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TO: The Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Washington

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As in years past, this annual report is court and other governmental personnel in intended to provide members of the judicial making workload assessments and budget community, other governmental entities and projections. the public with pertinent information Most of the data contained in this report regarding the caseloads, operations and administration of the state's judiciary. were derived from the state's Judicial Information System. We are grateful to the Through narrative description and statistical many county clerks, court administrators and displays, the report presents a state-wide others who have contributed their data to overview of the "business" transacted by the system or who have otherwise assisted in Washington courts during 1981 and provides the compilation and preparation of materials data describing the caseload activities of needed for this report. We would also like each individual court in the state. to acknowledge the continuing support of The overview information summarizes the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, trends continued from past years, a the Superior Court Judges' Association, the description of apparent new trends and Washington State Magistrates Association, the discussion of how new events have affected Judicial Council, and the Washington State both. The local data should be useful to Bar Association.

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Record increases in appellate court caseloads, a moderation of caseload activity in superior courts, and the introduction of important new procedural and jurisdictional changes in courts of limited jurisdiction characterized the 1981 year in Washington's courts.

Appellate court caseload growth continued to record levels. Despite substantial increases in per-judge productivity, the caseload of the Court of Appeals continues to outpace the court's capacity to dispose of that caseload. On the other hand, superior courts' caseloads did not increase for the first time in the 25 years that statistics have been reported by the Administrator for the Courts. Though partially attributable to the near-elimination of *de novo* appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction, this leveling-off of caseload activity can also be explained by other factors. For example, a decline in the volume of civil case filings, particularly those involving commercial activities, resulted in a slight decrease in the total superior court caseload. A concurrent decline in the number of civil and small claims cases filed in the courts of limited jurisdiction suggests socio-economic factors beyond the control of courts may also have impacted trial court

civil caseloads.

Washington's courts of limited jurisdiction experienced several significant procedural and jurisdictional changes during 1981, a continuation of major changes begun the previous year. In 1980, district and municipal courts began to impose mandatory sentences for driving-while-intoxicated (DWI) offenses, and to share jury pools with superior courts. In 1981, these courts found themselves dealing with the decriminalization of traffic offenses, the advent of electronic recording of courtroom proceedings and continued increases in civil and small claims iurisdictions.

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OVERVIEW. 1981

Traffic decriminalization gave the courts a new type of case-the traffic "infraction." Electronic recording of courtroom proceedings changed the status of courts of limited jurisdiction. Their establishment as "courts of recorded proceedings," coupled with the increase of civil and small claims jurisdiction in district courts, raised the workload of these courts considerably. These events also had their impact on superior courts, introducing appeals "on the record" (in place of *de novo* appeals) from the lower courts.

In response to the changes and challenges faced by the courts during 1981, many resources were mobilized during the year. Judges and administrative support personnel met as members of professional associations and committees to draft ideas and design methods to deal with issues incidental to problems of rising caseloads and related administrative complexities. Educational events, conferences and other meetings were held to improve system-wide communication and improve processes along the judicial continuum. Enhancements were made to the four components of the state's Judicial Information System in a continuing effort to provide both operational data and administrative support to courts at all levels. These and other endeavors by members of the judicial community are part of continuing efforts of the judiciary to improve the quality and assure the equitable distribution of justice to citizens of Washington State.



Supreme Court caseload and operation statistics have been compiled from the Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS), a component of the state Judicial Information System.

OVERVIEW

Filings in the Supreme Court reached 863 in 1981, a level higher than in any year since 1969 when the Court of Appeals was established to assume responsibility for intermediate appellate matters. Petitions for review (47.9 percent) were the most frequent type of filing, followed by notices of discretionary review (21.8 percent). Appeals comprised the third largest category of filings (18.0 percent).

Table 1 SUPREME COURT FILINGS 1976-1981

Year	Filings	Annual Percent Change
1976	589	-
1977	638	+8.3%
1978	654	+2.5%
1979	785	+20.0%
1980	767	-2.3%
1981	863	+12.5%

In 1981, the Supreme Court disposed of 830 matters, more than in any of the five preceding years. Though the number of dispositions increased annually since 1976, the percent change has varied from year to year. The greatest increase (+30.6 percent) occurred in 1978.

Table 2 SUPREME COURT DISPOSITIONS 1976-1981

Year	Dispositions	Annual Percent Change
1976	492	-
1977	562	+14.2%
1978	734	+30.6%
1979	755	+2.9%
1980	791	+4.8%
1981	830	+4.9%

Of the 830 matters disposed of in 1981, 150 were terminated by an opinion and mandated to the original court. An additional 94 were transferred to the Court of Appeals, and 495, mostly petitions for review and notices of discretionary review, were not accepted for review by the Supreme Court. (See Table 16 for a complete breakdown of terminations.)

The number of cases awaiting hearing declined from 266 at the beginning of the year to 243 at the end. In contrast, the number of cases with an opinion or order in process rose from 10 at the start of 1981 to 65 at the end. Although this resulted in an increase in the pending caseload from 276 to 308 cases, the growth was in cases nearest to termination. (See Table 14.)

INTAKE

Types of matters filed in the Supreme Court include appeals of trial courts' judgments, petitions for review of decisions by the Court of Appeals, personal restraint petitions, notices of discretionary review, original actions against state officers (i.e., elected state officials) and various other matters (e.g., petitions for expenditures of public funds, certifications from federal court). These may be filed directly in the Supreme Court or may be certified or transferred to the Supreme Court from the Court of Appeals.



The 863 matters filed in the Supreme Court in 1981 represented a 12.5 percent increase over filings in 1980. This growth was due mostly to a rise in the filings of notices of discretionary review and other matters and an increase in the number of appeals filed in the Supreme Court.



SUPREME COURT FILINGS BY TYPE, 1980 AND 1981

Type of Filings	1980	1981	Percent Change
Appeals	134 (17.5%)	155 (18.0%)	+15.7%
Petitions for Review	400 (52.2%)	413 (47.9%)	+3.3%
Personal Restraint Petitions	55 (7.2%)	54 (6.3%)	-1.8%
Notices of Discretionary			
Review and Other			
Matters*	161 (21.0%)	222 (25.7%)	+37.9%
Actions Against State			
Officers	<u>17 (2.1%)</u>	<u>19(2.1%)</u>	+11.8%
Total Matters Filed	767 (100%)	863 (100%)	+12.5%
*Other matters include ne	titions for exp	enditure of m	blic

funds, certifications from federal court, etc. In 1981, there were 34 "other matters" filed.

Filing of Appeals

No apparent trend exists in the number of appeals filed in the Supreme Court during the last six years. Though more appeals were filed in 1981 than in 1980, the number of appeals filed in each of these years was lower than the number in any of the four preceding years. (See Figure 3.)



Figure 3

In 1981, 68.4 percent of the 155 appeals filed in the Supreme Court were filed directly in that court and 31.6 percent were certified or transferred from the Court of Appeals. These percentages deviate from the trend observed over the five preceding years; the percentage of appeals filed directly rose progressively from 48.5 in 1976 to 86.6 in 1980 while the percent of appeals received via the Court of Appeals declined from 51.5 to 13.4 over the same period.

Table 4 SUPREME COURT FILINGS OF APPEALS BY SOURCE 1976-1981

Year	Appeals Filed Directly	Appeals Certified or Transferred from COA	Total Appeals Filed
1976	97 (48.5%)	103 (51.5%)	200 (100%)
1977	141 (63.5%)	81 (36.5%)	222 (100%)
1978	134 (73.2%)	49 (26.8%)	183 (100%)
1979	154 (83.7%)	30 (16.3%)	184 (100%)
1980	116 (86.6%)	18 (13.4%)	134 (100%)
1981	106 (68.4%)	49 (31.6%)	155 (100%)

The majority of appeals filed in the Supreme Court in 1981 were for civil cases as they were in each of the five prior years. The percentage of appeals stemming from civil cases has fluctuated between 70.3 and 81.0 percent over the six years examined. Criminal case appeals constituted between 19.0 and 29.7 percent of appeals filed annually in the Supreme Court during the same period.

Appeals filed for both civil and criminal cases were higher in 1981 than in 1980. Civil appeals increased 16.5 percent, and criminal appeals rose 12.9 percent.

Table 5FILINGS OF APPEALS BY TYPE1976-1981

Year	Civil*	Criminal	Total
1976	154 (77.0%)	46 (23.0%)	200 (100%)
1977	156 (70.3%)	66 (29.7%)	222 (100%)
1978	129 (70.5%)	54 (29.5%)	183 (100%)
1979	149 (81.0%)	35 (19.0%)	184 (100%)
1980	103 (76.9%)	31 (23.1%)	134 (100%)
01981	120 (77.4%)	35 (22.6%)	155 (100%)

*Includes civil, domestic, adoption, mental illness and juvenile dependency cases.

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Filing of Petitions for Review

The Supreme Court received 413 petitions for review during 1981, only 3.3 percent more than in 1980. As shown in Table 6, filing of petitions for review rose continuously from 232 in 1976 to 413 in 1979 and has stayed fairly constant since then. The ratio of the number of petitions for review filed in the Supreme Court to the number of appeals for which opinions were mandated in the Court of Appeals has remained about 0.40 over the last six years. This suggests the tendency to seek Supreme Court review of the lower appellate court's opinions has remained fairly stable in this recent period.

Table 6

COURT OF APPEALS OPINIONS VS. PETITIONS FOR REVIEW FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT 1976-1981

Year	СОА	Petitions for Review Filed in Supreme	
	Opinions	Court	Ratio
1976	587	232	0.40
1977	657	291	0.44
1978	948	337	0.36
1979	1108	412	0.37
1980	997	400	0.40
1981	1087	413	0.38



Figure 4

In 1981, petitions for review of civil cases nearly equalled those for criminal cases, differing from the two preceding years during which there were more petitions for review of civil cases than for criminal.

Table 7 FILINGS OF PETITIONS FOR REVIEW BY TYPE 1976-1981

Year	Civil*	Criminal	Total
1976	107 (46.1%)	125 (53.9%)	232 (100%)
1977	136 (46.7%)	155 (53.3%)	291 (100%)
1978	160 (47.5%)	177 (52.5%)	337 (100%)
1979	222 (53.9%)	190 (46.1%)	412 (100%)
1980	226 (56.5%)	174 (43.5%)	400 (100%)
1981	208 (50.4%)	205 (49.6%)	413 (100%)

*Includes civil, domestic, adoption, mental illness and juvenile dependency cases.

Other Filings

Filings in the Supreme Court also included personal restraint petitions, notices of discretionary review, original actions against state officers and other matters. The category labeled "other matters" encompasses petitions for expenditure of public funds, matters certified from federal court, statements of grounds for direct review, and unspecified matters transferred from the Court of Appeals.

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Other Matters Filed: 1976-1981



There were 54 personal restraint petitions filed during 1981, almost the same as in 1980 and more than in any of the four years preceding 1980. Filings of notices of discretionary review and matters included in the "other" category equalled 222 in 1981, 61 more than were filed in 1980. Of the 222 filings in this combined category, 188 were notices of discretionary review and 34 were "other matters" as defined above.

Filings in these separate categories are not available for prior years. Nineteen actions against state officers were filed in 1981. about the same as in 1980 but more than in previous years.

Table 8 OTHER FILINGS BY TYPE 1976-1981

Year	Personal Restraint Petitions	Notices of Discretionary Review and Other Matters*
1976	32	120
1977	4	110
1978	1	123
1979	27	160
1980	55	161
1981	54	222
*Other	matters include	petitions for expenditu

funds, certifications from federal court, etc.

COURT ACTIVITY

For the purpose of this report, "Court Activity" includes terminations (dispositions), opinions mandated, and pending caseload in the Supreme Court. While the Supreme Court is engaged in far more activities than referenced by these categories, statistics have been compiled only in these areas.

Termination of Appeals

In 1981, termination of appeals followed a pattern exhibited in the court over the five preceding years. Specifically, the number of appeals disposed of in each year was roughly comparable to the number of appeals filed the prior year. Although appeals may be terminated in the same year they are filed or more than a year later, the number of appeals disposed of in any year appears to be closely related to the number filed in the prior year. Thus, the number of appeals disposed of in 1981 (i.e., 130) was lower than the number in any of the five preceding years at least partly because the

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number of appeals filed in 1980 (i.e., 134) was less than that filed in any of the other vears considered.

Table 9

APPEALS FILED, 1975-1980 VS. APPEALS DISPOSED, 1976-1981

Appeals Filed		Appeals I	Disposed
Year	Number	Number	Year
1975	155	151	1976
1976	200	200	1977
1977	222	231	1978
1978	183	175	1979
1979	184	167	1980
1980	134	130	1981

When discussing the termination of appellate matters by opinion, it must be remembered that there is a period of 20 days from the time an opinion is written and filed before it can be mandated to the court in which the issue originated. The appellant or respondent thus has a period of time in which to seek reconsideration of the court's decision. The statistics reported for appellate matters terminated with an opinion are based on the "final" conclusion of the matter with the mandate on remission of the opinion and not on its filing which occurred at least 20 days earlier.

Appeals terminated in 1981 were 22.2 percent fewer than in 1980. As noted above, this decline was apparently the result of the decline in the number of appeals filed in 1980. The percentage decline from 1980 to 1981 was greater for appeals terminated through an opinion (-35.0 percent) than for appeals that were denied or dismissed (-15.2 percent) or those that were transferred to the Court of Appeals (-16.7 percent). Despite its higher rate of decline, mandated opinions remained the most frequent manner for terminating appeals in 1981, constituting 40.0 percent of all appeals terminated in comparison to 47.9 percent in 1980.



petitions for review for which opinions were mandated (indicative of those that were "oranted") in 1981 was 67, 15.2 percent lower than the number in 1980.

Table 11 PETITIONS FOR REVIEW BY MANNER OF TERMINATION, 1980 AND 1981

Manner of Termination	1980	1981	Percent Change
Opinion Mandated	79 (19.7%)	67 (15.7%)	-15.2%
Denied	316 (78.6%)	353 (82.7%)	+11.7%
Dismissed	7(1.7%)	6(1.4%)	-14.3%
	402 (100%)	427*(100%)	+6.2%

*Includes one petition for review which was opened in error.

Termination of Other Matters

The Supreme Court disposed of 62 personal restraint petitions, 16 actions against state officers. 161 notices of discretionary review and 34 other matters. Opinions were mandated to terminate 19.4 percent of the personal restraint petitions, 3.7 percent of the notices of discretionary review, 25.0 percent of the actions against state officers, and 26.5 percent of the other matters terminated.

Table 12 OTHER MATTERS BY MANNER OF TERMINATION, 1981

Manner of Termination		Discretionary	Actions Against State Officers	Other
Opinion Mandated	12	neview 6	Oncers	Maners 9
Dismissed	2	27	3	9
Review Not Accepted	1	125	6	7
Transferred	46	0	3	0
Other Terminations	1	3	0	<u>18</u>
Total Terminated	62	161	16	34

Opinions Mandated

Of the 150 opinions that were mandated in 1981, 44.7 percent involved petitions for review and 34.7 percent appeals. In comparison, 38.9 percent of the 203 opinions mandated in 1980 were for petitions for review, and a nearly equal percent, 39.4, were for appeals. Though the number of opinions mandated for notices of discretionary review was lower in 1981 than in 1980, the percentage of opinions mandated for these matters remained stable — about ten to 11 percent. The number and percent of opinions mandated in 1981 was higher for personal restraint petitions and lower for actions against state officers in comparison to 1980 figures.

Table 13 OPINIONS MANDATED BY TYPE OF MATTER, 1980 AND 1981

Type of Matter	1980	198
Appeals	80 (39.4%)	52 (34
Petitions for Review Personal Restraint	79 (38.9%)	67 (44
Petitions Notices of Discretionary	9 (4.4%)	12 (8
Review and Other Matters		
Actions Against State	22 (10.9%)	15 (10
Officers	13 (6.4%)	_4(2
Total Opinions Remitted	203 (100%)	150 (10

NOTE: The number of opinions mandated is as the number of opinions written or the number which opinions are filed. It is possible for more opinion (concurring or dissenting) to be written for a single

Pending Caseload

A total of 308 matters were left pending at the end of 1981, an increase of 11.6 percent in the pending caseload during the year. However, most of this increase was due to a rise in the number of matters close to termination. In particular, the number of cases with an opinion or order in process increased from 10 at the start of the year to 65 by the end of the year. In contrast, the number of cases awaiting a hearing decreased from 266 to 243 (8.6 percent) during the year.

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Table 14 PENDING CASELOAD, 1981

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Awaiting Hearing	Start of Year	End of Year	Percent Change	
Set for Hearing Ready for Setting Not Ready to Set Subtotal Opinion/Order	132 22 <u>112</u> 266	101 5 <u>137</u> 243	-23.5% -77.3% +22.3% -8.6%	
in Process Total Pending Opinion/Order Filed	<u>10</u> 276	<u>65</u> 308	+550.0% +11.6%	
but Not Yet Mandated	63	44	-30.2%	

There were also 44 matters for which opinions had been filed but not yet mandated at the end of 1981. This was about two-thirds the number awaiting remittance at the start of the year, indicating that 19 more opinions were mandated than were filed during the year.

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Cases Pending: 1976-1981



OUTLOOK

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Events in the Supreme Court are linked quite closely with those of the Court of Appeals. While appeals filed in the Court of Appeals were only slightly higher in 1981 than in 1980 (see Table 22), rapid increases in previous years coupled with the time taken to process appeals in the Court of Appeals portends a continued rise in the number of petitions for review that can be expected in the Supreme Court in the coming year. Also, petitions for review should continue to be the most numerous type of matter filed in the Supreme Court in the near future.

A comparison of the number of appeals terminated with the number filed in the prior year since 1976 shows that the Supreme Court has consistently maintained good control of its caseload.

This caseload control is maintained in part by the institution of efficiency measures designed to expedite case processing and other administrative activities. As is the situation at other court levels, resources for administrative back-up have remained constant in recent years. Only two-tenths of one percent of all state expenditures have been expended for judicial purposes during the last two biennia.

The Appellate Courts Records and Data System (ACORDS), a component of the state's Judicial Information System, was initiated to serve the Supreme Court and the three divisions of the Court of Appeals. Until 1981, the system provided updated information in "batch" form only. Conversion work was begun to give it "on-line" or instant update and inquiry capabilities. The system upgrade will be completed in early 1982.

