

## Criminal Child Physical Abuse Cases in King County (2012)

CourtWatch tracked 40 child physical abuse cases<sup>1</sup> filed in 2012 against adult defendants in King County Superior Court.

### General Information:

King County Courthouse (Seattle):	33%	Male Defendant:	67%
Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent):	67%	Female Defendant:	33%
Victims aged 0-1 year:	21%	30% of defendants had a reported history of domestic violence, abuse and/or neglect. In 20% 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:	35%		
Victims aged 6-10 years:	32%		
Victims aged 11-13 years:	12%		

### Relationships Between Victims and Defendants:

Parent:	75%	Childcare provider:	7.5%
Stepparent/Parent's Significant Other:	12.5%	Stranger:	5%

### Resolution of Cases:

As of June 8, 2016, none of these cases were still pending. Cases were resolved<sup>2</sup> by guilty plea in 85% of cases and dismissal in 15% of cases. None of the cases tracked went to trial.

The median time to resolution for these cases was 5 months, and the average time to resolution was approximately 7 months.

### Law Enforcement Jurisdiction:

King County:	30%	Enumclaw:	5%
Seattle:	20%	Pacific:	5%
Kent:	15%	Issaquah:	2.5%
Federal Way:	7.5%	Kirkland:	2.5%
Auburn:	5%	Renton:	2.5%
Des Moines:	5%		

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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