King County Superior Court

Juvenile Offender Statistical Report

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Juvenile Offender Summary

NOTE: Washington State Supreme Court orders related to the coronavirus pandemic, beginning March 2020, affect the statistics for the foreseeable future.

- **Filings (Table 1)**

  The juvenile offender filings in April 2020 were 87 cases. In 2020, the year-to-date monthly average filings were 89 cases. This compares with a monthly average of 280, 208, 187, 151, 150, 137, 108, 110, 102, and 93 cases in 2010, 2011 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 respectively.

- **Resolutions (Table 2-A)**

  The number of resolutions in April 2020 was 35 cases. In 2020, the year-to-date monthly average resolutions were 67 cases. This compares with the average number of resolutions of 289, 220, 196, 145, 135, 128, 117, 98, 102, and 86 cases in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 respectively.

- **Age of Resolved Cases (Tables 2-C)**

  Because of the relatively small number of resolutions each month, the average age is likely to fluctuate significantly. Therefore, a more robust measurement of the age is the "median age" (i.e., the days at which 50% of the cases were resolved below the "median age" and 50% beyond the "median age").

  The time to resolve juvenile offender cases has not shown any significant change.

- **Pending Caseload (Tables 3-A and 3-B)**

  The pending active caseload (those cases not on warrant, deferred disposition, stay or appeal status, and not yet resolved) at the end of April 2020 was 733 cases.

- **Age of Pending Cases (Table 3-C)**

  At the end of April 2020, the median age of the pending cases was 148 days, namely, 50% of the pending cases were less than 5 months old (148 days).

CONCLUSION: The average monthly filings in 2020 continued at a low level, with a monthly average of 89 cases. The resolutions in the same time period were lower than the filing volume, with an average of 67 cases per month in 2020. The pending caseload was 733 cases at the end of April 2020. Half of the pending cases were less than 148 days old.

Age of Pending Case

Time (days) from filing to resolution, less suspense time if applicable.

Age of Resolved Case

Time (days) from filing to resolution, less suspense time if applicable.

Filing

A juvenile offender case filed at the King County Superior Court with a new case number assigned.

Median Age

Half cases are less and half cases are more (the 50 percentile).

Pending Case

A case is defined as pending if it is unresolved and not on suspense status.

Pending Caseload

Number of pending cases at the end of reporting period.

Resolution

A case is resolved if all issues in the complaint are fully adjudicated.

Resolution Category

Four resolution categories are used to report resolution of criminal cases: Fact-findings (CVCT, AQCT), guilty plea (GP, GPAT), dismissal (DSM, DAT), and other (all other resolution codes).

Suspended Case

A case is placed in suspense status (removing from active) during the reporting period.

Suspense Status

A case is said to be on suspense status if it is on warrant or appeal.

Suspense Time

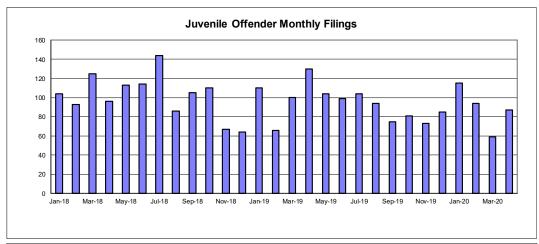Time (days) a case is on suspense status.
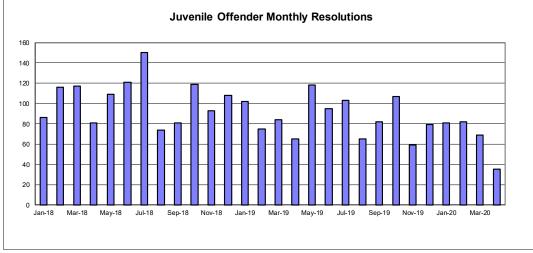
DDSP – Deferred Dispositions

Entered – A case listed as entered means that a youth has stipulated to the facts in support of the charge and is considered adjudicated per RCW 13.4-0.127 however the court defers imposition of the disposition based on conditions being met.

Completed by Dismissal – The youth complied with all terms of the deferred disposition conditions and the case is dismissed and charges vacated.

Completed by Order of Disposition – The youth did NOT comply with all terms of the deferred disposition and is sentenced.