With this automated system, the court can generally access information more quickly and accurately — than was possible with manual recordkeeping systems. Through the automatic creation of disposition, exception and statistical reports, the system also provides timely status reports on caseload conditions. Other management reports are produced which highlight problem areas through the tracking and timing of key events in case processing operations.

Table 15 SUPREME COURT HISTORY OF FILINGS: 1976-1981

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	
APPEALS Criminal Civil	46 <u>154</u>	66 <u>156</u>	54 _129	35 149	31 103	35 _120	
Total Appeals	200	222	183	184	134	155	
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW	105	100		100	154	005	
Criminal	125	155	177	190	174	205	
Civil	107	136	_160	222	226	_208	
Total Petitions for Review	232	291	337	412	400	413	
OTHER MATTERS Personal Restraint							
Petitions Notice of Discretionary	32	4	1	27	55	54	
Review & Other Matters Actions Against	120	110	123	160	161	222	
State Officers	5	<u>11</u>	10	2	17	19	
Total Other Matters	157	125	134	189	233	295	
TOTAL FILINGS	589	638	654	785	767	863	
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Table 16 SUPREME COURT 1981 ACTIVITY

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	A	PPEALS	-		TITIONS REVIE			Pers.	Discr.		ATTERS		
	Crim.	Civil	<u>Total</u>	Crim.	Civil	Total		Restr.	Rev. C	ASO ^a	Other ^b	TOTAL	MATT
FILED	35	120	155	205	208	413	1	54	188	19	34	295	
TERMINATED										ų.			
Opinion Mandated	11	41	52	25	42	67		12	6	4	- 9	31	
Dismissed	8	17	25	3	3	6		2	27	3	0	32	
Review Not Accepted	0	3	3	174	179	353		1	125	6	7	139	
Transferred to Court													
of Appeals	16	29	45	0	0	0		46	0	3	0	49	
Not Specified ^c	4	1	5	. 0	1	1		1	3	0	18	22	
						·							
TOTAL													
TERMINATED	39	91	130	202	225	427		62	161	16	34	273	
PENDING AT YEAR END)				<u>-</u>			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					······································
Not Ready for Setting	21	57	78	8	0	8		10	36	3	2	51	
Ready for Setting	Ō	2	2	Ō	2	2		0	1	Ō	Ō	1	
Set for Motion Calendar	1	5	6	16	19	35		0	2	0	0	2	
Set for Oral Argument	4	30	34	6	13	19		1	2 3	0	1	5	
											<u> </u>		
TOTAL		- /									_		
AWAITING HEARING	26	94	120	30	34	64		11	42	3	3	59	
Opinion/Order in													
Process	8	15	23	7	22	29		2	6	4	1	13	
						<u> </u>							
TOTAL PENDING										_		•	
DECISION	34	109	143	37	56	93		13	48	7	4	72	×
(Opinion/Order Filed													
but not Mandated)	(2)	(13)	(15)	(6)	(11)	(17)		(1)	(4)	(1)	(6)	(12)	
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^aOriginal Actions Against State Officers ^bIncludes petitions for expenditure of public funds, matters certified from federal court, statement of grounds for direct review, and unspecified matters transfeired from the Court of Appeals. ^cManner of disposition was not specified.

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Court of Appeals caseload and operation statistics have been compiled from the Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS), a component of the state Judicial Information System.

OVERVIEW

In 1981, 2,799 new cases were filed for review in the Court of Appeals, only 1.7 percent more than were filed in 1980. This was lower than the annual increases recorded between 1976 and 1980, but was part of a continuing, upward trend in filings.

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COURT	OF	APPEALS	FILINGS
	19	976-1981	

Year	Filings	Annual Percent Change
1976	1,777	
1977	1,996	+12.3%
1978	2,093	+ 4.9%
1979	2,243	+ 7.2%
1980	2,752	+22.7%
1981	2,799	+ 1.7%

Of the three divisions of the Court of Appeals, Division III experienced the greatest change in filings with an 8.1 percent increase in 1981 relative to 1980. Division II experienced a 3.8 percent increase, and Division I, largest of the three, showed a decline of 1.9 percent.

Table 18 COURT OF APPEALS FILINGS BY DIVISION, 1980 AND 1981

	1980	1981	Percent Change
Division I	1,425	1,398	-1.9%
Division IJ	771	800	+3.8%
Division /II	556	601	+8.1%

Of the 2,799 matters filed in 1981, the vast majority (83.6 percent) were appeals. The slight, overall increase in filings (1.7 percent) over that of 1980 was the result of increases of 4.0 percent and 3.2 percent, respectively, for appeals and notices of discretionary review. This was offset by a decline of 15.7 percent in personal restraint petitions.

Table 19

COURT OF APPEALS FILINGS BY TYPE, 1980 AND 1981

Type of Filing	1980		ercent hange
Appeals	2,251 (81.8%)	2,341 (83.6%) +	4.0%
Personal Restraint Petitions Notices of Discre-	313 (11.4%)	264 (9.4%) –]	.5.7%
tionary Review	<u>188 (6.8%)</u>	194 (7.0%)	+3.2%
Total	2,752 (100%)	2,799 (100%)	+1.7%

Dispositions by the Court of Appeals reached 2,476 in 1981, the highest in five years. The direction and magnitude of the changes have fluctuated during this six-year period. The greatest annual increase (+26.9 percent) occurred in 1978 when the court added four judges, thereby increasing its capacity to dispose of the growing caseload. The second largest percentage increase in dispositions (+15.4 percent) occurred in 1981.

Table 20

COURT OF APPEALS DISPOSITIONS 1976-1981

Year	Dispositions	Annual Percent Change
1976	1,670	
1977	1,634	-2.2%
1978	2,074	+26.9%
1979	2,233	+7.7%
1980	2,151	-3.7%
1981	2,476	+15.1%



The number of opinions filed and mandated by the court totaled 1,087. Of these, 421 were published opinions and 666 were unpublished. Dismissal was the means used to terminate an additional 1,104 matters. The manner of termination for the remaining 285 matters disposed in 1981 included review not accepted (107), transferred or certified to the Supreme Court (95), and other means (83). (See Table 37.)

Trends in filings and dispositions over the years resulted in 2,610 pending cases at the beginning of 1981. This rose to 3,000 by the end of the year. This increase of 390 (+14.9 percent) reflected a growth of 342 cases (+14.2 percent) awaiting hearing and 48 cases (+24.4 percent) with an opinion or order in process. (See Table 33.)

INTAKE

Matters filed in the Court of Appeals have been classified in this statistical report as appeals, personal restraint petitions and notices of discretionary review. These may be filed directly in a division of the court or transferred from another division or from the Supreme Court.

Filing of Appeals

During 1981, 2,341 appeals were filed in the Court of Appeals, an increase of 4.0 percent over 1980. This increase is consistent with the upward trend in appeals filed over the previous five years. (See Figure 9.)

As in the five preceding years, the greatest number of appeals filed during 1981 (95.9 percent) were filed directly in one of the divisions.

Table 21 FILINGS OF APPEALS BY SOURCE 1976-1981

Appeals Filed Directly	Appeals Transferred	Total Appeals Filed
1,472 (97.4%)	40 (2.6%)	1,512 (100%)
1,662 (97.9%)	35 (2.1%)	1,697 (100%)
1,736 (95.5%)	82 (4.5%)	1,818 (100%)
1,877 (97.7%)	44 (2.3%)	1,921 (100%)
2,165 (96.2%)	86 (3.8%)	2,251 (100%)
2,246 (95.9%)	95*(4.1%)	2,341 (100%)
	Filed Directly 1,472 (97.4%) 1,662 (97.9%) 1,736 (95.5%) 1,877 (97.7%) 2,165 (96.2%)	Filed Appeals Directly Transferred 1,472 (97.4%) 40 (2.6%) 1,662 (97.9%) 35 (2.1%) 1,736 (95.5%) 82 (4.5%) 1,877 (97.7%) 44 (2.3%) 2,165 (96.2%) 86 (3.8%)

*Consists of 42 appeals transferred from Supreme Court and 53 inter-division transfers of appeals.

The number of appeals filed in Division I during 1981 was only 2.0 percent lower than in 1980. Appeals filed in Divisions II and III increased by 11.5 and 10.8 percent, respectively, during 1981.

Table 22 FILINGS OF APPEALS BY DIVISION, 1980 AND 1981

	1980	1981	Percent Change
Division I	1,224 (54.4%)	1,199 (51.2%)	2.0%
Division II	602 (26.7%)	671 (28.7%)	+11.5%
Division III	425 (18.9%)	471 (20.1%)	+10.8%
Total Court	2,251 (100%)	2,341 (100%)	+4.0%

The proportions of civil and criminal appeals filed in each division varied considerably. Although civil appeals predominated in each division, the percentage of appeals filed for criminal cases was much higher in Division I (44.7 percent) than in the other two. For example, only 29.9 percent of appeals filed in Division III were for criminal cases.



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Division I	
Appeals Filed in 1981	663
Percent Within Division	55.3%
Percent of Court's Total	47.4%
Division II	
Appeals Filed in 1981	405
Percent Within Division	60.4%
Percent of Court's Total	29.0%
Division III	
Appeals Filed in 1981	330
Percent Within Division	70.1%
Percent of Court's Total	23.6%
Total Court of Appeals	
Appeals filed in 1981	1,398
Percent Within Court	59.7%

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Table 25 SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS VS. FILINGS OF CRIMINAL APPEALS 1976-1981

Year	Superior Court Criminal Dispositions	Criminal Appeals*	Ratio: Appeals per 100 Dispositions
1976	14,374	507	3.5
1977	14,664	670	4.6
1978	13,817	710	5.1
1979	12,956	739	5.7
1980	15,373	863	5.6
1981	15,502	948	6.1

*"Criminal Appeals" includes appeals of criminal cases filed directly in the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. It does not include those transferred between the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals or between divisions of the Court of Appeals.

#### Other Filings

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Filings of personal restraint petitions in 1981 were 15.7 percent less than in 1980. This change was due to declines in Divisions I and II of 14.6 and 26.1 percent, respectively.

#### Table 26 FILINGS OF PERSONAL RESTRAINT PETITIONS, 1980 AND 1981

	1980	1981	Percent Change
Division I	137 (43.7%)	117 (44.3%)	-14.6%
Division II	111 (35.5%)	82 (31.1%)	-26.1%
Division III	65 (20.8%)	<u>65 (24.6%)</u>	0.0%
Total Court	313 (100%)	264 (100%)	-15.7%

The 194 notices of discretionary review filed during 1981 was only slightly higher than the number filed in 1980. Division I showed an increase of 28.1 percent, Division II a decrease of 19.0 percent.



Figure 10

#### Table 27 FILINGS OF NOTICES OF DISCRETIONARY REVIEW, 1980 AND 1981

	1980	1981	Percent Change
Division I	64 (34.0%)	82 (42.3%)	+28.1%
Division II	58 (30.9%)	47 (24.2%)	-19.0%
Division III	66 (35.1%)	65 (33.5%)	-1.5%
Total Court	188 (100%)	194 (100%)	+3.2%



In this report, "Court Activity" includes terminations (dispositions) and pending caseload in the Court of Appeals. While the court is engaged in far more activities than are referenced by these categories, statistics have been compiled only in these areas.

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#### Figure 11

#### Termination of Appeals

The court terminated 2,041 appeals during 1981. This was 17.2 percent more than the number disposed of the previous year and represented the highest output since the formation of the Court of Appeals in 1969. The number of appeals terminated by opinion was 8.5 percent greater than in 1980.

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Appeals Filed & Disposed: 1976-1981

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#### Table 28 APPEALS BY MANNER OF TERMINATION, 1980 AND 1981

Manner of Termination	1980	1981	Percent Change
Opinions Mandated Published Unpublished	379 (21.8%) 590 (33.9%)	410 (20.1%) _641 (31.4%)	+8.2% +8.6%
Total Mandated	969 (55.7%)	1,051 (51.5%)	+8.5%
Dismissed or Review Not Accepted Transferred Other Terminations Total Appeals	714 (41.0%) 58 ( 3.3%)	844 (41.4%) 83 ( 4.1%) 63 ( 3.0%)	
Disposed	1,741 (100%)	2,041 (100%)	+17.2%

The number of appeals disposed of in each division during 1981 was above that disposed of in 1980. The greatest percentage increase (+32.6 percent) occurred in Division II.

#### Table 29 TERMINATIONS OF APPEALS BY **DIVISION, 1980 AND 1981**

	1980	1981	Percent Change
Division I	886 (50.9%)	1,015 (49.7%)	+14.6%
Division II	429 (24.6%)	569 (27,9%)	+32.6%
Division III	426 (24.5%)	470 (22.4%)	+7.3%
Total Court	1,741 (100%)	2,041 (100%)	+17.2%

Both Divisions I and II terminated more appeals by opinion in 1981 than in the previous year. Division III showed an increase in the number of appeals terminated by unpublished opinion but experienced a decline in the number of published opinions mandated on appeals.

#### Table 30 **OPINIONS MANDATED FOR APPEALS** BY DIVISION AND PUBLICATION OF OPINION, 1980 AND 1981

_	1980	1981	Percent Change
Division I Published Opinions Unpublished Opinions Subtotal	170 (33.9%) <u>331 (66.1%)</u> 501 (100%)	204 (37.2%) <u>345 (62.8%)</u> 549 (100%)	+20.0% +4.2% +9.6%
Division II Published Opinions Unpublished Opinions Subtotal	90 (45.9%) <u>106 (54.1%)</u> 196 (100%)	118 (46.8%) <u>134 (53.2%)</u> 252 (100%)	+26.4%
Division III Published Opinions Unpublished Opinions Subtotal	119 (43.8%) <u>153 (56.2%)</u> 272 (100%)	88 (35.2%) <u>162 (64.8%)</u> 250 (100%)	26.1% +5.9% 8.1%
Total Court of Appeals Published Opinions Unpublished Opinions Total	379 (39.1%) <u>590 (60.9%)</u> 969 (100%)	410 (39.0%) <u>641 (61.0%)</u> 1,051 (100%)	+8.2% +8.6% +8.5%

#### Termination of Other Matters

The court disposed of 279 personal restraint petitions and 156 notices of discretionary review during 1981. Personal restraint petitions disposed of during the year included many that had been pending at the start of the year. Consequently, the number of personal restraint petitions disposed was greater than the number filed in 1981.

#### Table 31 OTHER MATTERS BY MANNER OF TERMINATION, 1981

Manner of Termination		Notices of Discretionary Review
Opinions Mandated	·· 21	15
Dismissed	239	45
Review Not Accepted	1	82
Transferred/Certified	8	4
Other Terminations	<u>   10</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Terminated	279	156

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More personal restraint petitions were disposed of in 1981 than in 1980 in each of the divisions. As a whole, the number of these dispositions rose 14.3 percent. In comparison, dispositions of notices of discretionary review declined by 6.0 percent in the Court of Appeals as the result of an increase of 8.5 percent in Division I offset by decreases of 12.2 percent in Division II and 15.2 percent in Division III.

#### Table 32 TERMINATION OF OTHER MATTERS BY DIVISION, 1980 AND 1981

	1980	1981	Percent Change
Division I Personal Restraint Petitions Notices of Discretionary		117 (64.6%)	
Review		64 (35.4%)	-
Subtotal	160 (100%)	181 (100%)	+13.1%
Division II Personal Restraint			
Petitions Notices of Discretionary		104 (74.3%)	
Review	and an and a state of the second state of the		
Subtotal	136 (100%)	140 (100%)	+2.9%
Division III Personal Restraint	э		
Petitions Notices of Discretionary	48 (42.1%)	58 (50.9%)	+20.8%
Review	_66 (57.9%)	56 (49.1%)	15.2%
Subtotal	114 (100%)	114 (100%)	0.0%
Total Court of Appeals Personal Restraint			
Petitions Notices of Discretionary	. ,	279 (64.1%)	
Review		156 (35.9%)	-
Total	410 (100%)	435 (100%)	+6.1%

#### Pending Caseload

A total of 3,000 matters were left pending in the Court of Appeals at the end of 1981. This was an increase of 390 cases (14.9 percent) from the beginning of the year. The number of cases awaiting hearing rose from 2,413 at the end of 1980 to 2,755 by the end of 1981, an increase of 14.2 percent. There were 48 more cases for which an opinion or order was in process by the end of 1981 than there were at the end of 1980. In addition, there were 265 matters for which an opinion or order had been filed but not yet mandated by the end of 1981.

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Cases Pending: 1976-1981



Cases for which opinions have been filed but not yet mandated are not included

Figure 12

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## Table 33 PENDING CASELOAD, 1981

of Year	End of Year	Percent Change	
485	590	+21.6%	
618	802	+29.8%	
1,310	1,363	+4.0%	
2,413	2,755	+14.2%	
197	245	+24.4%	
2,610	3,000	+14.9%	
299	265	-11.4%	
	485 618 1,310 2,413 <u>197</u> 2,610	of Year         of Year           485         590           618         802           1,310         1,363           2,413         2,755           197         245           2,610         3,000	of Year         of Year         Change           485         590         +21.6%           618         802         +29.8%           1,310         1,363         +4.0%           2,413         2,755         +14.2%           197         245         +24.4%           2,610         3,000         +14.9%

During the year, the increase in pending caseload in each division ranged between 10.0 percent in Division III to 16.2 percent in Division I.

# Table 34

#### PENDING CASELOAD BY DIVISION. 1981

		Start of Year	End of Year	Percent Change
Division	I	1,318	1,532	+16.2%
Division	II	812	940	+15.8%
Division	III	480	528	+10.0%

#### OUTLOOK

The court's caseload reached a record high in 1980. Filings for 1981 were comparable to those for 1980, marking another year in which the court's intake exceeded its output. This has resulted in further increases in the pending caseload in the Court of Appeals. Thus, even though the disposition rate during 1981 was the highest in the court's history, it was not high enough to eliminate or even reduce the court's backlog.

Table 35 provides a decade-long, year-by-year comparison of pending caseload and disposition figures. The figures illustrate the court's pending caseload began to exceed annual dispositions in 1976, a trend that moderated briefly after 1978 when four

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judges were added to the bench. The imbalance appears to be the result of steady — and sometimes heavy — annual increases in filings in the Court of Appeals.

At 154.8 dispositions per judge, the Court of Appeals has nearly doubled its productivity rate per judge over what it was a decade ago. Still, this already high rate would have to increase another 22 percent, for the court to clear its pending caseload by the end of 1982.

