

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Filing Activity by Type of Jurisdiction - 2011 to 2015

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STATE/COUNTY MATTERS									
Traffic Infractions	574,079	536,452	-6.6 %	524,439	-2.2 %	493,582	-5.9 %	495,823	0.5 %
Non-Traffic Infractions	16,925	16,164	-4.5 %	18,249	12.9 %	20,844	14.2 %	22,498	7.9 %
DUI/Physical Control Misdemeanors	23,769	21,757	-8.5 %	20,340	-6.5 %	18,489	-9.1 %	16,892	-8.6 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	44,591	38,905	-12.8 %	40,175	3.3 %	34,027	-15.3 %	33,182	-2.5 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	41,033	36,238	-11.7 %	31,634	-12.7 %	29,800	-5.8 %	28,980	-2.8 %
Felony Complaints (2)	5,566	5,834	4.8 %	6,454	10.6 %	6,559	1.6 %	5,621	-14.3 %
Civil	118,607	114,983	-3.1 %	126,375	9.9 %	125,876	-0.4 %	118,821	-5.6 %
Domestic Violence Protection (3)	2,120	2,060	-2.8 %	1,855	-10 %	1,650	-11.1 %	1,560	-5.5 %
Civil Harassment Protection (3)	8,014	8,536	6.5 %	8,180	-4.2 %	6,947	-15.1 %	7,143	2.8 %
Sexual Assault Protection (3)	81	65	-19.8 %	57	-12.3 %	63	10.5 %	71	12.7 %
Small Claims	16,665	15,299	-8.2 %	13,690	-10.5 %	13,445	-1.8 %	14,499	7.8 %
Stalking Protection (3)			. %	80	%	470	487.5 %	400	-14.9 %
Total State/County	851,450	796,293	-6.5 %	791,528	-0.6 %	751,752	-5 %	745,490	-0.8 %
MUNICIPAL MATTERS (4)									
Traffic Infractions	398,061	336,470	-15.5 %	343,436	2.1 %	331,147	-3.6 %	314,812	-4.9 %
Non-Traffic Infractions	17,257	13,962	-19.1 %	12,615	-9.6 %	11,531	-8.6 %	13,347	15.7 %
DUI/Physical Control Misdemeanors	14,255	12,950	-9.2 %	11,390	-12 %	10,099	-11.3 %	9,471	-6.2 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	69,129	59,660	-13.7 %	53,641	-10.1 %	44,627	-16.8 %	40,766	-8.7 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	86,207	83,313	-3.4 %	79,112	-5 %	76,336	-3.5 %	75,973	-0.5 %
Felony Complaints (2)	13	7	. %	19	. %	13	. %	13	. %
Civil	206	221	7.3 %	225	1.8 %	255	13.3 %	160	-37.3 %
Domestic Violence Protection (3)	180	195	8.3 %	155	-20.5 %	139	-10.3 %	195	40.3 %
Civil Harassment Protection (3)	30	54	80 %	90	66.7 %	91	1.1 %	139	52.7 %
Sexual Assault Protection (3)	3	1	. %	6	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Small Claims	2	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %

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Stalking Protection (3)	0	0	. %	1	. %	14	. %	9	. %
Total Municipal	585,343	506,835	-13.4 %	500,690	-1.2 %	474,253	-5.3 %	454,888	-4.1 %

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