Figure 1. Number of Juvenile Offender Filings, Resolutions and Pending Caseload by Month
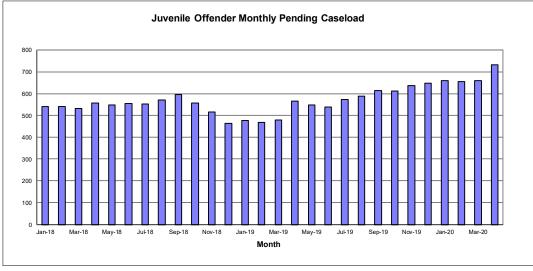
Juvenile Offender Monthly Filings

Juvenile Offender Monthly Resolutions

Juvenile Offender Monthly Pending Caseload

Table 1. Monthly Juvenile Offender New Filings
King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2018	104	93	125	96	113	114	144	86	105	110	67	64
2019	110	66	100	130	104	99	104	94	75	81	73	85
2020	115	94	59	87								
Felony												
2018	56	55	81	56	73	56	85	47	48	79	46	32
2019	44	41	74	66	63	49	68	55	42	44	37	52
2020	65	50	34	56								
Misdemeanor												
2018	42	34	39	35	36	55	55	34	48	28	13	22
2019	49	15	9	34	28	29	34	31	23	24	25	25
2020	45	32	18	29								
Other												
2018	6	4	5	5	4	3	4	5	9	3	8	10
2019	17	10	17	30	13	21	2	8	10	13	11	8
2020	5	12	7	3								

Table 2-A. Monthly Juvenile Offender Resolutions
King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2018	86	116	117	81	109	121	150	74	81	119	93	108
2019	102	75	84	65	118	95	103	65	82	107	59	79
2020	81	82	69	35								
Felony												
2018	52	53	66	44	53	66	78	42	45	65	47	63
2019	43	41	49	32	65	49	54	40	52	70	35	37
2020	42	52	34	24								
Misdemeanor												
2018	29	34	41	30	44	42	58	26	29	46	39	35
2019	41	25	28	20	37	38	38	15	19	24	18	30
2020	27	19	25	8								
Other												
2018	5	5	5	6	4	2	4	3	5	2	7	10
2019	17	7	7	10	9	8	11	10	11	13	6	7
2020	12	11	10	3								
Drug Court												
2018	0	24	5	1	8	11	10	3	2	6	0	0
2019	1	2	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2020	0	0	0	0								

Table 2-B. Monthly Juvenile Offender Resolution Category

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2019 # of Resolutions	**101**	**73**	**84**	**62**	**111**	**95**	**103**	**65**	**82**	**107**	**59**	**74**
Resolved by F.F. (%)	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Resolved by G.P. (%)	38%	38%	49%	29%	45%	27%	37%	38%	48%	36%	42%	39%
Dismissed (%)	29%	29%	35%	39%	33%	51%	46%	42%	32%	33%	49%	45%
Deferred Disposition (%)	8%	16%	12%	13%	14%	15%	14%	15%	16%	26%	5%	14%
Other Resolutions (%)	25%	14%	5%	19%	7%	7%	4%	5%	5%	6%	3%	3%
2020 # of Resolutions	**81**	**82**	**69**	**35**								
Resolved by F.F. (%)	4%	1%	1%	0%								
Resolved by G.P. (%)	38%	34%	30%	49%								
Dismissed (%)	37%	43%	51%	43%								
Deferred Disposition (%)	16%	9%	9%	0%								
Other Resolutions (%)	5%	13%	9%	9%								
Felony												
2019 # of Resolutions	**43**	**41**	**49**	**32**	**65**	**49**	**54**	**40**	**52**	**70**	**35**	**37**
Resolved by F.F. (%)	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Resolved by G.P. (%)	65%	51%	63%	41%	49%	35%	54%	55%	52%	41%	63%	43%
Dismissed (%)	7%	15%	24%	34%	23%	37%	24%	20%	25%	21%	31%	32%
Deferred Disposition (%)	14%	22%	12%	19%	17%	29%	20%	23%	23%	37%	6%	24%
Other Resolutions (%)	12%	10%	0%	6%	11%	0%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2020 # of Resolutions	**42**	**52**	**34**	**24**								
Resolved by F.F. (%)	7%	2%	3%	0%								
Resolved by G.P. (%)	55%	46%	50%	67%								
Dismissed (%)	17%	38%	38%	33%								
Deferred Disposition (%)	21%	12%	9%	0%								
Other Resolutions (%)	0%	2%	0%	0%								
Misdemeanor												
2019 # of Resolutions	**41**	**25**	**28**	**20**	**37**	**38**	**38**	**15**	**19**	**24**	**18**	**30**
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Resolved by G.P. (%)	24%	28%	29%	20%	35%	21%	21%	13%	47%	29%	11%	33%
Dismissed (%)	63%	56%	57%	65%	57%	76%	71%	80%	53%	63%	83%	63%
Deferred Disposition (%)	5%	12%	14%	10%	8%	0%	5%	7%	0%	8%	6%	3%
Other Resolutions (%)	7%	0%	0%	5%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2020 # of Resolutions	**27**	**19**	**25**	**8**								
Resolved by F.F. (%)	0%	0%	3%	0%								
Resolved by G.P. (%)	22%	16%	50%	88%								
Dismissed (%)	70%	79%	38%	12%								
Deferred Disposition (%)	7%	5%	9%	0%								
Other Resolutions (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%								