Developments at the superior court level protend even greater future caseload problems. Nine judges were added to the superior court bench in 1981 and more will be needed in the near future. This growth will undoubtedly result in increased productivity in superior courts, the source of all appellate matters. Further, increases in the ratio of appellate filings to activity in superior courts during the last two years suggests civil litigants and criminal defendants may be expanding their use of the appeal process. Though mitigated by an increased productivity rate, these trends forecast heavy caseload management problems for the Court of Appeals in future vears.

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These management problems may be alleviated in part by the use of new management tools, techniques and procedures. Though fiscal resources are certain to remain constant or even decline in the near future, new methods may help ameliorate caseload problems now experienced by the court.

One such management tool is the Appellate Court Record and Data System (ACORDS), a component of the Judicial Information System. With it, the court can produce more data at faster speeds and with greater accuracy than was possible using manual methods. It is possible this accelerated ability to retrieve information needed in day-to-day case processing work may have had a direct effect on the increase in per judge productivity rates in recent years.

Using ACORDS caseload and disposition figures, efforts were begun in 1981 to tackle the court's increasing pending caseload problems. By programming ACORDS to pick out key case processing events and measure the time between them, the research staff of the Administrator for the Courts was able to provide members of a special task force with initial information highlighting problem areas with the court's caseload process. This study effort will continue during 1982.

#### Table 35 PENDING CASELOAD VS. DISPOSITIONS 1972-1981

Ratio

Year	Pending Start of Year	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed	Disposed Per 100 Pending Cases*	Judges	Dispositions Per Judge	
1972	788	1,243	1,005	127.5	12	83.8	
1973	1,026	1,244	1,132	110.3	12	94.3	
1974	1,138	1,541	1,250	109.8	12	104.2	
1975	1,429	1,819	1,439	100.7	12	119.9	
1976	1,809	1,777	1,670	92.3	12	139.2	
1977	1,915	1,996	1,634	85.3	12	136.2	
1978	2,277	2,093	2,074	91.1	16	129.6	
1979	2,296	2,243	2,233	97.3	16	139.6	
1980	2,293	2,752	2,151	93.8	16	134.4	
1981	2,909	2,799	2,476	85.1	16	154.8	

*A ratio greater than 100 indicates that the Court disposed of more cases than were pending at the beginning of the year.

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#### APPEALS FILED

Criminal Appeals Division I Division II Division III Total Civil Appeals Division I Division II Division III Total Total Appeals Division I Division II Division III Total Appeals Filed OTHER MATTERS FILED Personal Restraint Petitions Division I Division II Division III Total Petitions for Discretionary Review Division I Division II Division III Total Total Other Matters Division I Division II Division III Total Other Matters Filed TOTAL FILINGS Division I Division II Division III TOTAL FILINGS, COURT OF APPEALS

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COURT		EALS 1976-19	81		
1976	1977	1978	19 <b>79</b>	1980	1981
211	308	374	402	531	536
163	188	177	176	215	266
<u>121</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>145</u>	_143	<u>104</u>	<u>141</u>
495	640	696	721	850	943
556	482	531	539	693	663
255	296	320	337	387	405
<u>206</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>330</u>
1,017	1,057	1,122	1,200	1,401	1,398
767	790	905	941	1,224	1,199
418	484	497	513	602	671
<u>327</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>467</u>	_ <u>425</u>	<u>471</u>
1,512	1,697	1,818	1,921	2,251	2,341
47	60	47	65	137	117
40	53	42	62	111	82
<u>43</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>
130	143	142	174	313	264
68	80	65	61	64	82
25	38	25	40	58	47
<u>42</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>66</u>	65
135	156	133	148	188	194
115	140	$ \begin{array}{r} 112\\67\\\underline{96}\\275\end{array} $	126	201	199
65	91		102	169	129
<u>85</u>	<u>68</u>		<u>94</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>130</u>
265	299		322	501	458
882	930	1,017	1,067	1,425	1,398
483	575	564	615	771	800
<u>412</u>	<u>491</u>		<u>561</u>	556	<u>601</u>
1,777	1,996	2,093	2,243	2,752	2,799

		COURT ( TOTA	ble 37 OF APPEALS L COURT Activity				
	Criminal	APPEALS Civil	TOTAL	OTH Pers. Restr.	IER MATTI Discr. Rev.	ERS TOTAL	M
FILED	943	1,398	2,341	264	194	458	
TERMINATED Opinion Mandated Published Unpublished Dismissed Review Not Accepted Transferred/Certified ^a Other ^b TOTAL TERMINATED	154 332 200 14 11 <u>26</u> 737	256 309 620 10 72 <u>37</u> 1,304	$ \begin{array}{r} 410\\ 641\\ 820\\ 24\\ 83\\ \underline{-63}\\ 2,041 \end{array} $	4 17 239 1 8 <u>10</u> 279	7 8 45 82 4 <u>10</u> 156	11 25 284 83 12 20 435	
PENDING AT YEAR END Not Ready for Setting Ready for Setting ^c Remanded to Trial Court for Action Set for Motion Calendar Set for Oral Argument TOTAL AWAITING HEARING Opinion/Order in Process TOTAL PENDING DECISION	488 303 5 7 <u>301</u> 1,104 <u>130</u> 1,234	695 463 0 <u>263</u> 1,424 <u>105</u> 1,529	1,183 766 8 7 <u>564</u> 2,528 <u>235</u> 2,763	83 30 2 0 <u>4</u> 119 <u>6</u> 125	$     \begin{array}{r}       86 \\       6 \\       1 \\       5 \\       10 \\       108 \\       \underline{4} \\       112     \end{array} $	169 36 3 5 14 227 10 237	
(Opinion Filed but not yet Mandated)	(137)	(101)	(238)	(24)	(3)	(27)	

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> ^aIncludes both those matters transferred to other divisions and those certified to the Supreme Court. ^bIncludes those matters disposed by unpublished ruling and those for which the manner of disposition was not specified. ^cIncludes those personal restraint petitions classified as "record on review complete."



Table 38
COURT OF APPEALS
DIVISION I - SEATTLE
1981 Activity

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	Criminal	APPEALS Civil	TOTĂL	Pers. Restr.	Discr. Rev.	TOTAL	ÂL MATTER
FILED	536	663	1,199	117	82	199	1,39
TERMINATED			<u></u>				
Opinion Mandated	a.			12 .	No. 1	(	
Published	90	114	204	0	5	5	20
Unpublished	208	137	345		3	11	35
Dismissed	108	301	409	104	18	122	53
Review Not Accepted	13	2	15	1	33	34	
Transferred/Certified ^a	3	16	19	Ō	ĩ	1	2
Other ^b	3	20	23	4	4	8	a
TOTAL TERMINATED	425	590	1,015	117	64	181	4 2 3 1,19
PENDING AT YEAR END	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
Not Ready for Setting	255	295	550	56	35	91	64
Ready for Setting ^c	164	279	443	0	2	2	64 44
Remanded to Trial Court for		2.0	110	. 0	2	2	
Action	5	3	8	2	ı	.3	1
Set for Motion Calendar	õ	Õ	Ö	õ	ò	ő	1
Set for Oral Argument	_174	119	_293	ī	3	4	_29
TOTAL AWAITING HEARING	598	696	1,294	59	41	100	1,39
Opinion/Order in Process	86	<u>45</u>	131	00		. 100	
TOTAL PENDING DECISION	684	741					<u>13</u> 1,53
	084	141	1,425	63	44	107	1,53
(Opinion Filed but not yet Mandated)	(94)	(52)	(146)	(3)	(1)	(4)	(150

^aIncludes both those matters transferred to other divisions and those certified to the Supreme Court. ^bIncludes those matters disposed by unpublished ruling and those for which the manner of disposition was not specified. ^cIncludes those personal restraint petitions classified as "record on review complete."

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# Table 39 COURT OF APPEALS DIVISION II - TACOMA 1981 Activity

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	Criminal	APPEALS Civil	TOTAL	OTI Pers. Restr.	HER MATTEI Discr. Rev.	RS TOTAL	<i>ا</i> MATTI
FILED	266	405	671	82	47	129	{
TERMINATED							
Opinion Mandated							
Published	47	71	118	2	1	.3	]
Unpublished	76	58	134	4	2	· 6	J
Dismissed	63	"	248	91	18	109	3
Review Not Accepted	1	0	1	0	10	10	
Transferred/Certified ^a	5	42	47	4	1	5	
Other ^b	9	12	21	3	4	7	
TOTAL TERMINATED	201	368	569	104	36	140	5
PENDING AT YEAR END							
Not Ready for Setting	137	236	373	13	41	54	. 4
Ready for Setting ^c	116	127	243	16	4	20	2
Remanded to Tria! Court for				19 - Carlos A.		New -	
Action	0	0	0	0	- O	0	
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	0	0	- <b>O</b>	õ	
Set for Oral Argument	102	74	176	1	<b>4</b> ( (	5	
TOTAL AWAITING HEARING	355	437	792	30	49	79	8
Opinion/Order in Process	<u>35</u>	33	<u>    68</u>	0	1	1	
TOTAL PENDING DECISION	390	470	860	30	50	80	ç
(Opinion Filed but not	0						
yet Mandated	(26)	(19)	(45)	(8)	(0)	(8)	

^aIncludes both those matters transferred to other divisions and those certified to the Supreme Court. ^bIncludes those matters disposed by unpublished ruling and those for which the manner of disposition was not specified. ^cIncludes those personal restraint petitions classified as "record on review complete."



Table 40				
COURT OF APPEALS				
DIVISION III - SPOKANE				
1981 Activity				

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				OT	OTHER MATTERS		
	Criminal	APPEALS Civil	TOTAL	Pers. Restr.	Discr. Rev.	TOTAL	
FILED	141	330	471	65	65	130	
TERMINATED							
Opinion Mandated		1					
Published	17	71	88	2	1	- 3	
Unpublished	48	114	162	5	3	8	
Dismissed	_д 29	134	163	44	9	53	
Review Not Accepted	0	8	8	0	39	39	
Transferred/Certified ^a	3	14	17	4	2	6	
Other ^b	<u>_14</u>	5	<u>· 19</u>	3		5	
TOTAL TERMINATED	111	346	457	58	56	114	
PENDING AT YEAR END	<u> </u>			and a second			
Not Ready for Setting	96	164	260	14	10	24	
Ready for Setting ^c	23	57	80	14	Ö	14	
Remanded to Trial Court for				< *			
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Set for Motion Calendar	7	0	7	0	5	5	
Set for Oral Argument	25	70	95	2	3	5	
TOTAL AWAITING HEARING	151	291	442	30	18	48	
Opinion/Order in Process	9	27	36	2	0	¹⁽ 2	
TOTAL PENDING DECISION	160	318	478	32	18	50	
	100	510	710	52	10	50	
(Opinion Filed but not	(17)	(20)	(47)	(1.2)	(2)	(15)	
yet Mandated)	(17)	(30)	(47)	(13)	(2)	(15)	

^aIncludes both those matters transferred to other divisions and those certified to the Supreme Court. ^bIncludes those matters disposed by unpublished ruling and those for which the manner of disposition was not specified. ^cIncludes those personal restraint petitions classified as "record on review complete."

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Superior Court civil filings declined 3.6 percent in 1981 relative to the number filed in 1980. Also, 6.7 percent fewer criminal cases were filed in 1981 than in 1980. These declines may be partly attributable to changes implemented in courts of limited jurisdiction during the year.

Filings of juvenile, probate, and mental illness cases were greater in 1981 than in the precedul g year. However, increases in juvenile and mental illness cases were below those experienced in prior years. The net effect of the declines in civil and criminal filings and the rises in the other two categories was a slight decrease in the total number of filings in 1981.

#### Table 41 SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS, 1980 AND 1981

Type of Filing	1980	1981	Percent Change
Civil	94,201 (59.3%)	90,817 (57.8%)	-3.6%
Criminal	17,907 (11.3%)	16,713 (10.6%)	-6.7%
Juvenile	22,972 (14.5%)	24,424 (15.5%)	+6.3%
Other*	23,745 (14.9%)	25,183 (16.1%)	+6.1%
Total Cases	1.00.000 (1.000()		

Filed 158,825 (100%) 157,137 (100%) -1.1% *Includes probate, guardianship, adoption and mental illness matters.

The slight decline in civil filings in superior courts may have resulted from the increase in the civil jurisdiction of district courts and the concomitant shift of some civil filings to those courts. As will be noted later, district court civil filings also decreased in 1981; the effect of the change in civil jurisdiction remains unclear. The decrease in criminal filings is attributed to a reduction in the number of criminal and traffic cases appealed from the courts of limited jurisdiction. This is due primarily to the electronic recording of courtroom proceedings in all district and many



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#### Figure 14

municipal courts, which resulted in the near-elimination of *de novo* appeals by the end of the year.

Civil cases, which comprised 57.8 percent of all superior court filings in 1981, encompass different types of cases. Domestic relations constituted the largest general category with 28.8 percent of all filings. Commercial cases were next with 11.9 percent.

While the total caseload for all superior courts showed only a slight increase, there were local variations in the direction and magnitude of the change. For example, total filings increased by more than five percent in nine counties and decreased by over five percent in eight others.





#### INTAKE

Each case category-civil, criminal, juvenile, and other cases—can be subdivided according to the nature of the issue brought before the court. Subcategories of civil cases used in this report include tort, commercial, property rights, domestic relations, administrative law review, other civil petitions and complaints, and civil appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction.

Criminal filings are categorized according to the most serious offense charged in the following hierarchy: homicide, sex crimes, assault, robbery/theft, burglary, forgery/fraud, controlled substances, other felonies, and appeals from lower courts. Juvenile court caseloads include juvenile offenses and juvenile dependency matters. For the purpose of this report, "other cases" include probate, guardianship, adoption, and mental illness matters.

#### Filings of Civil Cases

Statewide, there were 90,817 civil cases filed in superior courts during 1981. This was a 3.6 percent decrease from 1980 and below what might have been predicted given the progressive increase in civil filings over the previous five years.

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Civil Cases Filed: 1976-1981



Figure 16

At the local level, civil filings decreased in 26 of the state's 39 counties but showed no change or increased in 13 others. Of the 13, seven increased by more than five percent. Those counties with the greatest increases in civil caseload, considering both volume and rate of increase, included Skagit, Grant, Lewis and Okanogan.

The direction of change in civil filings between 1980 and 1981 was not consistent in all subcategories. For example, the filing of commercial and property rights cases decreased while cases classed as torts, administrative law reviews and other petitions and complaints increased. There was little change in the volume of domestic relations filings.

The number of civil appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction decreased by more than a third. This can be attributed mainly to the reduction of *de novo* appeals in district courts through the electronic recording of courtroom proceedings. It is unclear whether the drop in commercial and property rights filings is related to the increase in the civil jurisdiction of the district courts since civil filings decreased in those courts as well. However, because filing fees are lower in district courts than in superior courts, it is assumed some litigants availed themselves of the opportunity to use the district courts for cases involving claims of \$5,000 or less.

#### Table 42 FILINGS OF CIVIL CASES 1980 AND 1981

Туре	1980	1981	Percent Change
Torts	7,141 (7.6%)	7,919(8.7%)	+10.9%
Commercial	22,397 (23.8%)	18,748 (20.6%)	-16.3%
Property Rights Domestic	8,730 ( 9.3%)	8,255 ( 9.1%)	-5.4%
Relations	44,938 (47.7%)	45,317 (49.9%)	+0.8%
Admin. Law			10.070
Review	792 (0.8%)	932(1.0%)	+17.7%
Other Petitions and	· · ·		
Complaints	9.049 (9.6%)	8,913 ( 9.8%)	+1.5%
Civil Appeals TOTAL CIVIL	<u>1,154 ( 1.2%)</u>	733 ( 0.9%)	-36.5%
FILINGS	94,201 (100%)	90,817 (100%)	-3.6%

Despite substantial changes in several case categories, there was little change in the proportion of the total caseload represented by each case type.

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Figure 17

#### Filings of Torts

A total of 7,919 tort actions were filed in superior courts during 1981. This was 10.9 percent more than were filed in 1980 and higher than the number filed in any of the prior five years.

#### Table 43 FILINGS OF TORTS 1976-1981

Year	Filings	Percent Change
1976	6,749	_
1977	7,321	+8.5%
1978	6,882	-6.0%
1979	6,968	+1.2%
1980	7,141	+2.5%
1981	7,919	+10.9%

Torts filed in 1981 increased notably relative to 1980 in several counties, specifically King, Pierce, Franklin and Snohomish.

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#### Filings of Commercial Cases

Commercial cases represented the second largest subcategory of civil filings. During 1981, 18,748 such cases were filed. indicating a decrease of 16.3 percent from 1980. Increases in the civil jurisdiction of the courts of limited jurisdiction (in 1979 and 1981) may have had an impact on the filing of commercial cases in the superior courts, but the extent of this impact has not been determined.

#### Table 44 FILINGS OF COMMERCIAL CASES 1976-1981

Year	Filings	Annual Percent Change
1976	18,141	
1977	19,779	+9.0%
1978	21,679	+9.6%
1979	22,469	+3.6%
1980	22,397	-0.3%
1981	18,748	-16.3%

Figures from twelve counties showed an increase in commercial filings compared to 1980. The greatest increases occurred in Skaqit, Clallam, Grays Harbor and Clark counties.

#### Filings of Property Rights Cases

Property rights case filings reached a five-year high point in 1980, then declined 5.4 percent in 1981.

Table 45 FILINGS OF PROPERTY RIGHTS CASES 1976-1981

Year	Filings	Annual Percent Change
1976	3,388	
1977	3,819	+12.2%
1978	3,468	-9.2%
1979	6,984*	+100.1%*
1980	8,730	+25.0%
1981	8,255	-5.4%

*The large increase in 1979 was due partially to changes in statistical collecting and reporting methods in a number of counties.

Spokane County showed the greatest yearly increase in the volume of property rights cases filed.

#### Filings of Domestic Relations Cases

Domestic relations represented the largest subcategory of civil case filings in superior courts. More than one in every four cases (28.8 percent) filed in superior court during 1981 pertained to domestic relations. The 45,317 domestic relations cases filed in 1981 were slightly more than the number filed in the previous year—an increase of only 0.8 percent.

#### Table 46 FILINGS OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES 1976-1981

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_		Annual Percent
ear	Filings	Change
976	38,608	
977	39,974	+3.5%
978	41,659	+4.2%
979	42,529	+2.1%
980	44,938	+5.7%
981	45,317	<del>1</del> -0.8%

Twelve court districts experienced a growth of ten percent or more in domestic relations filings from 1980 to 1981. The greatest increases were in Pierce, Grays Harbor, Snohomish and Grant counties.

