

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Filing Activity by Type of Jurisdiction - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
STATE/COUNTY MATTERS									
Traffic Infractions	459,727	324,682	-29.4 %	247,168	-23.9 %	236,697	-4.2 %	302,529	27.8 %
Non-Traffic Infractions	14,244	9,477	-33.5 %	8,023	-15.3 %	7,793	-2.9 %	9,990	28.2 %
DUI/Physical Control Misdemeanors	18,113	12,590	-30.5 %	10,932	-13.2 %	10,444	-4.5 %	11,515	10.3 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	31,805	26,896	-15.4 %	19,063	-29.1 %	12,823	-32.7 %	14,147	10.3 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	25,576	21,770	-14.9 %	17,876	-17.9 %	18,223	1.9 %	19,703	8.1 %
Felony Complaints (2)	2,730	1,743	-36.2 %	1,417	-18.7 %	1,493	5.4 %	1,466	-1.8 %
Civil	120,295	94,136	-21.7 %	85,612	-9.1 %	67,447	-21.2 %	79,531	17.9 %
Civil Case Protection Orders (3)	9,758	8,090	-17.1 %	7,327	-9.4 %	7,520	2.6 %	7,083	-5.8 %
Small Claims	11,372	6,463	-43.2 %	5,567	-13.9 %	6,348	14 %	7,120	12.2 %
Total State/County	693,620	505,847	-27.1 %	402,985	-20.3 %	368,788	-8.5 %	453,084	22.9 %
MUNICIPAL MATTERS (4)									
Traffic Infractions	238,508	141,490	-40.7 %	111,076	-21.5 %	104,599	-5.8 %	124,711	19.2 %
Non-Traffic Infractions	7,686	4,769	-38 %	4,010	-15.9 %	3,569	-11 %	3,978	11.5 %
DUI/Physical Control Misdemeanors	10,514	8,159	-22.4 %	7,566	-7.3 %	8,213	8.6 %	9,612	17 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	37,919	28,415	-25.1 %	20,657	-27.3 %	16,878	-18.3 %	18,023	6.8 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	69,328	57,042	-17.7 %	45,026	-21.1 %	53,866	19.6 %	59,138	9.8 %
Felony Complaints (2)	23	3	. %	6	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Civil	195	123	-36.9 %	110	-10.6 %	213	93.6 %	185	-13.1 %
Civil Case Protection Orders (3)	257	184	-28.4 %	226	22.8 %	28	. %	0	. %
Small Claims	5	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Municipal	364,435	240,185	-34.1 %	188,677	-21.4 %	187,368	-0.7 %	215,647	15.1 %

(1) In *City of Redmond v. Moore*, 151 Wn.2d 664 (2004), the Washington State Supreme Court held that "Driving With License Suspended" (DWLS) statutes providing for the mandatory suspension of a driver's license without an administrative hearing violate procedural due process and are unconstitutional. The large percentage variations from 2003 to 2005 are due in large part to that decision.

(2) Some courts have felony probable-cause activity in addition to the formal felony complaint filings shown here. For felony probable-cause statistics, see the statewide trend table titled "Felony Activity" and the court-level table titled "Felony Complaints".

(3) Effective 7/1/2022, the Civil Protection Orders category includes case activity for the Civil Protection Order (CPO) action set out under Chapt. 7.105 RCW, and Extreme Risk Protection orders (XRP and XRU). This category does not include related criminal charges, which are included in non-traffic misdemeanors.