

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity Trends by Type of Case - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
CASE FILINGS (EXCEPT PARKING)									
Traffic Infraction	698,235	466,172	-33.2 %	358,244	-23.2 %	341,296	-4.7 %	427,240	25.2 %
Non-Traffic Infraction	21,930	14,246	-35 %	12,033	-15.5 %	11,362	-5.6 %	13,968	22.9 %
DUI/Physical Control	28,627	20,749	-27.5 %	18,498	-10.8 %	18,657	0.9 %	21,127	13.2 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	69,724	55,311	-20.7 %	39,720	-28.2 %	29,701	-25.2 %	32,170	8.3 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	94,904	78,812	-17 %	62,902	-20.2 %	72,089	14.6 %	78,841	9.4 %
Felony Complaints (2)	2,753	1,746	-36.6 %	1,423	-18.5 %	1,495	5.1 %	1,466	-1.9 %
Civil	120,490	94,259	-21.8 %	85,722	-9.1 %	67,660	-21.1 %	79,716	17.8 %
Civil Case Protection Orders (3)	10,015	8,274	-17.4 %	7,553	-8.7 %	7,548	-0.1 %	7,083	-6.2 %
Small Claims	11,377	6,463	-43.2 %	5,567	-13.9 %	6,348	14 %	7,120	12.2 %
Total Non-Parking Filings	1,058,055	746,032	-29.5 %	591,662	-20.7 %	556,156	-6 %	668,731	20.2 %
CHARGE DISPOSITIONS (EXC. PARKING)									
Traffic Infraction	810,362	559,664	-30.9 %	470,480	-15.9 %	394,331	-16.2 %	469,623	19.1 %
Non-Traffic Infraction	28,158	18,475	-34.4 %	17,041	-7.8 %	14,590	-14.4 %	16,833	15.4 %
DUI/Physical Control	17,274	11,700	-32.3 %	11,878	1.5 %	11,454	-3.6 %	12,676	10.7 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	67,437	50,112	-25.7 %	49,636	-0.9 %	42,954	-13.5 %	44,936	4.6 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	119,796	84,810	-29.2 %	88,611	4.5 %	91,738	3.5 %	106,334	15.9 %
Felony Preliminary (4)	3,015	2,165	-28.2 %	1,604	-25.9 %	1,721	7.3 %	1,809	5.1 %
Civil	95,556	75,136	-21.4 %	70,918	-5.6 %	65,557	-7.6 %	64,886	-1 %
Civil Case Protection Orders (3)	11,682	9,956	-14.8 %	7,831	-21.3 %	7,242	-7.5 %	6,710	-7.3 %
Small Claims	9,249	5,291	-42.8 %	4,739	-10.4 %	4,940	4.2 %	5,405	9.4 %
Total Non-Parking Dispositions	1,162,529	817,309	-29.6 %	722,738	-11.5 %	634,527	-12.1 %	729,212	14.8 %
CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS (EXC.									
Jury Trials	1,577	536	-66 %	1,226	128.7 %	900	-26.6 %	1,011	12.3 %
Non-Jury Trials and Contested Small Claims	13,087	9,520	-27.3 %	8,974	-5.7 %	9,282	3.4 %	9,593	3.4 %
Contested Traffic Inf. Hrgs.	98,703	63,263	-35.9 %	61,347	-3 %	46,204	-24.7 %	57,972	25.5 %

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Cont. Non-Parking Proceedings	115,772	74,810	-35.4 %	73,247	-2.1 %	57,664	-21.3 %	70,145	21.6 %
REVENUE (EXC. PARKING)									
Traffic Infractions	104,860,804	78,982,816	-24.7 %	66,354,214	-16 %	48,562,121	-26.8 %	59,285,370	22.1 %
Non-Traffic Infractions	1,687,561	1,337,590	-20.7 %	1,235,027	-7.7 %	991,627	-19.7 %	1,112,438	12.2 %
DUI/Physical Control	12,884,506	10,619,448	-17.6 %	9,994,847	-5.9 %	8,412,219	-15.8 %	7,828,776	-6.9 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	8,501,694	6,430,791	-24.4 %	6,143,582	-4.5 %	4,832,922	-21.3 %	4,239,580	-12.3 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	3,720,967	2,634,695	-29.2 %	2,788,835	5.9 %	2,488,319	-10.8 %	2,975,079	19.6 %
Criminal Court Costs Recovered	3,982,263	3,192,281	-19.8 %	3,077,691	-3.6 %	2,249,149	-26.9 %	2,040,067	-9.3 %
Civil	10,162,116	7,784,301	-23.4 %	7,323,289	-5.9 %	6,296,092	-14 %	7,020,094	11.5 %
Small Claims	96,387	134,262	39.3 %	193,526	44.1 %	214,947	11.1 %	235,003	9.3 %
Total Non-Parking Revenue	145,896,298	111,116,184	-23.8 %	97,111,011	-12.6 %	74,047,396	-23.7 %	84,736,407	14.4 %
PSEA-2	19,350,885	14,339,926	-25.9 %	12,278,378	-14.4 %	9,004,762	-26.7 %	10,314,409	14.5 %
PARKING INFRACTION ACTIVITY									
Filings	932,196	605,808	-35 %	878,076	44.9 %	825,508	-6 %	852,624	3.3 %
Dispositions	745,841	420,724	-43.6 %	476,231	13.2 %	454,599	-4.5 %	630,271	38.6 %
Contested Hearings	17,105	9,520	-44.3 %	12,039	26.5 %	13,675	13.6 %	14,758	7.9 %
Revenue	58,108,069	38,848,036	-33.1 %	44,801,204	15.3 %	48,081,929	7.3 %	56,071,863	16.6 %

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