#### Filings of Other Civil Cases

Other civil cases included administrative law reviews, other civil petitions and compla , and civil appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction.

#### Table 47 FILINGS OF OTHER CIVIL CASES 1976-1981

Year	Admin. Law Review	Other Petitions & Complaints	Appeals from Lower Courts
1976	*	7,770	520
1977	*	9,616	517
1978	*	9,690	549
1979	888	9,979	872
1980	792	9,049	1,154
1981	932	8,913	733
*Not reporte	d separately pric		

Administrative law reviews, first counted as a separate subcategory in the statistical reporting program in 1979, include appeals of rulings made by quasi-judicial administrative bodies such as the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals and the Environmental Protection Agency. The volume of these types of cases has fluctuated yearly since 1979, and it will be several more years before any recognizable trend can be established. Two-thirds of all administrative law review cases filed in 1981 were filed in King (39.3 percent), Thurston (15.3 percent) or Pierce (12.2 percent) counties.

Other civil petitions and complaints include all matters which cannot be classified or included in the previous civil categories. Generally, this includes uncontested petitions

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and petiticas for writs or injunctions. Other civil petitions and complaints reported filed during 1981 totaled 8,913, less than in any year since 1976.

In 1981, superior courts received 733 appeals of civil cases tried in courts of limited jurisdiction, representing a decline of more than 400 cases compared to the number filed in 1980. Most of the decrease can be attributed to the reduction of de novo appeals from the district courts following the implementation of electronic recording of courtroom proceedings. The greatest decrease in civil appeals filings occurred in Pierce County. There, 58 civil appeals were filed in 1981 compared to 384 in 1980, a drop of 84.9 percent.

### Filings of Criminal Cases

The 16,713 criminal cases filed in the superior courts during 1981 were 6.7 percent lower than criminal filings in 1980.

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Criminal Cases Filed: 1976-1981



This decrease was due largely to the 59.7 percent decline in criminal appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction in 1981 relative to 1980.

Nineteen of the state's 39 counties experienced a decline in the number of criminal filings. Decreases of 15 percent or more occurred in ten counties, while increases of 15 percent or more occurred in ten others. Those counties with the largest increase include Pierce, Chelan and Lewis.

Of all criminal cases filed in 1981, the largest percentage decline (relative to 1980) occurred for appeals from lower courts. Substantial declines were also recorded for forgery/fraud (-29.4 percent) and homicide (-11.6 percent). The highest proportionate increase in criminal case filings was in the robbery/theft subcategory (+12.1 percent).

#### Table 48 FILINGS OF CRIMINAL CASES BY TYPE OF OFFENSE, 1980 AND 1981

Primary Offense Charged	1980	1981	Percent Change
Homicide	319(1.8%)	282(1.7%)	-11.6%
Sex Crimes	784 (4.4%)	824 ( 4.9%)	+5.1%
Assault	1,485(8.3%)	1,495 ( 8.9%)	+0.7%
Robbery/Theft	3,214 (17.9%)	3,604 (21.6%)	+12.1%
Burglary	2,575 (14.4%)	2,637 (15.8%)	+2.4%
Forgery/Fraud	1,323 ( 7.4%)	934 ( 5.6%)	-29.4%
Controlled			10.29/
Substances	1,763 ( 9.8%)	1,927 (11.5%)	+9.3%
Other Felonies	3,290 (18.4%)	3,123 (18.7%)	-5.1%
Not Specified*		616 ( 3.7%)	
Total Felonies	14,753 (82.4%)	15,442 (92.4%)	+4.7%
Appeals from Lower Courts	3,134 (17.6%)	1 <u>,271 ( 7.6%)</u>	59.7%
TOTAL CRIMINAL	17 907 (100%)	16.713 (100%)	-6.7%

17,907 (100%) 16,713 (100%) FILINGS *Type of offense not reported for a portion of cases in

Jefferson and Spokane Counties in 1981.



#### Figure 19

The three criminal case subcategories listing the largest number of filings in 1981 were robbery/theft (21.6 percent of all criminal filings), burglary (15.8 percent), and controlled substances (11.5 percent). Slightly under 20 percent were reported as "Other Felonies" (18.7 percent). Criminal appeals from lower courts, which constituted 17.6 percent of the criminal cases filed in 1980, comprised only 7.6 percent in 1981.

#### Filings of Juvenile Cases

There were 66,237 juvenile matters referred to the juvenile courts during 1981, an increase of 10.7 percent over 1980. Outside of King County, the largest portion of these referrals were for delinquency or juvenile offenses (83.0 percent); dependency matters accounted for 13.2 percent. A breakdown of referrals in King County is not currently available.

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### Table 49 JUVENILE REFERRALS BY TYPE OF MATTER, 1980 AND 1981

Type of Matter	1980
State Less King County	
Delinquency/Offenses	35,416 (85.6%)
Traffic	1,535 ( 3.7%)
Other Violations	87 (0.2%)
Status Offenses	185(0.4%)
Non-Offense Referrals	775(1.9%)
Dependency Matters	3,344 ( 8.1%)
Not Specified	45(0.1%)
Subtotal	41,387 (100%)
King County	18,432
TOTAL REFERRALS	59,819

A comparison of referrals with court cases filed suggests approximately 37 percent of all juvenile referrals resulted in the filing of a court case. The remainder were generally disposed of informally by juvenile court staff.

in superior courts during 1981. The 6.3 percent increase over 1980 filings was smaller than any annual increase in the five years preceding 1981.

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1981	Percent Change
40,288 (83.0%)	+13.8%
337 ( 0.7%)	-78.0%
176(0.4%)	+102.3%
105(0.2%)	-43.2%
1,175 ( 2.4%)	+51.6%
6,402 (13.2%)	+91.4%
33 ( 0.1%)	-26.7%
48,516 (100%)	+17.2%
17,721	-3.9%
66,237	+10.7%

A total of 24,424 juvenile cases were filed

#### Table 50 FILINGS OF JUVENILE CASES 1976-1981

Annual

		Percent
Year	Filed	Change
1976	13,433	
1977	14,824	+10.4%
1978	17,406	+17.4%
1979	20,836	+19.7%
1980	22,972	+10.3%
1981	24,424	+6.3%

Twenty-two counties either experienced a less-than-five percent increase or a decrease in juvenile filings. A dramatic increase in the volume of juvenile filings occurred in 1981 versus 1980 for Pierce County (695 cases or +30.5 percent change), and several counties with small caseloads exhibited a growth of 25 percent or more in juvenile caseloads. These include Chelan, Cowlitz, Ferry, Grant, Island, Kittitas, Klickitat, Stevens and Wahkiakum counties.

Juvenile offense filings increased only 1.7 percent while juvenile dependency filings increased 26.4 percent relative to 1980. In contrast, juvenile dependency filings decreased in 1980 compared to juvenile offense filings in 1979.

#### Table 51 FILINGS OF IUVENILE CASES BY TYPE 1980 AND 1981

Type of Charge	1980	1981	Percent Change
Juvenile Offenses	18,650 (81.2%)	18,962 (77.6%)	+1.7%
Juvenile			
Dependency	4,322 (18.8%)	5,462 (22.4%)	+26.4%
Total Juvenile	22,972 (100%)	24,424 (100%)	+6.3%

#### Other Filings

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The filing of adoption cases increased by 23.9 percent between 1980 and 1981 while filings of probate, guardianship, or mental illness cases increased by 4.8 percent or less.

#### Table 52 FILINGS OF OTHER CASES BY TYPE 1980 AND 1981

Type of Filing	1980	1981	Percent Change
Probate	12,041	12,273	+1.9%
Guardianship	2,148	2,163	+0.7%
Adoption	3,836	4,751	+23.9%
Mental Illness	5,720	5,996	+4.8%

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Mental Illness Cases Filed: 1976-1981



#### Figure 21

Mental illness cases filed in superior courts during 1981 were concentrated in the three most urban counties of the state - King, Pierce and Spokane. Filings in these counties accounted for 66 percent of all mental illness filings.

#### COURT ACTIVITY

For the purpose of this report, "Court Activity" includes trials, disposition of cases, and general judicial workload. While courts and court personnel engage in far more activities than are referenced by these categories, statistics have been collected only in these areas.

#### Trials

The number of trials held in the superior courts increased in 1981. A total of 12,521 trials were held during 1981 compared to 11.843 in 1980.

After three years of annual declines in the number of jury trials held in superior courts, the number held in 1981 increased by 8.2 percent. The number of non-jury trials reported for 1981 does not include juvenile trials in Clark County (not reported) nor does the number of non-jury trials reported for 1980 include juvenile trials in either Clark or Yakima Counties (not reported). Exclusive of juvenile trials in those two counties, the number of non-jury trials held during 1981 was 3.6 percent more than those held in 1980.

#### Table 53 TRIALS BY TYPE 1976-1981

Year	Jury	Non-Jury
1976	2,745	7,486
1977	3,143	7,577
1978	2,990	8,071
1979	2,800	10,718
1980	2,319	9,524*
1981	2,509	10,012**

*Does not include juvenile trials in Clark and Yakima Counties (not reported).

**Does not include juvenile trials in Clark County (not reported).





Figure 22

Civil case trials predominated over all other types of trials in 1981. Of the 7.393 civil trials held in 1981, the majority (86.0 percent) were non-jury trials. In contrast, jury trials constituted the largest portion (63.7 percent) of the 2,315 trials held for criminal cases.

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### Table 54 TRIALS BY TYPE OF CASE, 1981

Type of Case	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
C'vil	1,034	6,359	7,393 ( 59.0%)
Criminal	1,475	840	2,315 (18.5%)
Juvenile Trials*			2,701 (21.6%)
Other Trials**			112 ( 0.9%)
Total			12,521 (100.0%)

*Breakdown by type of trial is not reported.

**Includes probate, guardianship, adoption and mental illness cases. Breakdown by type of trial is not reported.

#### Disposition of Civil Cases

Superior courts reported the disposition of 76,443 civil cases during 1981, resulting in virtually no net change (0.7 percent) relative to 1980. This zero net change derives from the fact that increases in some types of civil cases were offset by decreases for others (based on data for all counties except Spokane which did not provide the necessary detail). For example, the most notable increases were 6.7 percent for domestic relations (the largest category of civil dispositions); 11.3 percent for property rights cases; 13.0 percent for administrative law reviews and 46.9 percent for civil appeals from lower courts. These increases were counterbalanced by declines of 15.2 percent for commercial cases (the second largest category of civil dispositions) and 6.0 percent for the other petitions and complaints category. (See Table 55).

#### Table 55 CIVIL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF CASE, 1980 AND 1981

Type of	1090	1981	Percent Change
Case	1980		
Torts	. 6,266 ( 8.9%)	6,363 ( 9.0%)	+1.5%
Commercial	18,744 (26.6%)	15,888 (22.5%)	-15.2%
Property Rights	5,071 (7.2%)	5,642(8.0%)	+11.3%
Domestic Relations	34,341 (48.7%)	36,653 (52.0%)	+6.7%
Administrative Law			
Review	515(0.7%)	582(0.8%)	+13.0%
Other Petitions and	• • •		
Complaints	5.258 (7.5%)	4,940(7.0%)	-6.0%
Civil Appeals from	-,,		
Lower Courts	294 (0.4%)	432 ( 0.7%)	+46.9%
Total without	70 400 (100%)	70,500 (100%)	+0.02%
Spokane County*	10,469 (100 %)	10,000 (100 %)	10.0270
Total with	<b>75010</b>	76 4 4 2	+0.7%
Spokane County	75,916	76,443	
*NOTE: The breakd	lown of civil disp	ositions by type	of case
was not reported f	or Spokane Cour	nty in 1980, so t	his
county's data was	omitted for both	years to maintair	1
comparability.			
••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••			



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The two most frequent subcategories of civil case dispositions were default judgment and settlement or other pretrial dismissal, each of which accounted for approximately the same proportion (27 percent) of all civil dispositions. The next most frequent category was disposition after start of trial which comprised about 16 percent of these dispositions. There were 12,354 civil cases disposed (16.2 percent) for which the manner of disposition was not specified. (See Figure 23.)

#### Disposition of Criminal Cases

The superior courts reported that 15,502 criminal cases were disposed during 1981. This was 0.8 percent more than in 1980. For all counties except King County, which experienced a decline, the rise in criminal dispositions in 1981 equalled 9.6 percent. The drop in King County's criminal dispositions may have resulted from the sharp decrease in criminal filings in that county, particularly in de novo appeals from the lower courts.

The majority (60 percent) of criminal cases were disposed through conviction and sentencing during 1981 while the next largest proportion were dismissed or had prosecution deferred. There were 2,007 criminal cases disposed (12.9 percent) for which the manner of disposition was not specified. (See Figure 24.)



Disposition of Juvenile Cases

Superior courts reported the disposition of 18,587 juvenile cases during 1981, an increase of 2.4 percent over 1980. Of those disposed, 16,130 were for juvenile offenses and 2,457 were dependency matters. Sixty percent of the juvenile offenders reaching disposition were convicted and sentenced. This figure represents the total of those sentenced to community service (50.3 percent) and those sentenced to an institution (9.5 percent). An additional 16.5 percent of the dispositions received by juvenile offenders were dismissals. (See Figure 25.) In addition, there were 3,090 juvenile delinguency cases (19.2 percent) for which the manner of disposition was not specified.

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Figure 24



#### **Judicial Workload**

Judicial workload in the superior courts is estimated by means of the Washington Weighted Caseload System. This system provides a means of estimating the amount of judicial time that will be required to process a given set of cases. A set of "weights" is applied to each of 11 different categories of cases which, when multiplied by the number of cases filed in each category, results in a "weighted caseload" representing the estimated amount of judicial time (in minutes) needed to process those cases. By dividing the "weighted caseload" by a "judge-year value" (which differs according to the size of a court and the number of counties served), an estimate can be made of the amount of judicial time needed in "judge-years" or, more simply, the number of judges required to perform the needed work in one year. Weighted caseload analyses are performed for individual courts using historic and projected case filings for each court.

Cases filed in superior courts during 1981 represent 150.4 judge-years of work based on a weighted caseload analysis. This does not take into consideration, however, the effect of the Juvenile Justice Act of 1978 on the workload associated with juvenile cases. Total filings decreased by 1.1 percent, and the total weighted caseload for the superior courts decreased by 0.8 percent. The weighted caseload per judge in 1981 was 7.5 percent less than in 1980 because of the increase in the number of judges from 1980 to 1981.

While felony cases comprise only 9.8 percent of the total number of cases filed during 1981, they are responsible for 29 percent of the judicial work associated with the 1981 caseload. Likewise, property rights cases represented only 5.3 percent of the total case filings but accounted for 12 percent of the judicial workload, according to these calculations.

#### Table 56 SUPERIOR COURTS JUDICIAL WORKLOAD 1980 AND 1981

One Year Change	1980	1981	Percent Change
Weighted Caseload			
Weighted Caseload per Judge	89,441	82,737	-7.5%
Judge Years of Work	151.3	150.4	-0.6%
Filings per Judge	1,358	1,253	-7.7%
Ten Year Change	1971	1981	
Total Filings	92,369	157,137	+70.1%
Authorized Judges	92	126*	+37.0%
*One judge added effective July	27, 1981		

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Figure 26

Another workload indicator is the average number of cases filed per judge. This indicator shows a decrease of 7.7 percent from 1980 to 1981, attributable primarily to the increase in the number of judges from 117 in 1980 to 126 in 1981.

#### OUTLOOK

It is presumed much of the increase in superior court caseloads has resulted from the growth in Washington's population. During the 1970-1981 period, the state's population increased 24.5 percent. The rate at which cases were filed with respect to population has grown 41.4 percent: from 25.97 cases filed per 1,000 population in 1970 to 36.7 in 1981. Since the filing rate grew faster than population, it appears that factors other than population have had a strong influence on the caseloads of superior courts during the last decade. The continuous rise in superior court caseloads that spanned a decade, culminating in record-high case filings in 1980, appears to have abated with a slight decrease in 1981.

#### Table 57 SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS VS. STATE POPULATION 1970-1981

Year	Total State Population	Superior Court Cases Filed	Filings per 1,000 Pop.
1970	3,413,244	88,627	25.97
1971	3,430,100	92,369	26.93
1972	3,418,800	100,205	29.31
1973	3,424,300	100,135	29.24
1974	3,488,100	111,477	32.33
1975	3,493,900	116,505	33.35
1976	3,571,591	121,811	34.11
1977	3,661,975	127,855	34.91
1978	3,774,300	135,700	34.95
1979	3,911,200	148,380	37.94
1980	4,132,156	158,848	38.44
1981	4,250,200	157,317	36.97
Projected:			
1985	4,562,000	194,000	42.53
1990	5,025,000	232,000	46.17

Population projections compiled by Forecasting and Estimation Division, Office of Financial Management, October 1981.

Despite, or perhaps because of, the inability to predict or control external factors that affect the size and composition of caseloads, courts have adopted internal policies and procedures to help control burgeoning caseloads. For example, mandatory arbitration of civil complaints involving damages of \$10,000 or less has been instituted in two courts (King and Yakima Counties) and is being considered in others in an effort to speed up case processing and to reduce the demands on certain portions of judicial processing. The reduction of *de novo* appeals was accomplished by instituting electronic recording of proceedings in the courts of limited jurisdiction.

The fact that, in the face of rising caseloads, resources have remained static or even declined, has caused the judiciary to implement other efficiency procedures in order to speed up day-to-day case

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processing and administrative tasks. According to the 1981 Analysis of Judicial Workloads in the Superior Courts of Washington, there was an actual need for 153 judges or about 19 percent more than the superior court's actual bench strength during that year. Similarly, the allocation of fiscal resources to local courts — equal to only slightly more than three percent of all local government expenditures — suggests there was little, if any, increase in administrative support.

The Superior Court Information System (SCOMIS) and the Juvenile Information System (JUVIS), both components of the state's Judicial Information System, were created to increase efficiency and accuracy of superior courts' calendaring, record-keeping, accounting and other case processing activities and thus enhance the courts' abilities to keep up with tasks thrust upon them by rising caseloads.

The SCOMIS system was added to the Pierce, Walla Walla and Skagit County Superior Courts during 1981. A total of 12 counties are now served by the network, raising the percentage of total state cases processed by computer to 76 percent.

