

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

DUI Physical Control Activity(1) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
FILINGS									
Citations/Complaints Filed	28,627	20,749	-27.5 %	18,498	-10.8 %	18,657	0.9 %	21,127	13.2 %
Number of Violations Charged	29,379	21,259	-27.6 %	18,910	-11 %	19,176	1.4 %	21,895	14.2 %
CHARGE DISPOSITIONS									
Guilty	10,573	6,281	-40.6 %	6,680	6.4 %	5,834	-12.7 %	6,648	14 %
Not Guilty	102	49	-52 %	56	14.3 %	41	-26.8 %	70	70.7 %
Dismissed (2)	6,599	5,370	-18.6 %	5,142	-4.2 %	5,579	8.5 %	5,958	6.8 %
Total Charge Dispositions (3)	17,274	11,700	-32.3 %	11,878	1.5 %	11,454	-3.6 %	12,676	10.7 %
Reduced/Amended to Lesser Charge	12,269	9,656	-21.3 %	8,954	-7.3 %	8,924	-0.3 %	9,709	8.8 %
Prosecution/Diversion	3,368	2,170	-35.6 %	2,223	2.4 %	1,940	-12.7 %	2,035	4.9 %
PROCEEDINGS									
Jury Trial	419	136	-67.5 %	252	85.3 %	173	-31.3 %	228	31.8 %
Non-Jury Trial	127	72	-43.3 %	160	122.2 %	129	-19.4 %	179	38.8 %
Stipulation to the Record	807	464	-42.5 %	438	-5.6 %	408	-6.8 %	456	11.8 %
Arraignment	24,632	16,209	-34.2 %	15,983	-1.4 %	15,923	-0.4 %	17,590	10.5 %
Other Hearing On Record	217,197	156,740	-27.8 %	168,148	7.3 %	163,719	-2.6 %	163,754	0 %
Total Proceedings	243,182	173,621	-28.6 %	184,981	6.5 %	180,352	-2.5 %	182,207	1 %
Proceedings Per Disposition	14.1	14.8		15.6		15.7		14.4	
TRIAL SETTINGS (4)									
Jury Trial Settings	14,195	8,801	-38 %	19,350	119.9 %	20,754	7.3 %	26,377	27.1 %
Settings Per Jury Trial	33.9	64.7		76.8		120		115.7	
Non-Jury Trial Settings	203	193	-4.9 %	184	-4.7 %	171	-7.1 %	236	38 %
Settings Per Non-Jury Trial	1.6	2.7		1.2		1.3		1.3	
Appeals	124	60	-51.6 %	39	-35 %	46	17.9 %	59	28.3 %
DUI/Physical Control Revenue	\$12,884,506.	\$10,619,448.	-17.6 %	\$9,994,847.	-5.9 %	\$8,412,219.	-15.8 %	\$7,828,776.	-6.9 %

(1) More detailed DUI disposition and sentencing information is available in the section titled "Driving Under the Influence." Note: Tables presented in that section do not include data for Seattle Municipal Court. That court provides aggregated information suitable for caseload totals.

(2) Chapter 208, Section 3, Laws of 1998, codified as RCW 10.05.120(1), changed the requirements of the deferred prosecution program. Previously, charges could be dismissed upon successful completion of the program. Beginning in mid-1998, dismissals are allowed three years subsequent to successful completion of the program. The large year-to-year drop in 2002 and year-to-year increase in 2004 reflect this change in mandatory time prior to dismissal.

(3) Charge dispositions do not reflect outstanding warrants. DUI dispositions--like DUI charges--include those for any secondary charge on a DUI citation.

(4) Many settings occur for cases which never proceed to trial. Rescheduling of cases which do go to trial are included.