

CHILD AND ELDER MALTREATMENT

Economic, Social and Overall Health Impacts:
Patterns of Child & Elder Maltreatment

King County, WA
March - September, 2020

Investigations and assessments of suspected child maltreatment

45% in King County (KC) **declined** 45% during April, May and June

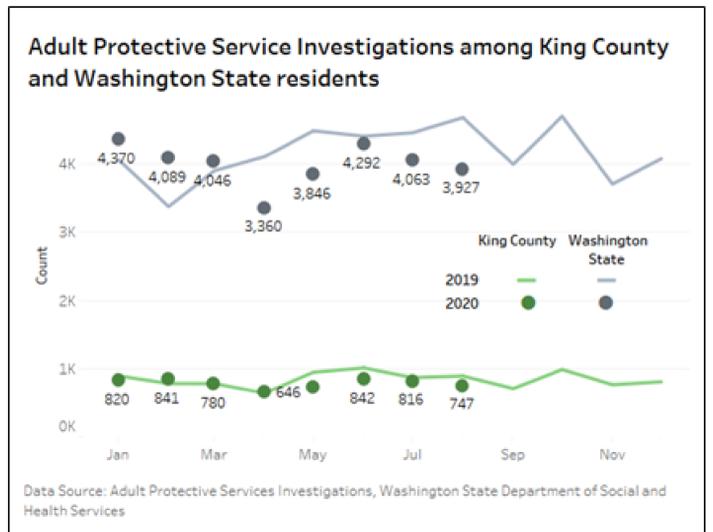
Emergency department (ED) visits related to suspected child maltreatment **decreased** in early months of the pandemic, as did all ED visits



Since May 2020, the rate of ED visits for child maltreatment have returned to 2019 rates

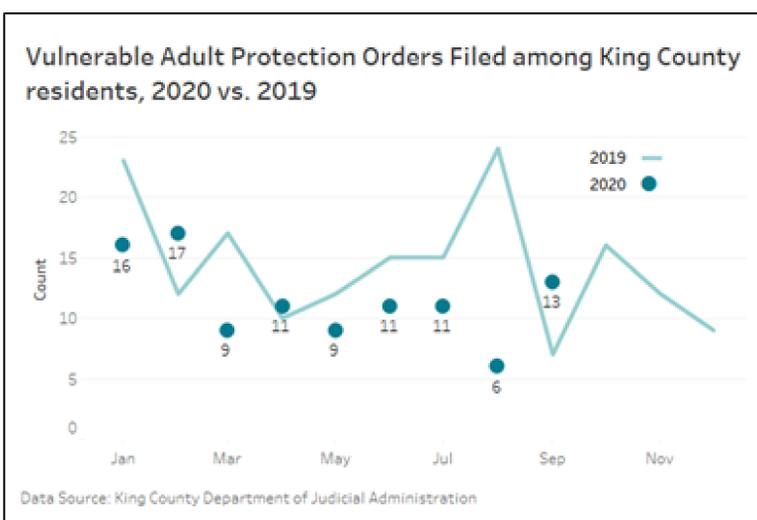
Adult protective services (APS) investigations

- The number of elder maltreatment investigations in KC remained consistent over the pandemic months
- Except in May and June 2020, when the number of KC APS investigations was significantly lower than in the same months of 2019



- May through July 2020, investigations were more likely to involve allegations of self-neglect and less likely to involve allegations of harm by someone else

Vulnerable adult protection orders



The number of vulnerable protection orders filed per month in KC was similar in 2020 compared to 2019

Only August was lower in 2020 compared to 2019

Pandemic timeline