Other 1981 SCOMIS activities included start-up work on the development of a network-wide accounting system, support of a task force studying requirements for a trial calendaring system and the implementation of numerous features designed to improve ease of use and decrease operating costs. In response to changing local and state needs, procedures for mandatory arbitration programs, local calendar changes and management information reports were developed. A SCOMIS Users' Group was formed and meets quarterly to discuss these and other technical improvements.

Within the JUVIS system, work was initiated on two major tasks during 1981. First was the development of a series of comprehensive management reports based on data already contained in JUVIS computer case records. These reports will provide integrated statistics on case activity,



Figure 27

delinquent histories and court actions on dependencies. These will be a contract initial service in early 1982. Second was the initiation of a complete rewrite and upgrade of JUVIS software. First implemented in 1979, the current JUVIS system was adapted from Utah's PROFILE system. Current feature modules will be systematically replaced with new modules designed to meet the unique requirements of Washington State. The upgraded system will also allow direct access to, and data-sharing with, the superior court's SCOMIS system. Eight new juvenile courts were added to the current system during 1981. Grays Harbor, Cowlitz, Skagit, Thurston, Chelan, Columbia/Walla Walla, Kitsap and Lewis Counties brought the total number of on-line courts to sixteen, representing 59 percent of the state's juvenile caseload. The remaining courts continue to participate in a mail-in version of JUVIS. Now, for the first time, juvenile courts have access to a complete, composite histories of childrens' involvement with the courts, regardless of the location or the number of jurisdictions involved.

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	Table 58										
				1981	CASE	LOAD			•		
••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••					Cases Fi	led, 1981-					
	County/Court	Number of Judges	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Probate Guard. Adoption	Mental Illness	1981 TOTAL	Total 1980 Filings	Percent Change	
	ADAMS Judicial District	1	208 208	82 82	37 37	53 53	5 5	385 285	354 354	8.8%	
	ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District	1	358 79 41 478	65 15 9 89	40 8 0 48	68 25 19 112	21 2 1 24	552 129 70 751	628* 149 72 849	-12.1% -13.4% -2.8% -11.5%	
	BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District	4.43**	2286 1059 3345	432 202 634	590 171 761	399 99 498	74 34 108	3781 1565 5346	3962 1635 5597	-4.6% -4.3% -4.5%	
	CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District	2	1162 328 1490	224 56 280	273 111 384	237 79 316	54 2 56	1950 576 2526	1745 613 2358	11.7% -6.0% 7.1%	
	CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District	2	1130 336 1466	332 131 463	833 66 899	258 91 349	62 4 66	2615 628 3243	2666* 653* 3319	-1.9% -3.8% -2.3%	
	CLARK Judicial District	5	4158 4158	786 786	1310 1310	837 837	168 168	7259 7259	7688 7688	-5.6% -5.6%	
	COWLITZ Judicial District	3	1704 1704	460 460	575 575	219 219	66 66	3024 3024	2911 2911	3.9% 3.9%	
	FERRY PEND OREILLZ STEVENS Judicial District	1	151 179 457 787	27 23 104 154	43 80 184 307	18 28 97 143	0 5 26 31	239 315 868 1422	219* 363 752 1334	9.1% -13.2% 15.4% 6.6%	
	GRANT Judicial District	2	1108 1108	202 202	412 412	183 183	64 64	1969 1969	1768* 1768	11.4% 11.4%	
	GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District	2	1545 1545	255 255	436 436	297 297	45 45	2578 2578	2599 2599	-0.8% -0.8%	
	ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District	2	1013 184 1197	123 28 151	175 39 214	190 46 236	24 0 24	1525 297 1822	1456* 279 1735	4.78 6.58 5.08	
	KING Judicial District	39	28196 28196	4406 4406	6604 6604	6410 6410	2043 2043	47659 47659	49359 49359	-3.48 -3.48	
	KITSAP Judicial District	5	`` 2827 2827	. 533 533	862 862	719 719	164 164	5105 5105	4936 4936	3.48 3.48	
	KITTTITAS Judicial District	1	527 527	117 117	123 123	118 118	0 0	885 885	888 888	-0.3% -0.3%	
	KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District	1	385 178 563	98 57 155	111 84 195	69 34 103	8 11 19	671 364 1035	574 424 998	16.9% -14.2% 3.7%	
	LEWIS Judicial District	2	1162 1162	348 348	457 457	273 273	62 62	2302 2302	2078 2078	10.8% 10.8%	
	LINCOLN Judicial District	1	157 157	43 43	40 40	82 82	9	331 331	352 352	-6.0% -6.0%	
	MASON THURSTON Judicial District	5	545 2777 3322	184 495 679	211 845 1056	155 552 707	18 149 167	1113 4818 5931	1110 4603 5713	0.3% 4.7% 3.8%	
	OKANOGAN Judicial District	1	692 692	176 176	168 168	137 137	0	1173 1173	1186 1186	-1.1% -1.1%	
	PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District	1	480 65 545	108 15 123	145 18 163	82 11 93	9 0 9	824 109 933	866 112 978	-4.8% -2.7% -4.6%	
	PIERCE Judicial District	13	12186 12186	2554 2554	2974 2974	2004 2004	1071 1071	20789 20789	20540 20540	1.2% 1.2%	
	SKAGIT Judicial District	2	1758 1758	208 208	271 271	337 337	145 145	2719 2719	2436 2436	11.6%	
	SNOHOMISH Judicial District	8	6878 6878	1006 1006	1953 1953	1365 1365	357 357	11559 11559	12031 12031	-3.98 -3.98	
	SPOKANE Judicial District	10	8177 8177	957 957	2060 2060	1754 1754	832 832	13780 13780	13958 13958	-1.38	
	WALLA WALLA Judicial District	2	868 868	289 289	240 240	271 271	133 133	1801 1801	1740* 1740	3.5%	
	WHATCOM Judicial District	3	2081 2081	565 565	533 533	439 439	77 77	3695 3695	3694 3694	0.0%	
	WHITMAN Judicial District	. 1	375 375	34 34	44 44	146 146	27 27	626 626	679 679	-7.88 -7.88	
	YAKIMA Judicial District	5	3017 3017	964 964	1298 1298	986 986	224 224	6489 6489	6747 6747	-3.8% -3,8%	
	TOTAL STATE	125.43	90817	16713	24424	19187	5996	157137	158825*	-1.1%	
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	HISTORY	OF CIVIL	FILINGS:	1976-19	81					
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981				
ct	230 230	297 297	212 212	207 207	208 208	208 208				
ct	288 69 46 403	331 68 39 438	398 64 26 488	399 99 48 546	396 84 46 526	358 79 41 478				
ct	1404 1011 2415	1704 1191 2895	1979 1119 3098	2504 1164 3668	2433 1149 3582	2286 1059 3345				
ct	796 181 977	924 185 1109	990 217 1207	1076 301 1377	1123 362 1485	1162 328 1490				
ct	871 226 1097	870 261 1131	1009 282 1291	1118 300 1418	1244 369 1613	1130 336 1466				
ct	3152 3152	3527 3527	3754 3754	4140 4140	4542 4542	4158 4158				
.ct	1546 1546	1549 1549	1674 1674	1788 1788	1786 1786	1704 1704				
ct	84 157 404 645	115 153 441 709	90 109 401 600	156 155 488 799	134 195 441 770	151 179 457 787				
ct	939 939	1092 1092	1034 1034	1117 1117	956 956	1108 1108				
.ct	1311 1311	1498 1498	1547 1547	1613 1613	1618 1618	1545 1545				
ct	605 142 747	701 107 808	763 154 917	801 145 946	1045 160 1205	1013 184 1197				
ct	26374 26374	26562 26562		29585 29585	29159 29159	28196 28196				
ct	2266 2266	2654 2654	2743 2743	2948 2948	2910 2910	2827 2827				
ct	423 423	487 487	466 466	558 558	577 577	527 527				
ct	239 158 397	284 154 438	339 155 494	354 207 561	336 228 564	385 178 563				
ct	819 819	911 911	976 976	1090 1090	1032 1032	1162 1162				
ct	138 138	163 163	127 127	181 181	173 173	157 157				
ct	432 2326 2758	496 2661 3157	465 2667 3132	524 2717 3241	564 2746 3310	545 2777 3322				
ct	544 544	616 616	588 588	624 624	591 591	692 692				
ct	345 30 375	342 48 390	414 42 456	407 81 488	513 67 580	480 65 545				
ct	9151 9151	9797 9797		11113 11113	13116 13116	12186 12186				
ct	1139 1139	1317 1317	1246 1246	1296 1296	1444 1444	1758 1758				
ct	5547 5547	5819 5819	5921 5921	6579 6579	7105 7105	6878 6878				
ct	6479 6479	6477 6477	6967 6967	8276 8276	8826 8826	8177 8177				
ct	866 866	917 917	823 823	932 932	845 845	868 868				
ct	1548 1548	1793 1793	1897 1897	2056 2056	2129 2129	2081 2081				
ct	316 316	355 355	367 367	385 385	369 369	375 375				
ct	2715 2715	3120 3120	3305 3305	3157 3157	3180 3180	3017 3017				
	<b>75317</b>	80026	83927	90689	94201	90817				
				Tabl	e 60					
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		CIVIL	. FILING	S BY 7	YPE OF	CASE	:, 1981			
	County/Court	Torts	Commercial	Property Rights	Domestic Relations	Admin. Law Review	Other Petitions & Complaints	Appeals from Lwr.Cts.	TOTAL CIVIL FILINGS	
	ADAMS Judicial District	10 10	49 49	16 16	116 116	4	12 12	1	208 208	
	ASOTIN	19	77	18	232	o	8	4	358	
	COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District	1 3 23	27 18 122	4 1 23	44 18 294	1 0 1	0 0 8	2 1 7	79 41 478	
	BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District	203 260 463	462 82 544	192 46 238	1243 495 1733	14 9 23	150 162 312	22 5 27	2286 1059 3345	
	CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District	44 9 53	189 56 245	39 21 60	653 137 790	3 0 3	212 101 313	22 4 26	1162 328 1490	
	CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District	55 23 78	332 71 403	74 20 94	590 203 793	16 2 18	43 15 58	20 2 22	1130 336 1466	
c	CLARK Judicial District	281 281	747 747	286 286	2304 2304	7 7	517 517	15 16	4158 4158	
	COWLITZ Judicial District	107 107	284 284	14 14	1039 1039	12 12	247 247	1	1704 1704	
	FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS Judicial District	7 15 28 50	45 56 92 193	29 14 38 81	67 69 286 422	0 1 7 8	3 21 5 29	0 3 1 4	151 179 457 787	
	GRANT Judicial District	37 37	263 263	59 59	581 581	3	148 148	17 17	1108 1108	
	GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District	115 115	186	237 237	822 822	19 19	134 134	32 32	1545	
	ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District	42 1 43	191 42 233	41 35 76	425 82 507	10 8 18	294 16 310	10 0 10	1013 184 1197	
	KING Judicial District	3239 3239	6763 6763	3394 3394	12248 12248	366 366	2021 2021	165 165	28196 28196	
	KITSAP Judicial District	142 142	645 645	175 175	1696 1696	0	148 148	21 21	2827 2827	
	KITTTITAS Judicial District	31 31	63 63	43 43	230 230	6	141 141	13 13	527 527	- 
	KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District	11 37 48	71 3 74	34 13 47	136 96 232	1 5 6	128 21 149	4 3 7	385 178 563	
	LEWIS Judicial District	32 32	253 253	43 43	768 768	3	61 61	· 2 2	1162 1162	
	LINCOLN Judicial District	7 7	27 27	0	105 105	5	13 13	0	157 157	
	MASON THURSTON Judicial District	28 178 206	127 464 591	65 260 325	288 1520 1808	5 143 148	28 197 225	4 15 19	545 2777 3322	
	OKANOGAN Judicial District	23 23	99 99	67 67	388 388	18 18	50 50	47 47	692 692	
:	PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District	31 13 44	151 1 152	55 4 59	204 25 229	6 0 6	28 21 49	5 1 6	480 65 545	
	PIERCE Judicial District	1079 1079	2094 2094	1330 1330	6237 6237	114 114	1274 1274	58 58	12186 12186	
	SKAGIT Judicial District	141 141	679 679	54 54	786 786	15 15	76 76	7 7	1758 1758	
	SNOHOMISH Judicial District	766 766	1212 1212	659 659	3684 3684	83 83	432 432	42 42	6878 6878	
	SPOKANE Judicial District	392 392	1623 1623	369 369	3996 3996	20 20	1691 1691	86 86	8177 8177	
	WALLA WALLA Judicial District	89 89	147 147	51 51	465 465	4	105 105	7	868	
с. с	WHATCOM Judicial District	191 191	377 377	267 267	1078 1078	14 14	146 146	8 8	2081 2081	
	WHITMAN Judicial District	23 23	81 81	4	195 195	3 3	64 64	5 5	375 375	а 
	YAKIMA Judicial District	206 206	599 599	184 184	1766 1766	5 5	180 180	77 77	3017 3017	2
	TOTAL STATE	7919	18748	8255	45317	932	8913	733	90817	

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# Table 61 CIVIL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF CASE, 1981

					CASE, 19	01	
Torts	Commercial	Property Rights	Domestic Relations	Admin. Law Review	Other Petitions & Complaints	Appeals from Lwr.Cts.	TOTAL CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
19	41	16	81	0	8	2	167
19	41	16	81		8	2	167
13 0 3 16	79 10 19 108	20 0 4 24	172 32 18 222	0 0 0	4 0 0 4	6 1 4 11	294 43 48 385
233	510	152	1342	13	106	14	2370
148	101	37	478	4	63	3	834
381	611	189	1820	17	169	17	3204
32	132	19	576	0	58	1	818
20	61	18	105	2	51	1	258
52	193	37	681	2	109	2	1076
20	67	23	324	2	17	1	454
20	70	29	188	4	7	1	319
40	137	52	512	6	24	2	773
210	512	221	1729	16	386	17	3091
210	512	22'	1729	16	386	17	3091
86	305	26	1008	11	254	10	1700
86	305	26	1008	11	254	10	1700
7	21	7	14	0	0	0	49
19	57	28	78	0	20	1	203
19	60	37	277	13	4	0	410
45	138	72	369	13	24	1	662
40	193	44	505	1	128	4	915
40	193	44	505		128	4	915
72	75	102	445	5	87	27	813
72	75	102	445	5	87	27	813
24 6 30	142 28 170	21 28	321 73	2 5	76 10	3 0	589 150
3015 3015	6152 6152	49 3089 3089	394 13020	7 217	86 2554	3 179	739 28226
113	294	134	13020	217	2554	179	28226
113	294	134	1140	0	80	10	
30 30	294 81 81	44	1140	0	80 33	10 10	177 <u>1</u> 394
8 42	57 9	44 33	196 139	0	33 24	10	394 263
50	66	6	79	1 2	1	1	139
17	326	39	218		25	2	402
17	326	10 10	676 676	4 4	35 35	0	1068 1068
3	22 22	1	86 86	3 3	13 13	0 0	128 129
29	473	68	247	1	26	2	483
135		≈ 174	1410	99	107	23	2311
164		242	1657	100	133	25	2794
7	43	31	207	1	21	2	312
7	43	31	207		21	2	312
43	128	59	168	4	16	1	419
19	7	6	18	0	5	0	55
62	135	65	186	4	21	1	474
774	2700	173	4433	52	28	5	8165
774	2700	173	4433	52	28	5	8165
92	677	28	763	40	,55	1	1656
92	677	28	763	40	55	. 1	1656
611	1347	641	3566	70	402	50	6687
611	1347	641	3566	70	402	50	6687
360	1405	276	3360	16	475	51	5943
360	1405	276	3360	16	475	51	5943
75 75	148 148	51 51	419 419	0	83 83	0	776 776
86	153	62	665	1	28	2	997
86	153	62	665		28	2	997
44 44	92 92	5 5	205 205	2	3 3	2 2 2	353 353
229 229	696 696	195 195	1450 1450	8	147 147	47 47	2772 2772
6723	17293	5918	40013	598	5415	483	76443
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		Dism. Lack of	Chng. of		Settled	itions b I/ Summ.	Disp.	Not	TOTAL		Proce	edings 1 Otl Pre-	by Type- her Hear	
	County/Court	Pros.	Venue	Jdgmt.	Dism.	Jdgmt.	Trial	Spec.	DISPOSED	Jury	Jury	Disp	_	Disp.
	ADAMS Judicial District	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	167 167	167 167	35 35	4 4	14 14	1	3 3
	ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District	48 0 14 62	1 0 0 1	140 27 21 188	98 14 8 120	5 2 5 12	2 0 0 2	0 0 0	294 43 48 385	14 2 2 18	3 1 1 5	54 12 6 72	0 13 0 13	3 1 1 5
	BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District	302 158 460	4 25 29	687 150 837	976 460 1436	114 25 139	287 16 303	0 0	2370 834 3204	385 95 480	38 21 59	962 114 1076	937 176 1113	126 33 159
	CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District	0 38 38	0 6 6	0 84 84	0 109 109	0 6 6	0 15 15	818 0 818	818 258 1076	147 21 168	8 4 12	5 63 68	9 106 115	6 29 35
	CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District	0 49 49	0 9 9	0 52 52	0 157 157	0 15 15	0 12 12	454 25 479	454 319 773	132 22 154	15 2 17	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
	CLARK Judicial District	154 154	9 9	2193 2193	496 496	52 52	187 187	0 0	3091 3091	300 300	32 32	1639 1639	1690 1690	678 678
	COWLITZ Judicial District	87 87	0	0	0	0	0	1613 1613	1700 1700	80 80	12 12	0	0	0
	FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS Judicial District	18 38 63 119	5 10 10 25	15 57 22 94	3 84 275 362	6 10 1 17	2 4 39 45	0 0 0	49 203 410 662	29 44 38 111	0 0 7 7	43 182 283 508	28 17 212 257	15 9 117 141
	GRANT Judicial District	121 121	22 22	167 167	508 508	24 24	64 64	9 9	915 915	85 85	15 15	698 698	370 370	162 162
	GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District	14 14	11 11	444 444	268 268	54 54	22 22	0 0	813 813	102 102	20 20	797 797	488 488	254 254
	ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District	0 15 15	0 3 3	0 13 13	0 103 103	0 6 6	0 10 10	589 0 589	589 150 739	79 10 89	7 4 11	471 90 561	0 70 70	0 29 29
	KING Judicial District	4124 4124	173 173	5758 5758	7194 7194	1123 1123	9854 9854	0	28226 28226	1509 1509	279 279	12631 12631	13708 13708	4699 4699
	KITSAP Judicial District	192 192	16 16	350 350	1194 1194	10 10	4 4	5	1771 1771	231 231	29 29	1155 1155	1155 1155	433 433
	KITTTITAS Judicial District	0 0	· 0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	394 394	394 394	72 72	4 4	0 0	0	0
	KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District	61 7 68	1 2 3	140 12 152	51 94 145	8 19 27	2 5 7	0 0 0	263 139 402	19 17 36	2 3 5	49 0 49	46 2 48	22 0 22
	LEWIS Judicial District	110 110	31 31	87 87	801 801	19 19	20 20	0	1068 1068	60 60	11 11	324 324	531 531	167 167
	LINCOLN Judicial District	Ŭ O	15 15	91 91	15 15	3 3	3 3	1	128 128	6 6	1	21 21	70 70	28 28
	MASON THURSTON Judicial District	78 161 239	3 44 47	113 1244 1357	261 693 954	11 65 76	16 104 120	1 0 1	483 2311 2794	39 192 231	7 20 27	180 932 1112	208 1160 1368	71 252 323
	OKANOGAN Judicial District	2 2	1	171 171	98 98	37 37	3 3	0	312 312	43 43	4 4	324 324	84 84	51 51
	PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District	1 9 10	4 0 4	224 20 244	172 16 188	15 10 25	000	3 0 3	419 55 474	83 18 101	6 2 8	238 30 268	11 13 24	113 23 136
	PIERCE Judicial District	12 12	97 97	5346 5346	1420 1420	228 228	1062 1062	0	8165 8165	675 675	119 119	402 402	462 462	200 200
	SKAGIT Judicial District	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0	1656 1656	1656 1656	200 200	26 26	534 534	499 499	188 188
	SNOHOMISH Judicial District	833 833	110 110	1666 1666	3262 3262	305 305	511 511	0	6687 6687	539 539	81 81	3232 3232	2818 2818	1137 1137
	SPOKANE Judicial District	0 0	0 0	′ 0 0	0 0	0	0	5943 5943	5943 5943	622 622	135 135	17502 17502	0	0
	WALLA WALLA Judicial District	1	2	52 52	40 40	2 2	3 3	676 676	776 776	71	32 32	245 245	26 26	⇒ 11 ⇒ 11
	WHATCOM Judicial District	2 2	6 6	608 608	268 268	20 20	93 93	0 0	997 997	130 130	34 34	999 999	687 687	203 203
	WHITMAN Judicial District	31 31	9 9	198 198	93 93	8 9	14 14	0 0	353 353	25 25	a 3 3	0	0	0
	YAKIMA Judicial District	350 350	20 20	690 690	1530 1530	69 69	113 113	0	2772 2772	186 186	42 42	1599 1599	1192 1192	300 300
60	TOTAL STATE	7093	649	20842	20761	2277	12467	12354	76443	6359	1034	45830	26789	9364
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		1	Table 63				
IIS	STORY	OF CRIN	AINAL FII	INGS: 19	76-1981		
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1001	 <u> </u>
ct	72 72	67 67	73 73	56 56	46	1981 82	
	38 32	73 40	77 33	53 •38	69*	82 65	
ct	14 84	10 123	4 114	-38 6 97	19 6 94	15 9 89	
ct	217 195 412	194 138 332	197 171 368	250 182 432	397 156 553	432 202 634	
ct	150 69 219	136 47 183	135 63 198	172 65 237	163 74	224 56	
et	253 42 295	248 41 289	370 64 434	303 91 394	237 344* 104*	280 332 131	
zt	536* 536	617 617	534 534	518 518	448 740	463 786	
t	295 295	236 236	335 335	369 369	740 411 411	786 460	
t	19 46 64 129	32 46 52 130	34 40 60 134	84 52 45 181	40* 41 75	460 27 23 104	
t	169 169	229 229	149 149	201 201	156 206*	154 202	
t	203 203	237 237	202 202	230 230	206 221 221	202 255	
t	118 56 174	105 38 143	104 18 122	90 23 113	124* 35	255 123 28	
F	4567 4567	4493 4493	4432 4432	4539 4539	159 5621 5621	151 4406	ł
Ŀ	535 535	486 486	446 446	475	495	4406 533	
:	65 65	91 91	84 84	80 80	495 136 136	533 117	
:	50 59 109	41 44 85	59 34 93	102 66 168	83 53 136	117 98 57	
•	345 345	319 319	273 273	328 328	294 294	155 348	
	64 64	44 44	30 30	41 41	49 49	348 43 43	
	148 382 530	147 339 486	102 314 416	153 445 598	161 468 629	184 495 679	
	133 133	160 160	156 156	199 199	142 142	176 176	
	107 15 122	114 14 128	99 13 112	107 15 122	119 22 141	108 15 123	
	1821 1821	1849 1849	2005 2005	1861 1861	2461 2461	2554 2554	
	123 123	133 133	266 266	158 158	259 259	208 208	
	558 558	624 624	747 747	1039 1039	1378 1378	1006 1006	
	1052 1052	988 988	1012 1012	1105 1105	1053 1053	957 957	
	251 251	303 303	225 225	196 196	254* 254	289 289	
	325 325	344 344	370 370	442 442	519 519	565 565	
	63 63	55 55	59 59	64 64	69 69	34 34	
	802 802	967 967	889 889	981 981	1000 1000	964 964	
	1053 Seported in	14141	14278	15224	17907*	16713	
	-ported in	1980 Report on	Caseloads and (	Operations of t	he Courts of Wa	shington.	