Resolution categories:
F.F. = Convicted by Court (CVCT) or Acquittal by Court (AQCT);
G.P. = Guilty Plea before Adjudicatory Hearing (GP) or Guilty Plea after Adjudicatory Hearing Commencement (GPAT);
Dismissed = Dismissal before Adjudicatory Hearing (DSM) or Dismissal after Adjudicatory Hearing Commencement (DAT);
Other Resolutions = Uncontested (UNDS) or Change of Venue (CHV) or Declination of Jurisdiction (DECL) or Consolidated Case (CONS).

Age = time between filing and resolution. Suspense time on warrant, diversion, appeal or stay status is excluded.
Drug Court cases are excluded.

Table 2-C. Age (days) of Resolved Juvenile Offender Cases vs. Time Standard

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2018: # of Cases Resolved	*86*	*92*	*112*	*80*	*101*	*110*	*140*	*71*	*79*	*113*	*93*	*108*
Median Age (days)	*82*	*103*	*106*	*71*	*100*	*109*	*111*	*97*	*116*	*118*	*116*	*124*
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	74%	59%	61%	78%	57%	56%	54%	58%	54%	52%	60%	54%
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	86%	81%	76%	90%	76%	81%	68%	79%	82%	78%	85%	81%
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	96%	92%	94%	96%	88%	91%	86%	93%	95%	94%	93%	93%
2019: # of Cases Resolved	*101*	*73*	*84*	*62*	*111*	*95*	*103*	*65*	*82*	*107*	*59*	*74*
Median Age (days)	*103*	*140*	*149*	*80*	*100*	*140*	*161*	*115*	*147*	*139*	*146*	*109*
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	56%	47%	44%	61%	58%	44%	40%	57%	37%	47%	41%	54%
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	78%	65%	61%	74%	73%	64%	61%	72%	70%	67%	63%	69%
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	91%	90%	86%	90%	87%	85%	87%	80%	85%	82%	92%	85%
2020: # of Cases Resolved	*81*	*82*	*69*	*35*								
Median Age (days)	*137*	*151*	*98*	*86*								
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	42%	43%	58%	69%								
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	67%	61%	71%	80%								
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	87%	74%	88%	97%								
Felony												
2018: # of Cases Resolved	*52*	*53*	*66*	*44*	*53*	*66*	*78*	*42*	*45*	*65*	*47*	*63*
Median Age (days)	*90*	*119*	*111*	*72*	*91*	*106*	*111*	*120*	*134*	*118*	*102*	*119*
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	69%	51%	59%	80%	60%	58%	55%	52%	47%	52%	64%	50%
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	85%	77%	80%	91%	77%	81%	77%	78%	78%	80%	83%	80%
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	94%	91%	94%	94%	91%	89%	86%	95%	91%	95%	94%	94%
2019: # of Cases Resolved	*43*	*41*	*49*	*32*	*65*	*49*	*54*	*40*	*52*	*70*	*35*	*37*
Median Age (days)	*119*	*140*	*166*	*93*	*123*	*167*	*173*	*115*	*156*	*154*	*155*	*154*
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	51%	44%	37%	59%	49%	35%	31%	60%	31%	37%	37%	41%
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	72%	66%	59%	78%	64%	57%	53%	68%	62%	63%	54%	60%
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	93%	95%	86%	84%	79%	81%	86%	73%	85%	80%	91%	79%
2020: # of Cases Resolved	*42*	*52*	*34*	*24*								
Median Age (days)	*149*	*182*	*98*	*96*								
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	33%	31%	59%	67%								
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	64%	50%	68%	79%								
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	85%	67%	82%	96%								
Misdemeanor												
2018: # of Cases Resolved	*29*	*34*	*41*	*30*	*44*	*42*	*58*	*26*	*29*	*46*	*39*	*35*
Median Age (days)	*80*	*87*	*106*	*74*	*121*	*114*	*132*	*83*	*92*	*123*	*124*	*127*
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	79%	68%	59%	73%	50%	52%	50%	62%	59%	50%	49%	49%
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	86%	82%	66%	87%	73%	79%	53%	77%	86%	74%	85%	78%
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	100%	94%	93%	100%	84%	93%	86%	89%	100%	91%	90%	89%
2019: # of Cases Resolved	*41*	*25*	*28*	*20*	*37*	*38*	*38*	*15*	*19*	*24*	*18*	*30*
Median Age (days)	*115*	*173*	*142*	*176*	*99*	*126*	*156*	*121*	*148*	*116*	*143*	*89*
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	54%	44%	43%	45%	65%	47%	45%	47%	42%	67%	44%	67%
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	86%	60%	54%	55%	84%	68%	66%	74%	74%	75%	72%	80%
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	96%	84%	83%	95%	95%	86%	87%	87%	74%	83%	89%	93%
2020: # of Cases Resolved	*27*	*19*	*25*	*8*								
Median Age (days)	*120*	*153*	*110*	*97*								
% in 0 - 4 months (goal=90%)	52%	37%	56%	63%								
% in 0 - 6 months (goal=98%)	74%	63%	72%	75%								
% in 0 - 9 months (goal=100%)	89%	74%	92%	100%								

