

Criminal Sex Offense Cases in King County (2016)

CourtWatch tracked 473 sex offense cases¹ filed in 2016 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court. 37% of cases involved adult victims, 55% involved minor² victims, and 8% involved no victims (police sting operations).

Venue:

King County Courthouse (Seattle):	56%	(41% adult victim, 47% minor victim, 12% sting cases)
Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent):	44%	(34% adult victim, 66% minor victim, 0% sting cases)

Resolution of Cases:

As of May 2017, 47% of these cases were still pending. The other 53% of cases have been resolved by:

Guilty plea to lesser offense:	62%	The average time it took for cases resolved by guilty plea to reach a resolution was 7.64 months, and the average case length for those that went to trial was 9.2 months. 64% of convicted offenders initially charged with a registerable sex offense are required to register as sex offenders. 57% of convicted offenders were sentenced to DOC supervision.
Guilty plea as charged (or greater):	18%	
Dismissal:	15%	
Acquittal after trial:	3%	
Guilty verdict after trial:	2%	

Law Enforcement Jurisdiction:

King County:	26%	Bothell:	1%
Seattle:	24%	Out of County:	1%
Kent:	8%	Snoqualmie:	1%
Renton:	8%	Lake Forest Park:	.5%
Federal Way:	7%	Port of Seattle:	.5%
Auburn:	6%	University of Washington:	.5%
Bellevue:	4%	Pacific:	.5%
Kirkland:	3%	Burien:	.2%
Des Moines:	2%	Clyde Hill:	.2%
Redmond:	2%	Enumclaw:	.2%
Tukwila:	2%	Mercer Island:	.2%
Issaquah:	2%	Normandy Park:	.2%

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

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