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		CR	IMIN/	L FII	INGS	BY T	YPE,	1981				
ounty/Court	Homicide	Sex Crimes	Assault	Robbery & Theft	Burglary		Controlled	l Other Felonies	SUB- TOTAL	Lwr.Ct. Appeals	тота	
DAMS Judicial District	1	1	15 15	22 22	11 11	4 4	14 14	9 9	77 77	5 5	. 8 8	
SOTIN DLUMBIA ARFIELD Judicial District	1 0 0 1	2 ⁶ 0 0 2	13 3 2 18	14 5 2 21	18 3 0 21	6 0 1 7	6 0 0 6	5 4 3 12	65 15 8 88	0 0 1 1	6 1 8	
ENTON	10	14	43	103	61	19	111	41	402	30	43	
RANKLIN	4	5	25	35	35	4	25	59	192	10	20	
Judicial District	14	19	68	138	96	23	136	100	594	40	63	
HELAN	4	20	20	27	37	14	38	41	201	23	22	
DUGLAS	1	7	7	16	6	5	2	9	53	3	5	
Judicial District	5	27	27	43	43	19	40	50	254	26	28	
LALLAM	2	24	30	61	48	21	24	84	294	38	33	
SFFERSON	2	11	13	20	15	3	3	26	121*	10	13	
Judicial District	4	35	43	81	63	24	27	110	415	48	46	
LARK	15	58	110	233	117	22	112	105	772	14	78	
Judicial District	15	58	110	233	117	22	112	105	772	14	78	
OWLITZ	3	33	38	58	89	19	54	136	430	30	46	
Judicial District	3	33	38	58	89	19	54	136	430	30	46	
ERRY	1	3	1	1	3	2	8	5	24	3	2	
END OREILLE	0	3	3	5	9	0	0	3	23	0	2	
IEVENS	2	7	7	7	21	2	16	31	93	11	10	
Judicial District	3	13	11	13	33	4	24	39	140	14	15	
RANT Judicial District	0	777	25 25	34 34	44 44	14 14	23 23	46 46	193 193	9 9	20 20	
RAYS HARBOR	5	8	25	41	58	15	28	60	240	15	25	
Judicial District	5	8	25	41	58	15	28	60	240	15	25	
SLAND	6	8	10	2	34	2	31	18	111	12	12	
AN JUAN	0	2	5	4	5	0	2	10	28	0	2	
Judicial District	6	10	15	6	39	2	33	28	139	12	15	
ING	89	240	317	1212	790	137	342	587	3714	692	440	
Judicial District	89	240	317	1212	790	137	342	587	3714	692	440	
ITSAP	6	13	46	148	62	64	45	75	459	74	53	
Judicial District	6	13	46	148	62	64	45	75	459	74	53	
ITTTITAS Judicial District	1	6	15 15	15 15	20 20	21 21	20 20	15 15	113 113	4 4	11	
LICKITAT	2	10	13	15	16	1	16	19	92	6	9	
KAMANIA	0	6	8	12	7	1	6	16	56	1	5	
Judicial District	2	16	21	27	23	2	22	35	148	7	15	
EWIS	3	23	32	39	57	11	53	115	333	15	34	
Judicial District	3	23	32	39	57	11	53	115	333	15	34	
INCOLN Judicial District	0	3 3	6	7 7	5 5	2 2	3 3	15 15	41 41	2 2	4	
ASON	2	11	17	48	21	21	40	20	180	4	18	
HURSTON	17	17	50	117	116	23	66	85	491	4	49	
Judicial District	19	28	67	165	137	44	106	105	671	8	67	
KANOGAN Judicial District	0	7 7	21 21	16 16	23 23	8	58 58	36 36	169 169	777	17 17	
ACIFIC	1	6	13	27	20	2	2	26	97	11	10	
AHKIAKUM	0	1	6	3	1	0	0	4	15	0	1	
Judicial District	1	7	19	30	21	2	2	30	112	11	12	
IERCE	35	129	242	487	320	224	335	697	2469	85	255	
Judicial District	35	129	242	487	320	224	335	697	2469	85	255	
KAGIT Judicial District	8	20 20	21 21	36 36	43 43	12 12	18 18	40 40	198 198	10 10	n 20 20	
NOHOMISH	18	40	101	272	139	84	155	138	947	59	100	
Judicial District	18	40	101	272	139	84	155	138	947	59	100	
POKANE Judicial District	9	34 34	28 28	84 84	71 71	20 20	23 23	97 97	954* 954	3	95 95	
ALLA WALLA Judicial District	6 6	5 5	31 31	45 45	44 44	11	29 29	112 112	283 283	6	28 28	
HATCOM	11	19	37	124	66	45	103	138	543	22	56	
Judicial District	11	19	37	124	66	45	103	138	543	22	56	
HITMAN Judicial District	2 2	2	4 4	5	9 9	3	4	2	31 31	3	3 3	
AKIMA	15	19	92	202	193	91	112	191	915	49	96	
Judicial District	15	19	92	202	193	91	112	191	915	49	96	
TOTAL STATE	282	824	1495	3604	2637	934	1927	3123	15442*	1271	1671	

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County/Court	of Venue	or Def	Acquit	and	Not	TOTAL DISPOSED	Non- Jury	Jury	Arraign- ments			Post
ADAMS Judicial District	0	0	0	0 0	61 61	61 61	0	4 4	0	2 2	0 0	0
ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District	0 0 0	33 3 2 38	1 0 0 1	15 6 4 25	0 0 0 0	49 9 6 64	0 0 1 1	3 0 1 4	53 15 8 76	41 7 11 59	0 4 0 4	13 1 3 17
BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District	10 0 10	41 0 41	9 2 11	331 147 478	0 0	391 149 540	4 0 4	35 22 57	385 165 550	687 101 788	373 70 443	185 27 212
CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District	0 0 0	0 17 17	0 10 10	0 32 32	218 0 218	218 59 277	9 0 9	19 0 19	126 50 176	137 59 196	0 32 32	0 51 51
CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District	0 0	0 51 51	0 4 4	0 39 39	225 3 228	225 97 322	6 2 8	18 7 25	0 0 0	0 0 0	0000	0 0 0
CLARK Judicial District	0	40 40	4 4	477 477	0	521 521	8 8	58 58	130 130	617 617	153 153	161 161
COWLITZ Judicial District	0 0	96 96	14 14	301 301	0	411 411	15 15	50 50	0 0	0	0	0
FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS Judicial District	0 0 3 3	8 13 17 38	0 3 4 7	17 22 64 103	0 0 1 1	25 38 89 152	1 0 1 2	0 0 5 5	19 20 74 113	33 52 121 206	8 15 83 106	11 60 92 163
GRANT Judicial District	0	45 45	5 5	150 150	0	200 200	6 6	19 19	130 130	337 337	155 155	107 107
GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District	1 1	8 8	2 2	168 168	0 0	179 179	11 11	46 46	222 222	776 776	214 214	207 207
ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District	0 0 0	0 2 2	0 1 1	0 14 14	83 0 83	83 17 100	7 0 7	9 6 15	161 21 182	0 3 3	0 13 13	0 15 15
KING Judicial District	388 388	585 585	78 78	3393 3393	0 0	4444 4444	523 523	536 536	3889 3889	7645 7645	3761 3761	3474 3474
KITSAP Judicial District	1	352 352	15 16	103 103	0	472 472	28 28	71 71	391 391	1285 1285	392 392	456 456
KITTTITAS Judicial District	0	0	0 0	0	107 107	107 107	3 3	6	0 0	0	0	0
KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District	0 0	10 9 19	1 10 11	72 11 83	0 0 0	83 30 113	1 1 2	7 2 9	119 20 139	21 15 36	10 3 13	46 1 47
LEWIS Judicial District	12 12	33 33	9 9	239 239	0 0	293 293	20 20	34 34	317 317	604 604	35 35	439 439
LINCOLN Judicial District	0	9 9	0 0	22 22	0 0	31 31	03- 0	1	22 22	40 40	25 25	8 8
MASON THURSTON Judicial District	0 5 5	47 34 81	2 4 6	104 427 531	0 0 0	153 470 623	7 6 13	5 29 34	155 363 518	175 856 1031	143 445 588	100 157 257
OKANOGAN Judicial District	2 2	48 48	9 9	72 72	0 Ö	131 131	10 10	16 16	216 216	227 227	55 55	19 19
PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District	0 1 	37 5 42	10 6 16	67 21 88	0 0 0	114 33 147	5 8 13	12 4 16	103 16 119	192 20 212	26 18 44	145 17 162
PIERCE Judicial District	9 9	868 868	502 502	1140 1140	0	2519 2519	34 34	119 119	2214 2214	1296 1296	1184 1184	797 797
SKAGIT Judicial District	0 0	0	. 0 0	0 0	235 235	235 235	5 5	15 15	174 174	169 169	117 117	56 56
SNOHOMISH Judicial District	33 33	262 262	16 16	709 709	0	1020 1020	36 36	123 123	876 876	2545 2545	681 681	557 557
SPOKANE Judicial District	0	0 0	0	0 0	787 787	787 787	48 48	74 74	3994* 3994	0	0 0	0
WALLA WALLA Judicial District	0 0	42 42	0	10 10	287 287	339 339	0	21 21	77 77	175 175	17 17	777
WHATCOM Judicial District	49 49	61 61	7 7	310 310	0 0	427 427	13 15	64 64	344 344	1288 1288	376 376	222 222
WHITMAN Judicial District	0	11 11	0	26 26	0	37 37	3 3	1	• 0	0	0	0
YAKIMA Judicial District	51 51	138 138	3.	758 758	0 0	950 950	16 16	33 33	938 938	949 949	904 904	722

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	HIS	TORY C	OF JUVEN	LE FILI	NGS: 1970	0-1981					
	County/Court	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981				
	ADAMS Judicial District	17 17	19 19	48 48	32 32	41 41	37 37				-
	ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District	39 15 0 54	40 10 6 56	55 19 0 74	45 20 6 71	51 8 0 59	40 8 0 48				
	BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District	437 105 542	439 159 598	438 117 555	595 166 761	640 217 857	590 171 761				
	CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District	100 46 146	111 56 167	167 86 253	249 106 355	186 89 275	273 111 384				n
	CLALLAM JEFFERSON	129 33 162	237 37 274	165 30 195	836 55 891	794 63 857	833 66 899				
	Judicial District CLARK Judicial District	899 899	756 756	910 910	997 997	1452 1452	1310 1310				
	COWLITZ Judicial District	339 339	348 348	495 495	444 444	429 429	575() 575				
	FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS Judicial District	15 35 42 92	11 24 59 94	32 75 174 281	26 54 123 203	19 73 119 211	43 80 184 307				
	GRANT Judicial District	225 225	234 234	265 265	251 251	321 321	412 412				
	GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District	103 103	155 155	296 296	346 346	419 419	436 436		[ ]		ny manganganganganganganganganganganganganga
	ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District	84 12 96	312 12 324	287 23 310	102 32 134	84 42 126	175 39 214				
	KING Judicial District	4140 4140	4592 4592	5271 5271	6466 6466	6519 6519	6604 6604				
	KITSAP Judicial District	366 366	364 364	418 418	749 749	776 776	862 862				
	KITTTITAS Judicial District	14 14	35 35	70 70	92 92	91 91	123 123				
	KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District	49 23 72	32 22 54	59 29 88	92 97 189	82 83 165	111 84 195	."			
	LEWIS Judicial District	120 120	185 185	289 289	429 429	466 466	457 457				
	LINCOLN Judicial District	34 34	40 40	24 24	39 39	34 34	40 40				
	MASON THURSTON Judicial District	84 268 352	85 288 373	150 529 679	217 880 1097	222 736 958	211 845 1056				
	OKANOGAN Judicial District	154 154	162 162	141 141	192 192	356 356	168 168	н Ма			
	PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District	23 4 27	41 (/ 5 46	66 14 80	140 18 158	148 10 158	145 18 163				
	PIERCE Judicial District	1135 1135	1021 1021	1074 1074	1473 1473	2279 2279	2974 2974				
	SKAGIT Judicial District	295 295	392 392	283 283	254 254	269 269	271 271				
	SNOHOMISH Judicial District	1032 1032	1444 1444	1957 1957	1677 1677	1905 1905	1953 1953		94 1		
	SPOKANE Judicial District	1506 1506	1470 1470	1654 1654	1493 1493	1760 1760	2060 w 2060				
	WALLA WALLA Judicial District	181 181	∞ 133 133	268 268	218 218	229 229	240 240	1			
	WHATCOM Judicial District	233 233	245 245	322 322	557 557	507 507	533 533			*	
	WHITMAN Judicial District	58 58	50 50	38 38	55 55	62 62	44 44				
	YAKIMA Judicial District	1039 1039	1193 1193	1068 1068	1213. 1213	1391 1391	1298 1298				
	TOTAL STATE	13433	14824	17406	20836	22972	24424		a .		
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____ Juris. Decln, County/Court ADAMS Judicial District 2 ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District 11 CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District CLARK Judicial District COWLITZ Judicial District 21 FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS Judicial District 15 GRANT Judicial District 30 GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District KING Judicial District KITSAP Judicial District KITTTITAS Judicial District KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District LEWIS Judicial District LINCOLN Judicial District MASON THURSTON Judicial District 12 OKANOGAN Judicial District PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District PIERCE Judicial District SKAGIT Judicial District SNOHOMISH Judicial District SPOKANE Judicial District 3 WALLA WALLA Judicial District WHATCOM Judicial District WHITMAN Judicial District YAKIMA Judicial District TOTAL STATE 252