Age = time between filing and resolution. Suspense time on warrant, appeal or stay status is excluded.
Drug Court cases are excluded.

Table 3-A. Monthly Juvenile Offender Pending Caseload

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2017	473	469	430	472	491	488	467	496	502	498	517	504
2018	542	540	532	557	548	554	553	570	595	556	515	464
2019	477	469	479	565	547	539	573	588	614	611	636	647
2020	659	654	659	733								
Felony												
2017	230	221	213	225	250	236	240	249	254	263	269	251
2018	260	270	277	292	307	302	310	325	328	320	314	277
2019	275	271	290	339	324	323	355	365	374	358	371	388
2020	405	386	393	435								
Misdemeanor												
2017	165	176	144	167	152	163	151	160	170	149	165	172
2018	194	198	190	199	184	208	205	208	226	204	174	157
2019	166	160	139	160	159	138	146	153	165	174	182	178
2020	180	194	192	219								
Other												
2017	7	7	7	8	8	10	11	12	11	11	11	11
2018	12	12	12	13	12	13	14	16	21	17	16	19
2019	22	25	37	56	61	75	69	67	70	71	75	78
2020	70	70	69	74								
Drug Court												
2017	71	65	66	72	81	79	65	75	67	75	72	70
2018	76	60	53	53	45	31	24	21	20	15	11	11
2019	14	13	13	10	3	3	3	3	5	8	8	3
2020	4	4	5	5								

The pending caseload is total number of active cases, excluding cases on warrant/appeal/stay status.

Table 3-B. Month-to-Month Change (%) in Juvenile Offender Pending Caseload

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2017	+7.3%	-0.8%	-8.3%	+9.8%	+4.0%	-0.6%	-4.3%	+6.2%	+1.2%	-0.8%	+3.8%	-2.5%
2018	+7.5%	-0.4%	-1.5%	+4.7%	-1.6%	+1.1%	-0.2%	+3.1%	+4.4%	-6.6%	-7.4%	-9.9%
2019	+2.8%	-1.7%	+2.1%	+18.0%	-3.2%	-1.5%	+6.3%	+2.6%	+4.4%	-0.5%	+4.1%	+1.7%
2020	+1.9%	-0.8%	+0.8%	+11.2%								
Felony												
2017	+9.5%	-3.9%	-3.6%	+5.6%	+11.1%	-5.6%	+1.7%	+3.8%	+2.0%	+3.5%	+2.3%	-6.7%
2018	+3.6%	+3.8%	+2.6%	+5.4%	+5.1%	-1.6%	+2.6%	+4.8%	+0.9%	-2.4%	-1.9%	-11.8%
2019	-0.7%	-1.5%	+7.0%	+16.9%	-4.4%	-0.3%	+9.9%	+2.8%	+2.5%	-4.3%	+3.6%	+4.6%
2020	+4.4%	-4.7%	+1.8%	+10.7%								
Misdemeanor												
2017	+5.1%	+6.7%	-18.2%	+16.0%	-9.0%	+7.2%	-7.4%	+6.0%	+6.3%	-12.4%	+10.7%	+4.2%
2018	+12.8%	+2.1%	-4.0%	+4.7%	-7.5%	+13.0%	-1.4%	+1.5%	+8.7%	-9.7%	-14.7%	-9.8%
2019	+5.7%	-3.6%	-13.1%	+15.1%	-0.6%	-13.2%	+5.8%	+4.8%	+7.8%	+5.5%	+4.6%	-2.2%
2020	+1.1%	+7.8%	-1.0%	+14.1%								

The pending caseload is total number of active cases, excluding cases on warrant/appeal/stay status.
Drug Court cases are excluded.

