

Criminal Sex Offense Cases in King County (2013)

CourtWatch tracked 345 sex offense cases¹ filed in 2013 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court. 30% of cases involved adult victims, 59% involved minor² victims, and 11% involved no victims (police sting operations).

Venue:

King County Courthouse (Seattle):	52%	(34% adult victim, 45% minor victim, 21% sting cases)
Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent):	48%	(25% adult victim, 74% minor victim, 1% sting cases)

Resolution of Cases:

As of February 19, 2016, 5% of these cases were still pending. 47% of those open cases have outstanding bench warrants.

The other 95% of cases have been resolved by:

Guilty plea to lesser offense:	71%	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 13.7 months.
Guilty plea as charged (or greater):	12%	
Dismissal:	8%	79% of convicted offenders initially charged with a registrable sex offense are required to register as sex offenders as a condition of sentence. 76% of convicted offenders were sentenced to DOC supervision.
Guilty verdict after trial:	7%	
Acquittal after trial:	2%	

Law Enforcement Jurisdiction³:

Seattle:	34%	Duvall:	1%
King County:	19%	Issaquah:	1%
Kent:	8%	Enumclaw:	.66%
Federal Way:	7%	Normandy Park:	.66%
Auburn:	6%	North Bend:	.66%
Renton:	4%	Bothell:	.33%
Bellevue:	3%	Lake Forest Park:	.33%
Kirkland:	3%	Pacific:	.33%
Out of County:	3%	Port of Seattle:	.33%
Tukwila:	3%	Snoqualmie:	.33%
Redmond:	2%	University of Washington:	.33%
Des Moines:	1%	Washington State Patrol:	.33%

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 Total is slightly less than 100% due to rounding convention