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# Table 67

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	Jı	ivenile	Offenses	(Delind	luency)					
	Dispos		by Type- victed	Not	TOTAL	Pr	oceedings Pre-	by Type Hearings	Post-	
Dism.		. Supvar	. Inst.	Spec.	DISPOSED	Trials	Disp.	Other	Disp.	
2	0	9 9	1 1	16 16	30 30	3 3	5 5	20 20	1	
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3 186	1 15	37 301	2 35	ĩ 0	47 546	0 53	6 345	2 434	3 115	
6 192	1 16	58 359	7 42	0	75 621	14 67	42 387	0 434	5 120	
0 0 0	0 0 0	0 34 34	0 3 3	151 0 151	151 48 199	19 0 19	201 19 220	141 36 177	42 25 67	
37 7 44	33 0 33	332 7 339	25 1 26	0 13 19	430 41 471	238 1 239	365 0 365	29 0 29	27 0 27	
0	0	0	0	1084 1084	1084 1084	0 0	0	0 0	0	
9 9	4	249 249	84 84	0 0	367 367	37 37	191 191	285 285	84 84	
3 4 23 30	1 6 4 11	9 29 91 129	4 28 8 40	0 0 0	20 73 132 225	2 0 8 10	46 74 77 197	3 13 109 125	6 19 9 34	
43 43	9 9	161 161	46 46	0	289 289	29 29	463 463	285 285	82 82	
62 62	64 64	146 146	89 89	0	363 363	36 36	237 237	250 250	27 27	
0 5 5	0 0 0	0 19 19	0 1 1	55 0 55	55 32 87	0 1 1	167 43 210	0 12 12	0 4 4	
1747 1747	98 98	2485 2485	381 381	0 0	4749 4749	1340 1340	4067 4067	2817 2817	1886 1886	
13 13	55 55	561 561	40 40	0	678 678	126 126	1084 1084	21 21	218 218	
0	0	0	0	65 65	65 65	4 4	0	0	0	
7 3 10	0	18 13 31	12 2 14	0 0 0	44 18 62	0 6 6	48 16 64	15 13 28	8 10 18	
54 54	24 24	167 167	71 71	0	321 321	213 213	237 237	26 26	45 45	
2	0	22 22	2	0	28 28	0 0	44 44	22	5 5	
13 79 92	3 16 19	87 323 410	45 117 162	0 0	160 535 695	10 44 54	184 484 668	136 530 666	42 90 132	
17 17	8	35 35	15 15	0 0	78 78	42 42	118 118	37 37	14 14	
16 1 17	1	67 7	18 3	0	116 13	19 8	145 19	0	26 1	.1
3	1 13	74 1204	21 202	0 0	129 1446	27	164 346	2 0	27 430	
. 3 0	13 0	1204 0	202 0	0 193	1446 193	78 0	346 226	io O	430 0	
0 82	0 87	0 697	0 100	193	193 967	0 96	226 1206	0	0 350	
82	87	697	100	0	967	96	1206	1220	350	
0	0	0	0	1469 1469	1469 1469	36 36	9748 9748	0	0	
12 12	2	45 45	11 11	37 37	110 110	10 10	101 101	51 51	15 15	
4	12 12	273 273	29 29	0	333 333	80 80	331 331	235 235	107 107	
5 5	0	8 8	13 13	0	30 30	0	0	0	0 0	
211 211	30 30	619 619	134 134	- 0 0	994 994	148 148	348 348	490 490	200 200	
2659	487	8113	1529	3090	16130	2701	21033	7234	3896	65

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## JUVENILE CASE ACTIVITY

				j		Dependency					<u> </u>
		 (b	Disp Without	ositions				Proceedings	бу Туре-		
	County/Court	of Venue	Fact	After Fact Finding	Not Spec.	TOTAL DISPOSED	Shelter Care	Fact Finding	Other	Post- Disp.	
	ADAMS Judicial District	0 0	0	0	3 3	3	2	0 0	7 7	1	
	ASOTIN COLUMBIA	1	8 0	3 1	0	12 1	14 0	1	6 3	1	
	GARFIELD Judicial District	0 1	0 8	0 4	0 0	0 13	0 14	0 1	0	0	
	BENTON FRANXLIN Judicial District	1 0 1	26 1 27	29 12 41	000	56 13 69	24 7 31	28 43 71	110 77 187	174 0 174	
	CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District	0 0 0	0 8 8	0 15 16	22 0 22	22 24 46	1 1 2	11 1 12	83 22 105	114 24 138	
	CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District	0 0 0	0 4 4	0 .) 1	80 11 91	80 16 96	15 6 21	67 0 67	53 0 53	54 0 54	
	CLARK Judicial District	0	0	0	179 179	179 179	0	0	0	0	
	COWLITZ Judicial District	0 0	9 9	82 92	0	91 91	26 26	79 79	4 4	113 113	
	FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS	2 0 0	1 2 10	0 15 15	1 0 0	4 17 25	6 21 3	5 2 13	10 25 11	0 44 39	
	Judicial District GRANT	2	1.3 29	30 6	1	46 36	30 24	20 15	46 102	83 82	
	Judicial District GRAYS HARBOR	1	29 8	6 15	0 17	36 44	24 164	15 15	102	82 15	
	Judicial District	4	8	15	17	44	164	15	22	ି <b>15</b>	
	ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District	0 0 0	0 3 3	0 4 4	28 0 28	28 7 35	24 0 24	3 4 4 7	0 4 4	0 3 3	
	KING Judicial District	40 40	347 347	260 260	0	647 647	954 954	117 117	320 320	695 695	
	KIMSAP Judicial District	1	32 32	81 81	0 0	114 114	134 134	74 74	98 98	321 321	
	KITTTITAS Judicial District	0 0	0	0	11 11	11 11	0	0	0	0	
	KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District	2 0 2	5 6 11	13 27 40	0	20 33 53	7 6 13	6 14 20	44 12 56	21 43 64	
	LEWIS Judicial District	1 1	17 17	25 25	0	43 43	23 23	40 40	20 20	\$1 91	
	LINCOLN Judicial District	0 0	1	3	0	4 4	2	2 2	1 1	4 4	
	MASON THURSTON Judicial District	0	22 0 22	16 0 16	0	38 0 38	38 40 78	11 75 86	35 77 112	66 124 190	
	OKANOGAN Judicial District	1	5 5	16 16	0	22 22	17 17	21 21	18 18	29 29	
	PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District	3 0 3	2 0 2	26 2 28	0	31 2 33	12 2 14	23 6 29	7 4 11	64 0 64	
	PIERCE Judicial District	0	0	0	0	0	109 109	601 601	175	1170 1170	
	SKAGIT Judicial District	0 0	0 0	0	41 41	41 41	128 128	0	0	0	
	SNOHOMISH Judicial District	0 0	46 46	15 15	0 0	61 61	56 56	20 20	335 335	354 354	
	SPOKANE Judicial District	0 0	0 0	0 0	557 557	557 557	0 0	335 335	3588 3588	0	
	WALLA WALLA Judicial District	0	4 4	777	3	14 14	777	6 6	11	0 O	
	WHATCOM Judicial District	1 1	6	40 40	0	47 47	25 25	34 34	77 77	249 249	
•	WHITMAN Judicial District	· · 3 3	4 4	12 12	0	19 19	0 0	0 0	0	0	
	YAKIMA Judicial District	0 0	777	88 88	0	95 95	70 70	173 173	81 81	381 381	
	TOTAL STATE	61	613	830	953	2457	1968	1845	5442	4276	
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# County/Court ADAMS Judicial District ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District CLARK Judicial District COWLITZ Judicial District FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS Judicial District GRANT Judicial District GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial District KING Judicial District KITSAP Judicial District KITTTITAS Judicial District KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District LEWIS Judicial District LINCOLN Judicial District MASON THURSTON Judicial District OKANOGAN Judicial District PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District PIERCE Judicial District

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# Table 69 HISTORY OF PROBATE, GUARDIANSHIP, AND ADOPTION FILINGS: 1976-1981

	]	1976-1981				
1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	
73	60	51	60	52	53	
73	60	51	60	52	53	
94 33	74 33	101	64 22	88 28	68 25	
27 154	29 136	21 19 141	32 118	18 134	19 112	
275	268	312	330	437	399	
136	118	123	114	92	99	
411	386	435	444	529	498	
235	234	218	270	238	237	
106	82	79	81	83	79	
341	316	297	351	321	316	
204	181	186	235	242	258	
84	68	66	78	113	91	
288	249	252	313	355	349	
497	575	541	746	768	837	
497	575	541	746	768	837	
240	251	248	241	257	219	
240	251	248	241	257	219	
27	26	26	32	26	18	
36	26	38	30	52	28	
95	115	118	100	,96	97	
158	167	182	162	174	143	
216	224	231	218	240	183	
216	224	231	218	240	183	
283	291	281	250	304	297	
283	291	281	250	304	297	
218	192	198	164	175	190	
37	33	26	33	42	46	
255	225	224	197	217	236	
5464	5475	5369	5205	5916	6410	
5464	5475	5269	5205	5916	6410	
570	532	542	605	626	719	
570	532	542	605	626	719	
91 91	96 96	101	83 83	84 84	118 118	
56	57	47	54	68	69	
31	39	44	60	44	34	
87	96	91	114	112	103	
236	238	226	243	197	273	
236	238	226	243	197	273	
100	77	102	82	86	82	
100	77	102	82	86	82	
150	133	141	144	145	155	
336	405	451	537	507	552	
486	538	592	681	652	707	
103	115	133	108	97	137	
103	115	133	108	97	137	
112	86	92	77	73	82	
10	14	15	15	13	11	
122	100	107	92	86	93	
1583	1546	1714	1925	1602	2004	
1583	1548	1714	1925	1602	2004	
279	290	319	296	329	337	
279	290	319	296	329	337	
994	959	1030	1285	1332	1365	
994	959	1030	1285	1332	1365	
1635 1635	1643 1643	1719	1687 1687	1689 1689	1754 1754	
292	293	244	291	262	271	
292	293	244	291	262	271	
445	421	429	411	483	439	
445	421	429	411	483	439	
169	129	165	153	155	146	
169	129	165	153	155	146	
757	734	719	884	966	986	
757	734	719	884	966	986	
16329	16164	16685	17245	18025	19187	

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HISTOR	YOFN	<b>IENTAL</b>	ILLNESS	FILINGS:	1976-1981		
County/Court	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	
ADAMS Judicial District	6	7 7	5 5	8 8	7 7	5 5	
ASOTIN Columbia	2	7	14	13 2	24 10	21 2	
GARFIELD Judicial District	0	1 9	1	0 15	2 36	1 24	
BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District	62 17 79	59 16 75	47 19 66	24 12 36	55 21 76	74 34 108	
CHELAN DOUGLAS	36 0	21 0	34 0	26 0	35	54 2	
Judicial District	36	21	34	26	40	56	
CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District	2 1 3	11 1 12	33 1 34	31 6 37	42 4 46	62 4 66	
CLARK Judicial District	141 141	153 153	209 209	190 190	186 186	168 168	
COWLITZ Judicial District	34 34	51 51	54 34	37 37	28 28	66 66	
FERRY PEND OREILLE	0	0	0	0	0 2	0 5	
STEVENS Judicial District	4 4	9	7	19 19	21 23	26 31	
GRANT Judicial District	29 29	19 19	46 46	42 42	45 45	64 64	
GRAYS HARBOR Judicial District	79 79	61 61	41 41	57 57	37 37	45 45	
ISLAND SAN JUAN	2 2	5 0	13	14	28 0	24 0	
Judicial District	4 611	5 713	13 1006	14 1617	28 2144	24 2043	
Judicial District KITSAP	611 67	713 69	1006	1617	2144 129	2043 164	
Judicial District	67	69	80	130 130	129	164	
KITTTITAS Judicial District	0	0	0	0	0	0	
KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial District	5 1 6	2 10 12	2 9 11	2 28 30	5 16 21	8 11 19	
LEWIS Judicial District	33 33	63 63	72 72	97 97	89 89	62 62	
LINCOLN Judicial District	2	3 3	0	5	10 10	9	
MASON	12	12	15	18	18	18	
THURSTON Judicial District	158 170	129 141	119 134	160 178	146 164	149 167	
OKANOGAN Judicial District	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial District	3 0 3	9 0 9	14 0 14	0 0 0	13 0 13	9 0 9	
PIERCE Judicial District	592 592	593 593	678 67,8	776 776	1082 1082	1071 1071	
SKAGIT Judicial District	1	8 8	13 13	78 78	135 135	145 145	
SNOHOMISH Judicial District	262 262	269 269	208 208	273 273	311 311	357 357	
SPOKANE Judicial District	306 306	205 205	271 271	243 243	630 630	832 832	
WALLA WALLA Judicial District	62 62	91 91	85 85	170 170	150 150	133 133	y at
WHATCOM Judicial District	27 27	25 25	54 54	57 57	56	77 77	
WHITMAN Judicial District	18 18	12 12	9 9	13 13	24 24	27 27	
YAKIMA Judicial District	102 102	175 175	194 194	238 238	210 211	324 224	
TOTAL STATE	2679	2810	3334	4386	5720	5996	

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# Table 71

# PROBATE, GUARDIANSHIP, ADOPTION AND MENTAL ILLNESS CASE ACTIVITY, 1976-1981

					roceedings		
M.I.	Adopt.	Guard.	Probate	м,І.	Adopt.	Guard.	Probate
- 0 0	0 0	0 0	3 3	0	0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 4	1	10 2	0	0	0	0
0 0	0 4	0 1	2 14	0 0	0	0	0
32 6 38	218 1 219	41 3 44	53 7 60	0 0 0	7 0 7	0 0 0	0 0 0
0 0 0	35 18 53	79 15 94	226 54 280	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	4 1 5
0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
29 29	237 237	153 153	405 405	3 3	0	0	0 0
0	0	1	0 ¹	0 0	0	2 2	3 3
0 5 2 7	4 20 12 36	3 18 18 39	5 43 44 92	0 0 0	1 0 0 1	0 2 0 2	0 0 1 1
2	34 34	52 52	116 116	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0	48 48	13 13	90 90	0	1 1	0 0	1 1
8 0 8	47 10 57	25 7 32	106 22 128	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 1	0 0 0
1975 1975	1479 1479	1439 1439	4477 4477	0	0 0	3 3	6 6
48 48	236 236	87 87	115 115	0	2 2	2	0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0
9 0 9	12 0 12	15 0 15	62 11 73	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
0	12 12	13 13	27 27	0	0 0	0	0 0
0 0	9 9	9 9	22 22	0 0	C D	0	0 0
4 59 63	21 116 137	29 45 74	61 186 247	0 0	0 1 1	0 1 1	0 4 4
0 0	21 21	24 24	97 97	0 0	0	0 0	0 0
4 0 4	0 0	20 8 28	74 15 89	0 0 0	0	0 0	3 0 3
1760 1760	264 264	40 40	830 830	7 7	7 7	0 0	3 3
29 29	58 58	75 75	229 229	0	3 3	2 2	1 1
112 112	717 717	177 177	214 214	0	13 13	1	1 1
521 521	161 161	944 944	2505 2505	o o	2 2	1 1	10 10
19 19	12 12	2	3 3	0 0	0	<b>0</b>	0
1	84 84	49 49	125 125	2 2	1	0	1 1
0	بہ ت 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
275 275	237 237	55 55	169 169	2 2	3	2	1
4900	4127	3460	10410	14	41	17	40

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b	umber of	Civi	 L on-	Crimina	1 0n-	Held	Other		Trial/ Rati		Per J Jury		
	ludges	Jury J		Jury Ju 4	ury . O	Juvenile 3	Cases O	TOTAL 46	0.234	0.066		38.0	
ADAMS Judicial District	1	4	35	4	ō	3	0 0	46 20	0.234	0.066 0.061	8.0	38.0	
ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial District	1	3 1 1 5	14 2 2 18	3 0 1 4	0 1 1	0 0	0 0 0	3 5 28	0.070 0.063 0.060	0.000 0.333 0.078	9.0	19.0	
BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial District	4.43*	38 21 59	385 95 480	35 22 57	4 0 4	53 14 67	7 0 7	522 152 674	0.178 0.139 0.168	0.100 0.148 0.113	26.2	126.0	
CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial District	2	8 4 12	147 21 168	19 0 19	9 0 9	19 0 19	4 1 5	206 26 232	0.189 0.097 0.167	0.128 0.000 0.101	15.5	100.5	
CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial District	2	15 2 17	132 22 154	18 7 25	6 2 8	238 1 239	0 0 0	409 34 443	0.324 0.075 0.221	0,107 0.093 0.102	21.0	200.5	
CLARK	5	32 32	300 300	58 58	8 8	N/R N/R	3 3	401 401	0.107 0.107	0.127 0.127	18.0	62.2	
Judicial District	3	12 12	80 80	50 50	15 15	37 37	5 5	199 199	0.054 0.054	0.158 0.158	20.7	45.7	
Judicial District FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS		0 0 7	29 44 38	0 0 5 5	1 0 1 2	2 0 8 10	1 2 1 4	33 46 60 139	0.592 0.217 0.110 0.178	0.040 0.000 0.067 0.046	12.0	127.0	
Judicial District GRANT	1	7 15	111 85	19	6	29	0	154	0.109	0.125	17.0	60.0	
Judicial District	2	15 20	85 102	19 46	6 11	29 36	2	154 217 217	0.150	0.318	33.0	75.5	
Judicial District ISLAND SAN JUAN		20 7 4	102 79 10	46 9 6	11 7 0 7	36 0 1 1	2 1 0 1	103 21 124	0.130 0.093 0.135	0.193 0.353 0.220	13.0	49.0	
Judicial District	2	11 279	89 1509	15 536	523	1340 1340	9	4196 4196	0.063 0.063	0.238	20.9	86.7	
Judicial District	. 39	279 29	1509 231	536 	523 28	126	. 4	489	0.147	0.210	20.0	77.8	
Judicial District	5	29 4	231 72	71 6	28 3	126 4	4	489 89 89	0.147	0.084	10.0	79.0	
Judicial District	1	4	72 19	-6 7	3 1	4	0	29	0.080	0.096			
SKAMANIA Judicial Distric	- 1	3	17 36	2 9	1	6 6	0	29 58	0.102	0.097	14.0	44.0	
LEWIS Judicial Distric	t 2	11 11	60 60	34 34	20 20	213 213	0	338 338	0.066	0,184	22.5	146.5	
LINCOLN Judicial Distric	t 1	1 1	6 6	1	0	, 0 0	0	8 8	0.055	0.032	2.0	6.0	
MASÓN THURSTON Judicial Distric	t 5	7 20 27	39 192 231	5 29 34	7 6 13	10 44 54	0 6 6	68 297 365	0.095 0.092 0.092	0.074 0.075	12.2	60.8	
OKANOGAN Judicial Distric	t 1	4 4	43 43	16 16	10 10	42 42	0	115	0.151	0.198	20.0	95.0	
PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial Distric	t 1	6 2 8	83 18 101	12 4 16	5 8 13	19 8 27	3 0 3	128 40 168	0.212 0.364 0.230	0.364	24.0	144.0	
PIERGE Judicial Distric		119 119	675 675	119 119	34 34	78 78	17 17	1042 1042	0.097		18.3	61.8	
SKAGIT Judicial Distric		26 26	200 200	15 15	5 5	0	6	252 252	0.130		20.5	105.5	
SNOHOMISH Judicial Distric		81 81		123 123	36 36		15 15	590 890	0.09		25.5	85.8	
SPOKANE Judicial Distri		135 135		74 74	48 48		13 13	928 928	0.12		20.9	71.9	
WALLA WALLA Judicial Distri		32	71	21 21	0	10 10		134 134	0,13 0,13		26.9	40.5	
WHATCOM Judicial Distri		34 34	130	64 64	15 15			327 327	0.16 0.16		32.	7 76.3	
WHITMAN Judicial Distri			25	1					マ・07 0・07		4.0	28.0	
YAKIMA		4:	196	33	16	5 148			0.08		15.	0 71.6	
Judicial Distri	ct 5 125.4	4: 3 1034	ų .	1475					0.09	0.149	20.	0 79.8	

