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Summary

NOTE: Covid-19 pandemic affects the statistics starting March 2020

- **Filings**

2019 filings. The total filings in 2019 were: DEP=759 (SEA: 474, KNT: 285), TER=225 (SEA: 142, KNT: 83), ARY/CNS=158 (SEA: 69, KNT: 89), TRU=1706 (SEA: 760, KNT: 946).

2020 filings. The filings in 2020 were: DEP=435 (SEA: 302, KNT: 133), TER=291 (SEA: 148, KNT: 143), ARY/CNS=71 (SEA: 30, KNT: 41), TRU=501 (SEA: 179, KNT: 322), OTHERS=116 (SEA: 72, KNT: 44).

2021 filings. The filings in the first two quarters of 2021 were: DEP=206 (SEA: 133, KNT: 73), TER=97 (SEA: 51, KNT: 46), ARY/CNS=27 (SEA: 10, KNT: 17), TRU=4 (SEA: 2, KNT: 2), OTHERS=86 (SEA: 53, KNT: 33).

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

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

2019 resolutions. The total resolutions in 2019 were: DEP=652 (SEA: 400, KNT: 252), TER=187 (SEA: 120, KNT: 67), ARY/CNS=145 (SEA: 59, KNT: 86), TRU=1632 (SEA: 711, KNT: 921).

2020 resolutions. The resolutions in 2020 were: DEP=498 (SEA: 308, KNT: 190), TER=170 (SEA: 100, KNT: 70), ARY/CNS=98 (SEA: 40, KNT: 58), TRU=1769 (SEA: 901, KNT: 868), OTHERS=94 (SEA: 59, KNT: 35).

2021 resolutions. The resolutions in the first two quarters of 2021 were: DEP=242 (SEA: 166, KNT: 76), TER=125 (SEA: 60, KNT: 65), ARY/CNS=32 (SEA: 16, KNT: 16), TRU=360 (SEA: 70, KNT: 290), OTHERS=98 (SEA: 66, KNT: 32).

- **Pending Resolution**

At the end of the second quarter of 2021, the pending resolution (petitions are neither approved nor dismissed yet) caseload was: DEP=252 (SEA: 155, KNT: 97), TER=345 (SEA: 207, KNT: 138), ARY/CNS=25 (SEA: 14, KNT: 11), TRU=479 (SEA: 345, KNT: 134), OTHERS=126 (SEA: 66, KNT: 60).

- **Pending Completion**

At the end of the second quarter of 2021, the caseload in the “post-resolution” phase (resolved but still pending completion) in the DEP/ARY/CNS/TRU categories was: DEP=1411 (SEA: 784, KNT: 627), ARY/CNS =68 (SEA: 44, KNT: 24), TRU=40 (SEA: 15, KNT: 25), OTHERS=423 (SEA: 297, KNT: 126).

- **Age of Pending Resolution Cases**

At the end of the second quarter of 2021, there were a number of cases (older than 180 days since filing) which remained as unresolved (still pending the approval or dismissal of the petitions): DEP=122, TER=273, ARY/CNS=14, TRU=475.

- **Age of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases since the Approval of Petition**

Of the cases that have been resolved but pending completion (still involving court actions) at the end of the second quarter of 2021, most of them are within 1 year, except for DEP and ARY cases. There were 234 DEP cases and 44 ARY/CNS cases still pending completion 5 years after the approval of the original petition.

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

2019 fact-findings. The number of fact-findings in 2019 were: DEP=318 (SEA: 109, KNT: 209), TER=163 (SEA: 101, KNT: 62), ARY/CNS=31 (SEA: 2, KNT: 29), TRU=35 (SEA: 16, KNT: 19).

2020 fact-findings. The number of fact-findings in 2020 were: DEP=191 (SEA: 93, KNT: 98), TER=175 (SEA: 108, KNT: 67), ARY/CNS=33 (SEA: 14, KNT: 19), TRU=2 (SEA: 1, KNT: 1).

2021 fact-findings. The number of fact-findings in the first two quarters of 2021 were: DEP=125 (SEA: 73, KNT: 52), TER=118 (SEA: 70, KNT: 48), ARY/CNS=8 (SEA: 3, KNT: 5), TRU=0 (SEA: 0, KNT: 0).

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

2019 hearings. The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2019 were: DEP=9502 (SEA: 5295, KNT: 4207), TER=328 (SEA: 228, KNT: 100), ARY/CNS=251 (SEA: 81, KNT: 170), TRU=297 (SEA: 88, KNT: 209).

2020 hearings. The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2020 were: DEP=5734 (SEA: 3362, KNT: 2372), TER=299 (SEA: 215, KNT: 84), ARY/CNS=122 (SEA: 32, KNT: 90), TRU=40 (SEA: 4, KNT: 36).

2021 hearings. The number of non fact-finding hearings in the first two quarter of 2021 were: DEP=3543 (SEA: 1988, KNT: 1555), TER=307 (SEA: 134, KNT: 173), ARY/CNS=43 (SEA: 6, KNT: 37), TRU=0 (SEA: 0, KNT: 0).

