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# Summary

*NOTE: Covid-19 pandemic affects the statistics, as of March 2020*

- **Filings**

**2021 annual filings.** The filings in 2021 were: 394 dependency cases, 203 termination cases, 65 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 61 truancy cases, and 155 others<sup>(1)</sup>.

**2022 annual filings.** The filings in 2022 were: 385 dependency cases, 188 termination cases, 100 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 1061 truancy cases, and 193 others.

**2023 filings.** The YTD filings in 2023 were: 105 dependency cases, 45 termination cases, 26 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 459 truancy cases, and 92 others.

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

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

**2021 annual resolutions.** The resolutions in 2021 were: 399 dependency cases, 265 termination cases, 55 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 587 truancy cases, and 170 others<sup>(1)</sup>.

**2022 annual resolutions.** The resolutions in 2022 were: 324 dependency cases, 165 termination cases, 86 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 429 truancy cases, and 155 others.

**2023 resolutions.** The YTD resolutions in 2023 were: 71 dependency cases, 48 termination cases, 27 at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 179 truancy cases, and 90 others.

- **Pending Resolution**

At the end of March 2023, the pending resolution (petitions are neither approved nor dismissed yet) caseload was: 247 dependency cases, 195 termination cases, 41 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, 1275 truancy cases, and 80 others.

- **Age of Pending Resolution Cases**

At the end of March 2023, 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): 97 dependency cases, 119 termination cases, 15 at-risk-youth and child-in-need of service cases, and 605 truancy cases.

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

**2021 annual fact-findings.** The number of fact-findings in 2021 were: 193 for dependency cases, 197 for termination cases, 19 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, and 86 for others.

**2022 annual fact-findings.** The number of fact-findings in 2022 were: 211 for dependency cases, 131 for termination cases, 48 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 6 for truancy cases, and 140 for others.

**2023 fact-findings.** The YTD number of fact-findings in 2023 were: 53 for dependency cases, 40 for termination cases, 11 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 10 for truancy cases, and 61 for others.

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

**2021 annual hearings.** The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2021 were: 7066 for dependency cases, 448 for termination cases, 77 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, and 388 for others.

**2022 annual hearings.** The number of non fact-finding hearings in 2022 were: 7467 for dependency cases, 439 for termination cases, 166 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 54 for truancy cases, and 781 for others.

**2023 hearings.** The YTD number of non fact-finding hearings in 2023 were: 2095 for dependency cases, 183 for termination cases, 41 for at-risk-youth and children-in-need of service cases, 75 for truancy cases, and 230 for others.

*(1) “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

	2022 Dependency					2023 Dependency				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	72	54	51	62	239	82				82
KNT	57	35	41	13	146	23				23
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>105</b>				<b>105</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	47	63	44	44	198	49				49
KNT	31	42	22	31	126	22				22
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>71</b>				<b>71</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	175	164	168	180		177				
KNT	104	96	115	99		70				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>279</b>		<b>247</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	661	644	609	589		598				
KNT	471	456	431	395		389				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>984</b>		<b>987</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	24%	12%	12%	1%		37%				
% of Cases within 90 days	32%	19%	21%	4%		28%				
% of Cases within 120 days	41%	40%	30%	23%		38%				
% of Cases within 180 days	63%	52%	60%	45%		58%				
% of Cases >180 days	37%	48%	40%	55%		42%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>75</b>		<b>71</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	108	64	74	62		84				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	10	14	12	12		6				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	19	39	21	20		24				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	26	37	44	46		36				
# of cases > 180 days	116	106	132	139		97				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>279</b>		<b>247</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case, Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	147	98	85	93		78				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	217	214	205	167		200				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	270	221	190	176		195				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	207	220	210	196		176				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	124	145	143	138		120				
# of cases > 5 years	167	202	207	214		218				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>984</b>		<b>987</b>				

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 1 (continued). Dependency Statistics

	<b>2022 Dependency</b>					<b>2023 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	296	197	182	175		214				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	198	271	249	214		200				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	226	172	140	142		148				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	188	171	177	166		128				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	91	128	121	119		123				
# of cases > 5 years	133	161	171	168		174				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>984</b>		<b>987</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	33	41	38	31	143	37				37
KNT	15	10	20	23	68	16				16
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>53</b>				<b>53</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	1042	1100	1131	1214	4487	1409				1409
KNT	855	760	742	623	2980	686				686
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>1897</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1873</b>	<b>1837</b>	<b>7467</b>	<b>2095</b>				<b>2095</b>

Table 2. Termination Statistics

	2022 Termination					2023 Termination				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	20	24	26	43	113	30				30
KNT	19	25	18	13	75	15				15
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>45</b>				<b>45</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	39	23	16	16	94	28				28
KNT	21	20	15	15	71	20				20
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>48</b>				<b>48</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	145	148	155	182		142				
KNT	79	84	86	83		63				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>265</b>		<b>205</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	13%	7%	13%	16%		6%				
% of Cases within 90 days	28%	26%	23%	23%		19%				
% of Cases within 120 days	28%	42%	26%	23%		19%				
% of Cases within 180 days	32%	49%	42%	26%		35%				
% of Cases >180 days	68%	51%	58%	74%		65%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>48</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	28	37	39	44		39				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	2	6	2	7		4				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	2	10	9	13		18				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	15	7	24	26		25				
# of cases > 180 days	177	172	167	175		119				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>265</b>		<b>205</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	28	18	7	17	70	23				23
KNT	14	16	13	18	61	17				17
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>40</b>				<b>40</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	78	71	125	113	317	138				138
KNT	42	36	31	30	122	45				45
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>183</b>				<b>183</b>

