

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Criminal Activity - 2019 to 2023

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| Filings | | | | | | | | | |
| Homicide | 209 | 283 | 35.4 % | 274 | -3.2 % | 378 | 38 % | 326 | -13.8 % |
| Sex Crimes | 1,901 | 1,727 | -9.2 % | 1,609 | -6.8 % | 1,508 | -6.3 % | 1,451 | -3.8 % |
| Robbery | 922 | 1,030 | 11.7 % | 900 | -12.6 % | 1,057 | 17.4 % | 1,032 | -2.4 % |
| Assault | 6,230 | 6,177 | -0.9 % | 6,159 | -0.3 % | 6,439 | 4.5 % | 6,300 | -2.2 % |
| Theft/Burglary | 8,792 | 6,777 | -22.9 % | 7,670 | 13.2 % | 8,720 | 13.7 % | 8,134 | -6.7 % |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 743 | 595 | -19.9 % | 690 | 16 % | 718 | 4.1 % | 704 | -1.9 % |
| Controlled Substance | 10,584 | 6,239 | -41.1 % | 1,680 | -73.1 % | 857 | -49 % | 1,016 | 18.6 % |
| Other Felony (2) | 4,789 | 4,037 | -15.7 % | 3,659 | -9.4 % | 3,894 | 6.4 % | 4,341 | 11.5 % |
| Total Felony Filings | 34,170 | 26,865 | -21.4 % | 22,641 | -15.7 % | 23,571 | 4.1 % | 23,304 | -1.1 % |
| Misdemeanor/Gross Misdemeanor (2) | 1,260 | 848 | -32.7 % | 821 | -3.2 % | 888 | 8.2 % | 985 | 10.9 % |
| Appeals from Lower Court | 310 | 135 | -56.5 % | 161 | 19.3 % | 152 | -5.6 % | 171 | 12.5 % |
| Non-Charge Filings (3) | 3,874 | 4,019 | 3.7 % | 2,903 | -27.8 % | 3,510 | 20.9 % | 3,900 | 11.1 % |
| Total Criminal Filings | 39,614 | 31,867 | -19.6 % | 26,526 | -16.8 % | 28,121 | 6 % | 28,360 | 0.8 % |
| Resolutions Before Trial | | | | | | | | | |
| Change of Venue | 5 | 10 | . % | 25 | . % | 30 | . % | 31 | . % |
| Extradition | 463 | 314 | -32.2 % | 264 | -15.9 % | 278 | 5.3 % | 341 | 22.7 % |
| Deferred Prosecution | 479 | 336 | -29.9 % | 276 | -17.9 % | 304 | 10.1 % | 344 | 13.2 % |
| Decision on Lower Court Appeal | 168 | 179 | 6.5 % | 141 | -21.2 % | 104 | -26.2 % | 72 | -30.8 % |
| Dismissed | 7,785 | 7,517 | -3.4 % | 13,325 | 77.3 % | 8,622 | -35.3 % | 8,361 | -3 % |
| Guilty Plea | 24,474 | 14,663 | -40.1 % | 12,374 | -15.6 % | 13,735 | 11 % | 15,158 | 10.4 % |
| Other (4) | 2,567 | 3,156 | 22.9 % | 1,938 | -38.6 % | 2,125 | 9.6 % | 2,666 | 25.5 % |
| Total Pre-Trial Resolutions | 35,941 | 26,175 | -27.2 % | 28,343 | 8.3 % | 25,198 | -11.1 % | 26,973 | 7 % |
| After Trial Commencement | | | | | | | | | |
| Dismissed | 31 | 22 | . % | 14 | . % | 26 | . % | 11 | . % |
| Guilty Plea | 51 | 30 | . % | 20 | . % | 28 | . % | 34 | . % |
| Acquittal/Not Guilty | 142 | 68 | -52.1 % | 101 | 48.5 % | 108 | 6.9 % | 163 | 50.9 % |
| Convicted | 984 | 510 | -48.2 % | 375 | -26.5 % | 458 | 22.1 % | 590 | 28.8 % |
| Total Post-Trial Resolutions | 1,208 | 630 | -47.8 % | 510 | -19 % | 620 | 21.6 % | 798 | 28.7 % |
| Total Resolutions | 37,149 | 26,807 | -27.8 % | 28,853 | 7.6 % | 25,818 | -10.5 % | 27,771 | 7.6 % |
| Sentences | | | | | | | | | |

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| Community Supervision/Probation | 209 | 77 | -63.2 % | 53 | -31.2 % | 77 | 45.3 % | 42 | -45.5 % |
| Jail/Supervision/Probation | 1,609 | 1,025 | -36.3 % | 774 | -24.5 % | 848 | 9.6 % | 825 | -2.7 % |
| Jail Only | 14,227 | 8,540 | -40 % | 7,091 | -17 % | 7,660 | 8 % | 8,356 | 9.1 % |
| State Institution | 7,326 | 4,726 | -35.5 % | 3,936 | -16.7 % | 4,531 | 15.1 % | 5,186 | 14.5 % |
| Other | 2,038 | 1,395 | -31.6 % | 1,212 | -13.1 % | 1,421 | 17.2 % | 1,610 | 13.3 % |
| Total Sentences | 25,409 | 15,763 | -38 % | 13,066 | -17.1 % | 14,537 | 11.3 % | 16,019 | 10.2 % |
| Proceedings (8) | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Jury Trial | 414 | 324 | -21.7 % | 175 | -46 % | 202 | 15.4 % | 266 | 31.7 % |
| Jury Trial | 876 | 408 | -53.4 % | 514 | 26 % | 562 | 9.3 % | 681 | 21.2 % |
| Preliminary Appearance | 13,250 | 11,172 | -15.7 % | 9,259 | -17.1 % | 10,373 | 12 % | 10,227 | -1.4 % |
| Initial Arraignment | 26,979 | 21,483 | -20.4 % | 16,605 | -22.7 % | 17,926 | 8 % | 17,394 | -3 % |
| Other Pre-Resolution Hearing (5) | 140,546 | 106,915 | -23.9 % | 109,212 | 2.1 % | 124,312 | 13.8 % | 130,134 | 4.7 % |
| Guilty Plea Hearing (6) | 20,980 | 13,082 | -37.6 % | 11,397 | -12.9 % | 11,933 | 4.7 % | 12,774 | 7 % |
| Sentence Hearing | 8,207 | 4,896 | -40.3 % | 4,954 | 1.2 % | 4,736 | -4.4 % | 4,500 | -5 % |
| Review Hearing (7) | 7,920 | 3,466 | -56.2 % | 1,543 | -55.5 % | 1,150 | -25.5 % | 992 | -13.7 % |
| Post-Resolution Hearing | 60,255 | 42,892 | -28.8 % | 37,643 | -12.2 % | 36,208 | -3.8 % | 40,969 | 13.1 % |
| Other Hearing | 326 | 186 | -42.9 % | 260 | 39.8 % | 281 | 8.1 % | 328 | 16.7 % |
| Non-Charge Hearing (3) | 11,721 | 9,377 | -20 % | 6,805 | -27.4 % | 8,092 | 18.9 % | 8,370 | 3.4 % |
| Total Proceedings | 291,474 | 214,201 | -26.5 % | 198,367 | -7.4 % | 215,775 | 8.8 % | 226,635 | 5 % |
| Average Proceedings / Resolutions | 7.8 | 8 | | 6.9 | | 8.4 | | 8.2 | |

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