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

	2020 Dependency					2021 Dependency				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	75	85	73	76	302	66	67			133
KNT	48	20	22	35	133	45	28			73
BOTH SEA/KNT	123	105	95	111	435	111	95			206
Resolutions										
SEA	91	40	89	88	337	98	68			166
KNT	41	22	58	67	195	36	40			76
BOTH SEA/KNT	132	62	147	155	532	134	108			242
Pending Resolution										
SEA	319	366	343	304		243	155			
KNT	228	231	196	163		139	97			
BOTH SEA/KNT	547	597	539	467		382	252			
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	968	935	905	817		769	784			
KNT	771	708	678	634		611	627			
BOTH SEA/KNT	1739	1643	1583	1451		1380	1411			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	14%	18%	2%	12%		16%	20%			
% of Cases within 90 days	16%	21%	10%	3%		17%	12%			
% of Cases within 120 days	22%	30%	12%	10%		37%	10%			
% of Cases within 180 days	35%	45%	55%	16%		57%	12%			
% of Cases >180 days	65%	55%	45%	59%		43%	45%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	132	62	147	155		134	108			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	91	86	73	82		82	54			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	22	18	16	17		11	12			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	47	34	34	20		26	26			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	81	61	41	32		34	38			
# of cases > 180 days	306	398	375	316		229	122			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	547	597	539	467		382	252			
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	184	104	102	126		141	151			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	438	424	362	304		264	291			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	394	387	397	382		337	338			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	255	257	252	254		263	255			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	190	191	189	141		140	142			
# of cases > 5 years	278	280	281	244		235	234			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	1739	1643	1583	1451		1380	1411			

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 1 (continued). Dependency Statistics

	2020 Dependency					2021 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	331	245	210	250		270	345			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	476	430	398	331		258	238			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	348	381	371	358		347	305			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	251	241	213	194		209	228			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	128	123	172	141		130	117			
# of cases > 5 years	205	223	225	177		166	178			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	1739	1643	1589	1451		1380	1411			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	18	11	35	29	93	36	37			73
KNT	25	8	45	20	98	16	36			52
BOTH SEA/KNT	43	19	80	49	191	52	73			125
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	1316	508	806	732	3362	906	1082			1988
KNT	955	306	565	546	2372	734	821			1555
BOTH SEA/KNT	2271	814	1371	1278	5734	1640	1903			3543

Table 2. Termination Statistics

	2020 Termination					2021 Termination				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	39	40	33	32	148	21	30			51
KNT	23	24	35	61	143	25	21			46
BOTH SEA/KNT	62	64	68	93	291	46	51			97
Resolutions										
SEA	23	13	39	23	100	31	29			60
KNT	17	2	24	20	70	25	40			65
BOTH SEA/KNT	40	15	63	43	170	56	69			125
Pending Resolution										
SEA	192	220	214	219		203	207			
KNT	105	112	127	163		151	138			
BOTH SEA/KNT	297	332	341	382		354	345			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	0%	0%	0%	9%		0%	4%			
% of Cases within 90 days	62%	75%	0%	26%		29%	20%			
% of Cases within 120 days	67%	75%	0%	14%		30%	9%			
% of Cases within 180 days	81%	75%	6%	5%		43%	22%			
% of Cases >180 days	19%	25%	94%	47%		57%	45%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	40	15	63	43		56	69			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	50	42	59	79		41	41			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	10	20	7	7		3	7			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	10	10	6	15		31	10			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	27	49	42	34		37	14			
# of cases > 180 days	200	211	227	247		242	273			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	297	332	341	382		354	345			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	27	5	49	27	108	37	33			70
KNT	20	0	21	26	67	20	28			48
BOTH SEA/KNT	47	5	70	53	175	57	61			118
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	31	21	87	76	215	85	49			134
KNT	21	9	23	31	84	103	70			173
BOTH SEA/KNT	52	30	110	107	299	188	119			307

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Table 3. ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2020 ARY/CHINS					2021 ARY/CHINS				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	12	4	7	6	30	5	5			10
KNT	17	5	7	11	41	9	8			17
BOTH SEA/KNT	29	9	14	17	71	14	13			27
Resolutions										
SEA	16	2	11	8	40	8	8			16
KNT	9	4	21	17	58	10	6			16
BOTH SEA/KNT	25	6	32	25	98	18	14			32
Pending Resolution										
SEA	24	28	0	20		17	14			
KNT	32	32	0	9		10	11			
BOTH SEA/KNT	56	60	0	29		27	25			
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	47	47	45	46		44	44			
KNT	19	21	20	27		24	24			
BOTH SEA/KNT	66	68	65	73		68	68			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	20%	0%	8%	44%		50%	36%			
% of Cases within 90 days	20%	0%	8%	8%		50%	14%			
% of Cases within 120 days	20%	33%	8%	4%		56%	7%			
% of Cases within 180 days	40%	33%	15%	4%		67%	7%			
% of Cases >180 days	60%	67%	85%	40%		33%	36%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	25	6	32	25		18	14			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	22	10	0	7		6	9			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	1	1	0	2		1	1			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	5	4	0	3		1	0			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	9	16	0	4		5	1			
# of cases > 180 days	19	29	0	13		14	14			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	56	60	0	29		27	25			
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	13	9	6	20		14	15			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	6	7	7	0		2	1			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	4	4	4		3	1			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	2	4	4	5		1	3			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	2	0	0	0		4	4			
# of cases > 5 years	42	44	44	44		44	44			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	66	68	65	73		68	68			

