

Criminal Child Physical Abuse Cases in King County (2011)

CourtWatch tracked 48 child physical abuse cases¹ filed in 2011 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court.

General Information:

King County Courthouse (Seattle):	52%	Male Defendant:	73%
Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent):	48%	Female Defendant:	27%
Victims aged 0-1 year:	21%	38% of defendants had a reported history of domestic violence, abuse and/or neglect. In 4% of cases, drugs or alcohol were a factor, or the defendants had a known history of drug and/or alcohol abuse.	
Victims aged 2-5 years:	21%		
Victims aged 6-10 years:	38%		
Victims aged 11-13 years:	13%		
Victims aged 13-17 years:	7%		

Relationships Between Victims and Defendants:

Parent:	67%
Stepparent/Parent's Significant Other:	29%
Other Relative:	4%

Resolution of Cases:

As of June 9, 2016, none of these cases were still pending. Cases were resolved² by guilty plea in 73% of cases, dismissal in 21% of cases, guilty verdict after trial in 4% of cases, and an acquittal after trial in 2% of cases.

The median time to resolution for these cases was 6 months, and the average time to resolution was approximately 7 months.

Law Enforcement Jurisdiction:

King County:	31%	Pacific:	4%
Seattle:	19%	Renton:	4%
Kent:	15%	Des Moines:	2%
Federal Way:	13%	Issaquah:	2%
Auburn:	4%	Redmond:	2%
Bellevue:	4%		

¹ Child physical abuse offenses that we track include: Assault in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Degrees, Assault of a Child in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degrees; and Criminal Mistreatment in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees

² We consider a case to be resolved once the case has been dismissed; the defendant has been acquitted; or after the defendant has been convicted and sentenced.