

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Domestic Activity - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
Filings									
Child Custody	1,466	1,048	-28.5 %	14	. %	0	. %	0	
Dissolution With Children	8,947	7,969	-10.9 %	8,461	6.2 %	7,579	-10.4 %	7,714	1.8 %
Dissolution Without Children	11,892	10,391	-12.6 %	11,198	7.8 %	10,705	-4.4 %	10,841	1.3 %
Annulment/Invalidity	127	90	-29.1 %	123	36.7 %	117	-4.9 %	125	6.8 %
Modification	931	737	-20.8 %	946	28.4 %	693	-26.7 %	544	-21.5 %
Out-of-State Child Custody	72	99	37.5 %	83	-16.2 %	92	10.8 %	99	7.6 %
Legal Separation	1,147	971	-15.3 %	905	-6.8 %	847	-6.4 %	899	6.1 %
Foreign Judgment	64	46	-28.1 %	39	-15.2 %	30	. %	40	. %
Miscellaneous	5,249	4,250	-19 %	4,387	3.2 %	4,050	-7.7 %	4,383	8.2 %
Committed Intimate Relationship	159	176	10.7 %	188	6.8 %	190	1.1 %	185	-2.6 %
Total Domestic Filings	30,054	25,777	-14.2 %	26,344	2.2 %	24,303	-7.7 %	24,830	2.2 %
UIFSA	93	33	-64.5 %	53	60.6 %	57	7.5 %	117	105.3 %
Total Filings	30,147	25,810	-14.4 %	26,397	2.3 %	24,360	-7.7 %	24,947	2.4 %
Resolutions Before Trial									
Uncontested/Resolved When Filed (2)	11,061	9,742	-11.9 %	10,235	5.1 %	9,970	-2.6 %	9,835	-1.4 %
Dismissed by Clerk	1,196	3,419	185.9 %	1,816	-46.9 %	2,411	32.8 %	1,642	-31.9 %
Change of Venue	83	62	-25.3 %	69	11.3 %	57	-17.4 %	31	-45.6 %
Dismissed	2,514	2,392	-4.9 %	2,391	0 %	2,264	-5.3 %	2,507	10.7 %
Settled/Agreed Judgment	8,096	7,103	-12.3 %	7,365	3.7 %	6,864	-6.8 %	6,647	-3.2 %
Settled by Arbitration	20	19	. %	21	. %	28	. %	29	. %
Default/Summary Judgment	932	847	-9.1 %	959	13.2 %	878	-8.4 %	723	-17.7 %
Closed by Court After Hearing	2,237	1,963	-12.2 %	1,206	-38.6 %	1,300	7.8 %	1,599	23 %
Total Pre-Trial Resolutions	26,139	25,547	-2.3 %	24,062	-5.8 %	23,772	-1.2 %	23,013	-3.2 %
After Trial Commencement									
Dismissed/Settled	57	49	-14 %	54	10.2 %	45	-16.7 %	68	51.1 %
Court Decision	737	735	-0.3 %	1,168	58.9 %	836	-28.4 %	835	-0.1 %
Total Post-Trial Resolutions	794	784	-1.3 %	1,222	55.9 %	881	-27.9 %	903	2.5 %
Total Resolutions	26,933	26,331	-2.2 %	25,284	-4 %	24,653	-2.5 %	23,916	-3 %
Proceedings (4)									
Non-Jury Trial	1,388	1,069	-23 %	1,274	19.2 %	1,138	-10.7 %	1,315	15.6 %

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Trial Settlement Hearing	904	608	-32.7 %	678	11.5 %	724	6.8 %	678	-6.4 %
Pre-Resolution Motion/Conference	38,048	27,384	-28 %	30,228	10.4 %	30,599	1.2 %	32,342	5.7 %
Modification Hearing	394	284	-27.9 %	325	14.4 %	250	-23.1 %	198	-20.8 %
Post-Resolution Motion Hearing	24,992	16,729	-33.1 %	18,553	10.9 %	18,313	-1.3 %	18,496	1 %
Uncontested Resolution Hearing	4,949	2,982	-39.7 %	3,062	2.7 %	3,032	-1 %	2,079	-31.4 %
Total Proceedings	70,675	49,056	-30.6 %	54,120	10.3 %	54,056	-0.1 %	55,108	1.9 %
Average Proceedings/Resolution	2.6	1.9		2.1		2.2		2.3	

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