**	**4660**	**5285**	**5185**	**5198**	**4713**	**5308**	**5482**	
Order of Continuance	2445	2420	2614	2589	2649	2933	3054	3104	2870	3129	3132	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	253	206	188	196	231	239	233	256	210	263	235	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	9	21	35	32	33	48	33	57	67	84	63	
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	111	135	152	140	166	157	141	112	109	135	126	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	28	31	41	46	48	53	40	42	30	37	50	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	4	29	32	23	23	21	24	25	15	17	21	
Order Revoking / Rescinding	7	15	12	14	13	24	17	26	26	19	36	
Order Setting Trial Date	84	130	132	120	119	141	120	124	79	88	107	
Order of Dismissals	159	126	129	163	161	205	154	128	132	94	138	
Other Orders	1163	1254	1384	1295	1217	1464	1369	1324	1175	1442	1574	
Hearings Held (Total)	**215**	**299**	**277**	**280**	**272**	**313**	**290**	**228**	**208**	**256**	**260**	
Commitment Hearings	166	198	231	216	211	244	211	169	171	186	202	
Dismissal Hearings	5	3	4	0	2	1	4	0	4	0	1	
Continuance Hearings	28	28	19	24	21	17	29	33	12	19	21	
Medication Hearings	0	1	4	6	1	0	4	0	0	4	0	
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review)	16	69	19	34	37	51	42	26	21	47	36	

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

	2024 YTD				2025 YTD				2026 YTD			
Reporting Category	**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**	**5694**	**8455**	
Petition for Initial Detention	1448	2752	4123	5477	1366	2838	4307	5691	1409	2744	4026	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	977	1973	2911	3963	1040	2206	3374	4476	1082	2235	3329	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment -90 Day	109	228	371	528	145	293	450	608	122	283	446	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	21	88	162	235	82	163	236	332	110	235	340	
Petition / Motion for Revocation	74	143	199	262	76	158	230	337	69	170	265	
Other Petitions	9	23	49	65	9	26	40	56	10	27	49	
Orders Entered (Total)	**4263**	**8630**	**13349**	**17967**	**4660**	**9945**	**15130**	**20328**	**4713**	**10021**	**15503**	
Order of Continuance	2445	4865	7479	10068	2649	5582	8636	11740	2870	5999	9131	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	253	459	647	843	231	470	703	959	210	473	708	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	9	30	65	97	33	81	114	171	67	151	214	
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	111	246	398	538	166	323	464	576	109	244	370	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	28	59	100	146	48	101	141	183	30	67	117	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	4	33	65	88	23	44	68	93	15	32	53	
Order Revoking / Rescinding	7	22	34	48	13	37	54	80	26	45	81	
Order Setting Trial Date	84	214	346	466	119	260	380	504	79	167	274	
Order of Dismissals	159	285	414	577	161	366	520	648	132	226	364	
Other Orders	1163	2417	3801	5096	1217	2681	4050	5374	1175	2617	4191	
Hearings Held (Total)	**215**	**514**	**791**	**1071**	**272**	**585**	**875**	**1103**	**208**	**464**	**724**	
Commitment Hearings	166	364	595	811	211	455	666	835	171	357	559	
Dismissal Hearings	5	8	12	12	2	3	7	7	4	4	5	
Continuance Hearings	28	56	75	99	21	38	67	100	12	31	52	
Medication Hearings	0	1	5	11	1	1	5	5	0	4	4	
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review)	16	85	104	138	37	88	130	156	21	68	104	