Table 3-C. Age (days) of Pending Juvenile Offender Cases
(Excluding drug court cases, and suspense time subtracted)

King County Superior Court

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All Cases												
2019: # of Pending Cases	**463**	**456**	**466**	**555**	**544**	**536**	**570**	**585**	**609**	**603**	**628**	**644**
Median Age (days)	*121*	*127*	*110*	*95*	*98*	*101*	*97*	*110*	*109*	*118*	*130*	*142*
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo.	138	138	156	217	201	163	198	195	173	165	162	164
# of cases within 3 - 4 mo.	93	83	88	106	98	138	156	116	151	143	135	124
# of cases within 5 - 6 mo.	87	86	70	63	75	74	66	120	107	90	108	104
# of cases within 7 – 9 mo.	89	82	80	81	75	55	40	48	70	99	112	124
# of cases > 9 mo.	56	67	72	88	95	106	110	106	108	106	111	128
2020: # of Pending Cases	**655**	**650**	**654**	**728**								
Median Age (days)	*140*	*130*	*151*	*148*								
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo.	194	203	143	161								
# of cases within 3 - 4 mo.	109	104	150	151								
# of cases within 5 - 6 mo.	91	88	77	93								
# of cases within 7 – 9 mo.	107	105	106	105								
# of cases > 9 mo.	154	150	178	218								
Felony												
2019: # of Pending Cases	**275**	**271**	**290**	**339**	**324**	**323**	**355**	**365**	**374**	**358**	**371**	**388**
Median Age (days)	*121*	*128*	*112*	*97*	*98*	*103*	*99*	*117*	*117*	*119*	*130*	*141*
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo.	69	74	101	140	116	91	121	124	100	96	95	100
# of cases within 3 - 4 mo.	67	50	50	52	64	90	99	64	91	87	75	74
# of cases within 5 - 6 mo.	48	55	51	41	38	45	48	84	73	49	66	64
# of cases within 7 – 9 mo.	57	47	41	51	51	38	22	32	48	69	72	76
# of cases > 9 mo.	34	45	47	55	55	59	65	61	62	57	63	74
2020: # of Pending Cases	**405**	**386**	**393**	**435**								
Median Age (days)	*133*	*127*	*144*	*148*								
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo.	123	118	88	102								
# of cases within 3 - 4 mo.	71	69	89	85								
# of cases within 5 - 6 mo.	55	55	53	60								
# of cases within 7 – 9 mo.	65	61	66	68								
# of cases > 9 mo.	91	83	97	120								
Misdemeanor												
2019: # of Pending Cases	**166**	**160**	**139**	**160**	**159**	**138**	**146**	**153**	**165**	**174**	**182**	**178**
Median Age (days)	*102*	*105*	*116*	*105*	*121*	*126*	*84*	*77*	*83*	*98*	*103*	*117*
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo.	63	56	37	46	58	43	59	62	62	57	55	53
# of cases within 3 - 4 mo.	24	31	35	46	20	25	32	32	44	47	49	39
# of cases within 5 - 6 mo.	33	26	16	20	32	23	9	16	16	26	30	32
# of cases within 7 – 9 mo.	30	31	32	23	19	14	15	12	12	11	17	21
# of cases > 9 mo.	16	16	19	25	30	33	31	31	31	33	31	33
2020: # of Pending Cases	**180**	**194**	**192**	**219**								
Median Age (days)	*113*	*86*	*98*	*113*								
# of cases within 0 - 2 mo.	66	82	51	53								
# of cases within 3 - 4 mo.	29	28	56	63								
# of cases within 5 - 6 mo.	26	20	16	27								
# of cases within 7 – 9 mo.	26	31	31	25								
# of cases > 9 mo.	33	33	38	51								

Age = time between filing and the end of the month. Suspense time on warrant, appeal or stay status is excluded.
Drug Court cases are excluded.