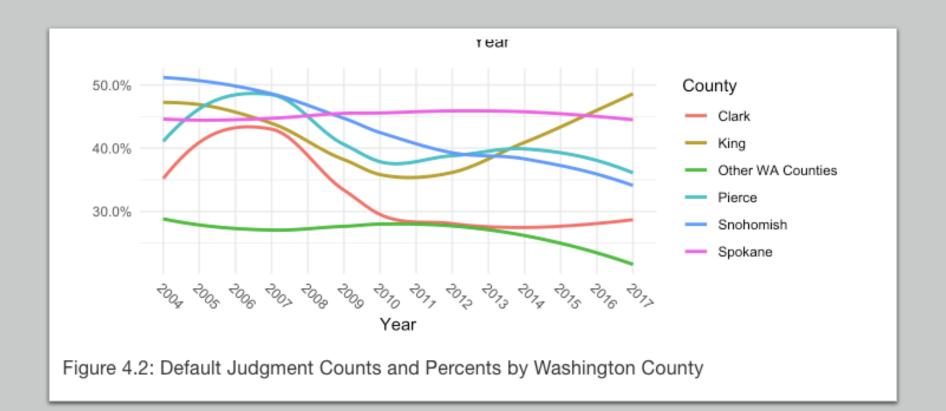
# Evictions and Virtual Hearings



#### Access to Courts

- 8% of Tenants have Representation
- High Rates of Defaults Among Tenants
- Issues with Diminished Capacity

### Evictions Since April 1, 2020

#### Reasons for Eviction Filings # of Filings Primary Code Lease violation/ 123 Behavior Mutual termination No cause termination/expired lease Nonpayment of rent Other Owner wishes to 88 sell/occupy Post-foreclosure 254 Total

Since April 1, 2020

Appeared	40%
Failed to respond to	
summons	47%
Failed to appear at	
hearing	12%
Default due to breach of	
stipulation	1%

In Pierce County, 1 in 6 black adults has had an eviction between 2013 and 2017.

In King County, 1 in 11 black adults has had an eviction in King County over the same time period.

For white adults, 1 in 50 in Pierce County and 1 in 100 in King were evicted.

Only 8% of unlawful detainer defendants in WA had legal representation at some point in their eviction process.

Percentage of WA Rental Households Reporting Being Behind on Rent

White: 5%

Asian: 5%

**Black: 21%** 

Latinx: 32%

Source: U.S. Census Pulse Survey, Nov. 25 –

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- When HJP has contact with the tenant, we have maintained the tenant's housing 56% of the time in 2019.
  - Provide Rental Assistance
  - Social Services
  - Other Legal Help
- Access to clients is limited
- No mandatory settlement conferences in unlawful detainers

## What efforts to encourage access?

HJP has one in-person court staff to help people "Zoom" into hearings and who do not have digital access

Hotline available as well