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 3. ARY/CHINS Statistics

	2022 ARY/CHINS					2023 ARY/CHINS				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	7	12	11	15	45	10				10
KNT	6	17	15	17	55	16				16
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26</b>				<b>26</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	13	7	12	11	43	9				9
KNT	8	10	11	14	43	18				18
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>27</b>				<b>27</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	15	21	19	23		25				
KNT	12	18	20	22		16				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>41</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	55	49	50	50		48				
KNT	19	22	26	29		33				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>		<b>81</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	52%	71%	52%	64%		44%				
% of Cases within 90 days	67%	71%	57%	64%		63%				
% of Cases within 120 days	76%	77%	66%	68%		74%				
% of Cases within 180 days	95%	88%	74%	72%		82%				
% of Cases >180 days	5%	12%	26%	28%		18%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>27</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	7	14	16	19		16				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	0	5	1	1		1				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	2	1	1	6		4				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	5	3	9	5		5				
# of cases > 180 days	13	16	12	14		15				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>41</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	20	15	21	22		25				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	2	3	2	4		1				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	0	1	1	1		2				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	3	1	1	0		1				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	5	3	3	3		3				
# of cases > 5 years	44	48	48	49		49				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>		<b>81</b>				

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Table 3 (continued). ARY/CHINS Statistics

	<b>2022 ARY/CHINS</b>					<b>2023 ARY/CHINS</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	21	16	21	24		25				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	1	2	2	2		2				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	1	1	1		1				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	2	1	1	1		1				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	5	3	3	2		3				
# of cases > 5 years	44	48	48	49		49				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>		<b>81</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	3	4	4	3	14	2				2
KNT	5	8	10	11	34	9				9
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11</b>				<b>11</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	14	21	24	13	72	12				12
KNT	14	26	19	35	94	29				29
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>41</b>				<b>41</b>



Table 4. Truancy Statistics

	2022 Truancy					2023 Truancy				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	120	109	11	116	356	175				175
KNT	216	302	53	134	705	284				284
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>459</b>				<b>459</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	6	6	190	37	239	39				39
KNT	11	14	51	114	190	140				140
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>179</b>				<b>179</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	359	463	284	363		495				
KNT	266	614	616	636		780				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>999</b>		<b>1275</b>				
<b>Resolved, Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	14	16	17	15		22				
KNT	16	20	22	31		46				
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>68</b>				
<b>Resolution Age (days)</b>										
% of Cases within 75 days	65%	45%	4%	13%		5%				
% of Cases within 90 days	65%	60%	7%	13%		8%				
% of Cases within 120 days	71%	60%	11%	17%		11%				
% of Cases within 180 days	77%	90%	18%	40%		15%				
% of Cases >180 days	24%	10%	82%	60%		84%				
<b>Total # of Cases Resolved</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>151</b>		<b>179</b>				
<b>Pending Resolution Case Age</b>										
# of Cases less than 75 days	302	420	57	224		389				
# of Cases between 76 and 90 days	23	38	2	12		63				
# of Cases between 90 and 120 days	31	138	148	2		72				
# of Cases between 121 and 180 days	22	187	292	43		146				
# of cases > 180 days	247	294	401	718		605				
<b>Total # of Pending Resolution Cases</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>999</b>		<b>1275</b>				
<b>Pending Completion (but resolved) Case - Age Since Filing</b>										
# of Cases less than 1 year	2	8	12	15		18				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	2	1	1	4		23				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	1	1	2		1				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	1	2	1	0		1				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	1	0	0	1		1				
# of cases > 5 years	23	24	24	24		24				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>68</b>				

Annual total reflects the year-end update and adjustment.

Table 4 (continued). Truancy Statistics

	<b>2022 Truancy</b>					<b>2023 Truancy</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	2	8	12	19		41				
# of Cases between 1 and 2 years	2	1	1	0		0				
# of Cases between 2 and 3 years	1	1	1	2		1				
# of Cases between 3 and 4 years	3	2	1	0		1				
# of Cases between 4 and 5 years	3	2	2	3		1				
# of cases > 5 years	19	22	22	22		24				
<b>Total # of Pending Completion (resolved) Cases</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>68</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	0	0	2	0	2	0				0
KNT	0	0	0	4	4	10				10
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>				<b>10</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (Non Fact-findings)</b>										
SEA	3	1	3	7	14	25				25
KNT	0	12	8	20	40	50				50
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>75</b>				<b>75</b>

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

	DDP/EFC/GFC/RPR/RVS etc.									
	Q1/2022	Q2/2022	Q3/2022	Q4/2022	2022 Annual	Q1/2023	Q2/2023	Q3/2023	Q4/2023	2023 Annual
<b>Filings</b>										
SEA	15	34	26	30	105	61				61
KNT	17	16	17	38	88	31				31
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>92</b>				<b>92</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>										
SEA	18	23	22	22	85	48				48
KNT	18	17	14	21	70	42				42
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>90</b>				<b>90</b>
<b>Pending Resolution</b>										
SEA	42	53	53	62		58				
KNT	33	33	35	51		22				
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>113</b>		<b>80</b>				
<b>Pending Completion</b>										
SEA	239	241	247	233		231				
KNT	107	118	121	132		130				
<b>Both SEA/KNT</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>365</b>		<b>361</b>				
<b>Number of Fact-findings</b>										
SEA	12	16	21	21	70	35				35
KNT	14	13	13	30	70	26				26
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>61</b>				<b>61</b>
<b>Number of Hearings (non FF)</b>										
SEA	148	126	154	124	552	165				165
KNT	52	66	55	56	229	65				65
<b>BOTH SEA/KNT</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>230</b>				<b>230</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.

