

Criminal Sex Offense Cases in King County (2012)

CourtWatch tracked 345 sex offense cases¹ filed in 2012 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court. 31% of cases involved adult victims, 64% involved minor² victims, and 5% involved no victims (police sting operations).

Venue:

King County Courthouse (Seattle):	54%	(36% adult victim, 49% minor victim, 15% sting cases)
Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent):	46%	(28% adult victim, 69% minor victim, 3% sting cases)

Resolution of Cases:

As of February 19, 2016, 7% of these cases were still pending. 96% of those open cases have outstanding bench warrants.

The other 93% of cases have been resolved by:

Guilty plea to lesser offense:	74%	Cases that resolved by guilty plea averaged 10 months to reach a resolution whereas the average case length for those that went to trial was 17 months.
Guilty plea as charged (or greater):	11%	
Dismissal:	8%	
Guilty verdict after trial:	6%	
Acquittal after trial:	1%	65% of convicted offenders initially charged with a registrable sex offense are required to register as sex offenders as a condition of sentence.

68% of convicted offenders were sentenced to DOC supervision.

Law Enforcement Jurisdiction:

Seattle:	35.5% ³	Issaquah:	.6%
King County:	24%	Normandy Park:	.6%
Kent:	10%	Out of County:	.6%
Bellevue:	5%	Port of Seattle:	.6%
Auburn:	4%	Snoqualmie:	.6%
Federal Way:	4%	Bothell:	.3%
Renton:	4%	Duvall:	.3%
Kirkland:	3%	Enumclaw:	.3%
Tukwila:	3%	Pacific:	.3%
Des Moines:	2%	SeaTac:	.3%
Redmond:	1%		

¹ Sex offenses include: Assault, Burglary, Child Molestation, Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor, Communication With a Minor for Immoral Purposes, Dealing in Depictions of Minors, Indecent Exposure, Indecent Liberties, Kidnapping, Luring, Possession of Depictions of Minors, Promoting Prostitution, Promotion of Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor, Rape, Rape of a Child, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Sexual Misconduct With a Minor, Viewing Depictions of Minors, Voyeurism, Attempts to commit any of the above-listed crimes, Any of the above-listed crimes or other crimes committed with "sexual motivation"

² A minor is a person under 18 years of age

³ 10% of these were sting cases

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