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 3 (continued). ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2020 ARY/CHINS					2021 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	14	12	7	20		15	15			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	5	4	6	1		1	1			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	4	4	3		3	1			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	2	4	4	5		2	3			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	3	1	0	0		3	4			
# of cases > 5 years	41	43	44	44		44	44			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	66	68	65	73		68	68			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	10	0	4	0	14	1	2			3
KNT	2	0	11	6	19	4	1			5
BOTH SEA/KNT	12	0	15	6	33	5	3			8
Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)										
SEA	14	1	11	6	32	4	2			6
KNT	43	0	35	12	90	20	17			37
BOTH SEA/KNT	57	1	46	18	122	24	19			43

Table 4. Truancy Statistics

	2020 Truancy					2021 Truancy				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Filings										
SEA	142	37	0	0	179	0	2			2
KNT	306	8	0	8	322	0	2			2
BOTH SEA/KNT	448	45	0	8	501	0	4			4
Resolutions										
SEA	278	307	170	119	901	61	9			70
KNT	270	190	254	109	868	224	66			290
BOTH SEA/KNT	548	497	424	228	1769	285	75			360
Pending Resolution										
SEA	984	700	512	403		352	345			
KNT	992	784	530	429		206	134			
BOTH SEA/KNT	1976	1484	1042	832		558	479			
Resolved, Pending Completion										
SEA	43	27	24	15		15	15			
KNT	54	43	40	31		25	25			
BOTH SEA/KNT	97	70	64	46		40	40			
Resolution Age (days)										
% of Cases within 75 days	6%	1%	0%	4%		0%	0%			
% of Cases within 90 days	6%	1%	0%	0%		0%	0%			
% of Cases within 120 days	8%	3%	0%	0%		0%	0%			
% of Cases within 180 days	10%	5%	0%	0%		0%	0%			
% of Cases >180 days	90%	95%	100%	96%		100%	100%			
Total # of Cases Resolved	548	497	424	228		285	75			
Pending Resolution Case Age										
# of Cases less than 75 days	398	31	0	0		0	4			
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	37	13	0	0		0	0			
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	114	90	20	0		0	0			
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	154	332	18	0		0	0			
# of cases > 180 days	1273	1018	1004	832		558	475			
Total # of Pending Resolution Cases	1976	1484	1042	832		558	479			
Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing										
# of Cases less than 1 year	1	1	1	2		1	1			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	36	16	15	4		1	1			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	21	23	20	11		8	6			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	10	8	8	5		6	7			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	12	4	2	5		5	5			
# of cases > 5 years	17	18	18	19		19	20			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	97	70	64	46		40	40			

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 4 (continued). Truancy Statistics

	2020 Truancy					2021 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	26	5	4	5		1	1			
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	30	36	32	12		6	3			
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	10	5	6	6		9	11			
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	12	9	7	4		4	3			
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	4	0	0	4		5	7			
# of cases > 5 years	15	15	15	15		15	15			
Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases	97	70	64	46		40	40			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA	1	0	0	0	1	0	0			0
KNT	0	0	1	0	1	0	0			0
BOTH SEA/KNT	1	0	1	0	2	0	0			0
Number of Hearings (Non Fact-findings)										
SEA	4	0	0	0	4	0	0			0
KNT	30	0	2	4	36	0	0			0
BOTH SEA/KNT	34	0	2	4	40	0	0			0

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

	DDP/EFC/GFC/RPR/RVS etc.									
	Q1/2020	Q2/2020	Q3/2020	Q4/2020	2020 Annual	Q1/2021	Q2/2021	Q3/2021	Q4/2021	2021 Annual
Filings										
SEA	20	10	7	21	72	27	26			53
KNT	11	10	5	14	44	19	14			33
Both SEA/KNT	31	20	12	35	116	46	40			86
Resolutions										
SEA	7	5	9	20	30	41	25			66
KNT	2	6	2	13	30	16	16			32
Both SEA/KNT	9	11	11	33	60	57	41			98
Pending Resolution										
SEA	87	92	116	78		64	66			
KNT	67	71	95	62		65	60			
Both SEA/KNT	154	163	211	140		129	126			
Pending Completion										
SEA	48	47	48	143		248	297			
KNT	23	26	31	69		110	126			
Both SEA/KNT	71	73	79	212		358	423			
Number of Fact-findings										
SEA						9	9			18
KNT						5	9			14
BOTH SEA/KNT						14	18			32
Number of Hearings (non FF)										
SEA						107	152			259
KNT						61	48			109
BOTH SEA/KNT						168	200			368

This tables starts includes case flow information for the following causes of actions under case type 7: DDP (developmental Disability), GFC (Guardianship Foster Children), RPR (Reinstatement of Parental Rights), RVS (Relative Visitation), and EFC (Extension of Foster Care),

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