County/Court ADAMS Judicial Di ASOTIN COLUMBIA GARFIELD Judicial Di BENTON FRANKLIN Judicial Di CHELAN DOUGLAS Judicial Di CLALLAM JEFFERSON Judicial Di CLARK Judicial Di COWLITZ Judicial Di FERRY PEND OREILLE STEVENS Judicial Di GRANT Judicial Di GRAYS HARBOR Judicial Di ISLAND SAN JUAN Judicial Di KING Judicial Di KITSAP Judicial Di KITTTITAS Judicial Di KLICKITAT SKAMANIA Judicial Di LEWIS Judicial Di LINCOLN Judicial Di MASON THURSTON Judicial Di OKANOGAN Judicial Di PACIFIC WAHKIAKUM Judicial Di PIERCE Judicial Di SKAGIT Judicial Di SNOHOMISH Judicial נה SPOKANE Judicial Di WALLA WALLA Judicial Di WHATCOM Judicial Di WHITMAN Judicial Di

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# Table 73

# JUDICIAL WORKLOAD, 1980 and 1981

			······································		1000					······
	Number			ed Caselozd Per Judge	Workload	-	Fil	lings per	Judge	
County/Court	of Judges	1981	1980	Percent Increase	in Judge Years		1981	1980	Percent Increase	
ADAMS Judicial District	1	29,204 29,204	25,444 25,444	14.8% 14.8%	( 0.50)		385.0 385.0	354.0 354.0	8.8% 8.8%	
ASOTIN COLUMBIA		34,384 7,779	38,521 9,280	-10.7% -16.2%			552.0 129.0	628.0 149.0	-12.1% -13.4%	
ARFIELD Judicial District	1	4,212 46,375	4,592 52,393	-8.3% -11.5%	( 0.84)		70.0 751.0	72.0 849.0	-2.8%	
ENTON		57,218	65,083	-12.18			853.5	990.5	-13.8%	
RANKLIN Judicial District	4.43*	27,984 85,202	29,087 94,170	-3.8% -9.5%	( 5.89)	I	353.3 1206.8	408.8 1399.3	-13.6% -13.8%	
HELAN OUGLAS		60,329 18,245	52,707 22,501	14.5% -18.9%			975.0 288.0	872.5 306.5	11.7%	
Judicial District	2	78,574	75,208	4.5%	( 2.86)	1	1263.0	1179.0	7.1%	
LALLAM EFFERSON		85,612	90,028 21,100	-4.9% 10.0%			1307.5 314.0	1333.0 326.5	-1.98 -3.88	
Judicial District	2	108,822 93,432	111,128 100,603	-2.18 -7.18	( 3.96)		1621.5 1451.8	1659.5 1537.6	-2.3% -5.6%	
Judicial District	5	93,432	100,603	-7.1%	( 6.74)		1451.8	1537.6		
OWLITZ Judicial District	3	67,169 67,169	62,612 62,612	7.3% 7.3%	( 2.91)		1008.0 1008.0	970.3 970.3	3.9%	
ERRY END OREILLE		17,207 20,640	16,204 25,005	6.2% -17.5%			239.0 315.0	219.0 363.0	9.1% -13.2%	
TEVENS Judicial District	1	54,760 92,607	45,037 86,296	21.5% 7.3%	( 1.68)	1	868.0 1422.0	752.0 1334.0	15.48 6.68	
RANT Judicial District	2	62,016 62,016	56,121 56,121	10.3%	( 2.11)		984.5 984.5	884.0 884.0	11.4% 11.4%	
RAYS HARBOR Judicial District	2	89,407 89,407	90,146 90,146	-0.8% -0.8%	( 3.04)		1289.0 1289.0	1299.5 1299.5	-0.8% -0.8%	
SLAND	. *	46,168	42,188	9.4%			762.5	728.0	4.78	
AN JUAN Judicial District	2	9,888 56,056	10,272 52,460	-3.78 6.98	( 2.04)		148.5 911.0	139.5 867.5	6.5% 5.0%	
ING Judicial District	39	81,073 81,073	95,598 95,598	-15.28 -15.28	(42,75)		1222.0	1451.7 1451.7	-15.8% -15.8%	
ITSAP Judicial District	5	60,155 60,155	73,721 73,721	-18.4% -18.4%	(4.34)		1021.0	1234.0	-17.38	
ITTTITAS Judicial District	1	63,640 63,640	65,457	-2.8%		-	885.0	1234.0 888.0	-0.3%	
LICKITAT	<b>-</b> .	49,147	65,457 39,206	-2.8% 25,4%	( 1.08)		885.0 671.0	888.0 574.0	-0.3% 16.9%	
KAMANIA Judicial District	1	28,693 77,840	31,831 71,037	-9.98 9.68	( 1.42)	1	364.0 1035.0	424.0 998.0	-14.28 3.78	
EWIS Judicial District	2	73,960 73,960	63,920 63,920	15.7% 15.7%	(2.51)		1151.0 1151.0	1039.0 1039.0	10.8% 10.8%	
INCOLN		18,484	20,124	-8.1%			331.0	352.0	-6.0%	
Judicial District ASON	1	18,484 16,231	20,124 15,802	-8.1% 2.7%	( 0.31)		331.0 222.6	352.0 222.0	-6.0% 0.3%	
HURSTON Judicial District	5	62,733 78,964	58,924 74,726	6.58	( 6.17)	د	963.6 1186.2	920.6 1142.6	4.78	
KANOGAN		88,242	76, 296	15.5%		;	1173.0	1186.0	-1.18	
Judicial District	1	88,242 58 540	76,196 62,670	15.5%	( 1.50)	1	1173.0	1186.0	-1.1%	
AHKIAKUM Judicial District	1	58,540 8,800 67,340	10,392 73,052	-6.6% -15.3% -7.8%	( 1.22)		824.0 109.0 933.0	866.0 112.0 978.0	-4.8% -2.7% -4.6%	
IERCE		112,756	134,901	-16.48			1599.2	1867.3	-14.48	
Judicial District KAGIT Judicial District	13	80,061	134,901 74,330	-16.48	(19.82)	1	1599.2	1867.3	-14.4%	
NOHOMISH /	2	80,061 93,358	74,370 101,093	7.78 -7.78	(2.72)		1359.5 1444.9	1218.0 1503.9	11.6% -3.9%	
Judicial distict	8	93,358	101,093	-7.7%	(10.10)	1	1444.9	1503,9	-3.98	
POKANE Judicial District	10	80,455 80,455	79,774 79,774	0.9% 0.9%	(10.88)		1378.0 1378.0	1395.8 1395.8	-1.3% -1.3%	
ALLA WALLA Judicial District	2	64,025 64,025	57,231 57,231	11.9% 11.9%	( 2,18)		900.5 900.5	870.0 870.0	3,5% 3,5%	
HATCOM Judicial District	3	91,586 91,586	87,838 87,838	4.38	( 3.96)		1231.7 1231.7	1231.3 1231.3	0.0%	
HITMAN Judicial District	1	31,324 31,324	39,584 39,584	-20.9% -20.9%	(0.53)		626.0 626.0	679.0 679.0	-7.8% -7.8%	
AKIMA Judicial District	5	88,255 88,255	90,699 90,699	-2.78			1297.8	1349.4	-3.88	
wisting	25.43	82,737	90,899 89,441		( 6.36) (150.42)	נ נ	1297.8	1349.4	-3.8%	

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# The Courts of Limited Jurisdiction



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# **OVERVIEW**

Several changes occurred in the courts of limited jurisdiction during 1981, including the decriminalization of traffic offenses and the advent of recording of courtroom procedures. The former put a new type of case before these courts and may have had a substantial impact on traffic enforcement. The latter changed their status and resulted in a reduction in superior court caseloads by the near-elimination of *de novo* appeals.

Courts of limited jurisdiction experienced an increase of 6.2 percent in the volume of traffic caseloads during 1981. Criminal misdemeanor filings for 1981 were only slightly more than those in the previous year (+1.2 percent). Civil and small claims filings declined in 1981 by 8.2 and 12.6 percent, respectively, despite increases in court jurisdiction for civil and small claims that were implemented during the year. (See Table 74).

#### Table 74 COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION FILINGS, 1980 AND 1981

	1980	1981	Percent Change
Traffic	851,163 (76.3%)		+6.2%
Traffic Infractions	s <u> </u>	(745,556)	
Criminal Traffic	(851,163)	(158,770)	
Criminal			
Misdemeanor	141,429 (12.7%)	143,166 (12.0%)	+1.2%
Civil	82,632 (7.4%)	75,869 (6.4%)	-8.2%
Small Claims	30,422 ( 2.7%)	26,577 (2.3%)	-12.6%
Felony			
Preliminary	10,324 ( 0.9%)	10,678 ( 0.9%)	+3.4%
TOTAL CASES			
FILED	1,115,970 (100%)	1,160,616 (100%)	+4.0%

A comparison of data for 1981 and 1980 revealed that the volume of criminal and traffic cases filed by state and county law enforcement officials increased 10.5 percent and criminal cases filed by city law enforcement decreased 4.2 percent. Municipal traffic filings remained fairly constant.

### Table 75 FILINGS OF CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASES BY JURISDICTION 1980 AND 1981

		1980	1981	Percent Change
S	TATE/COUNTY LAW F	ENFORCEMENT		
	raffic	426,052	471,168	+10.6%
	riminal	07.000		
M	lisdemeanor/Felony	65,600	<u>72,030</u>	+9.8%
	Total State/County	491,652	543,198	+10.5%
М	IUNICIPAL LAW ENFO	DRCEMENT		
T	raffic	425,111	433,158	+1.9%
С	riminal Misclemeanor	86,153	81,814	-5.0%
	Total Municipal	511,264	514,972	0.7%

District courts handled all cases filed by state and county law enforcement, almost all civil and small claims matters filed in the courts of limited jurisdiction, and 22.9 percent of all cases filed by municipal police. (See Table 94.) Consequently, district courts received two-thirds of all cases filed in the courts of limited jurisdiction during 1981. Twenty-eight traffic violations bureaus received over 80,000 traffic and criminal cases and transferred all but 37,492 of these to district courts for processing.

The number of jury trials reached the highest point to date during 1981 (1,840). Non-jury trials were less than in 1980 (127,011) but much higher than in any previous year. Cases involving charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) accounted for a larger share of all trials than would be expected. Though DWI cases represented only 3.1 percent of the total caseload, they accounted for 45.5 percent of the jury trials and 10.0 percent of all non-jury trials and contested hearings for traffic infractions.

Superior court statistics show a dramatic decrease in the number of criminal appeals from the courts of limited jurisdiction filed in 1981 compared to 1980. Almost half (49.7 percent) of the appeals of traffic and criminal matters heard in district and municipal courts during 1981 were heard *de novo*. However, 68 percent of the *de novo* appeals were filed in the first three months of the year. It

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is likely those were for cases which had been filed in 1980 prior to the implementation of electronic recording. Only 3.4 percent of the 1981 de novo appeals for traffic cases or criminal misdemeanor were filed during the last three months of 1981.



#### INTAKE

Decriminalization of traffic offenses resulted in the creation of a new type of case for courts of limited jurisdiction: the traffic infraction. The caseload of these courts now consists of six types of cases: traffic infractions, criminal traffic citations, criminal misdemeanor complaints, civil cases, small claims, and criminal felony complaints (for preliminary proceedings). Traffic and criminal cases are filed by state and county law enforcement personnel in district courts while those initiated by municipal law enforcement are filed either in a municipal court or in the district court with which their city contracts for court services. Thirty municipal jurisdictions have traffic violations bureaus in which traffic and minor criminal matters are initially filed. If the prescribed penalty is not paid or the bail not forfeited or, if the matter requires a court appearance, the case is transferred to the trial court for processing.

#### COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION



#### Filings of Traffic Matters

There were 904,326 traffic matters filed in the courts of limited jurisdiction during 1981 which included 745,556 traffic infractions and 158,770 criminal traffic citations. This marked the largest annual increase in traffic caseloads in four years.

#### Table 76 TOTAL FILINGS OF TRAFFIC CASES 1976-1981

Year	Filings
1976	746,510
1977	820,030
1978	855,726
1979	835,000*
1980	851,163
1981	904,326
*Adjusted for	estimated under-reporting

Of the 745,556 traffic infractions filed in 1981, 53.0 percent (394,891) were filed by state and county law enforcement and 47.0 percent by municipal law enforcement. In comparison, 48.0 percent of the criminal traffic infractions were filed by state and county law enforcement and 52.0 percent by municipal officials. Total traffic filings by state and county officers increased by 10.6 percent over 1980, whereas comparable filings by municipal law enforcement only increased 1.9 percent.

Traffic caseloads for 1980 were subdivided into "major traffic" and "minor traffic" categories, according to whether a court appearance was statutorially mandated for the most serious offense charged. Major traffic offenses were almost all retained as criminal traffic violations after decriminalization while most minor traffic offenses were reclassified as traffic infractions.

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Annual Percent Change

+9.9%+4.4% -2.4% +2.2%+6.2%

ng by courts.



Figure 32

A number of minor traffic offenses were not decriminalized and are still considered as criminal traffic offenses. Included among them are negligent driving, failure to cooperate or give identification to an officer, transportation of dangerous articles, and offenses relating to certificates of ownership and registration. The inclusion of those traffic offenses formerly classed as "minor" in criminal traffic offenses helps to explain the increase from 82,296 major traffic filings in 1980 to 158,770 criminal traffic filings in 1981 and the decline from 768,867 minor traffic filings in 1980 to 745,556 traffic infractions in 1981. (See Table 77.)



# Table 77 FILINGS OF TRAFFIC CASES BY TYPE, 1980 AND 1981

1980	Minor Traffic Offenses* Major Traffic Offenses* Total Traffic Cases Filed, 1980	768,867 ( 90.3%) 82,296 ( 9.7%) 851,163 (100.0%)
1981	Traffic Infractions DWI Citations Other Criminal Traffic	745,556 ( 82.4%) 36,178 ( 4.0%)
	Citations Total Traffic Cases Filed, 1981	<u>122,592 (13.6%)</u> 904,326 (100.0%)

*During 1980 traffic offenses were classified as "major" if a court appearance was statutorially mandated; all other traffic offenses were classified as "minor."

Almost one out of every four (22.8 percent) criminal traffic citations filed in 1981 involved charges of DWI or physical control of a vehicle while intoxicated. Since 1981 was the first year in which statistics have been collected on DWI cases, no comparison can be made with prior years.

### Filings of Criminal Cases

There were 143,166 criminal misdemeanor complaints filed in the courts of limited jurisdiction during 1981 including 61,352 from state and county law enforcement and 81,814 from municipal law enforcement. District courts also received 10,678 felony matters for preliminary proceedings.

The filings of misdemeanors increased by 1.2 percent in 1981 relative to 1980. (See Table 78.)

# Table 78 FILINGS OF CRIMINAL CASES BY TYPE

#### 1976-1981

Year	Misder	neanor	Felony		
· · ·	Nunber	Annual Percent Change	Number	Annual Percent Change	
1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981	102,981 110,643 117,471 119,991 141,429 143,166	+7.4% +6.2% +2.1% +17.9% +1.2%	9,083 6,731 7,524 9,876 10,324 10,678	_25.9% +11.8% +31.3% +4.5% +3.4%	
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#### Figure 33

Felony matters were filed in 28 district courts for preliminary hearings or other proceedings. Principal among these felony-related proceedings are preliminary hearings at which the court is asked to find sufficient cause to bind a defendant over for trial in superior court on a felony charge. Also included in this category are fugitive complaints which request the extradition of an alleged fugitive. Nearly two-thirds (64.5%) of all felony matters filed in the district courts in 1981 were in King County, particularly in Seattle District Court. Although felony tilings increased by 4.8 percent in King County District Courts relative to 1980, they showed little change in the district courts in the rest of the state. Felony filings in superior courts increased both in King County and in the other counties.

### Table 79 FILINGS OF FELONY CASES DISTRICT COURTS VS. SUPERIOR COURTS 1980 AND 1981

King County Superior Court King County District Courts

State Less King County Superior Courts* District Courts *This category includes counties in matters are not filed in district courts.

### Filings of Civil and Small Claims Cases

After large increases in civil and small claims filings during the two previous years, courts of limited jurisdiction experienced a drop in both types of cases in spite of a mid-year increase in jurisdictional limits. In 1979, the jurisdiction for civil cases was increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The jurisdiction for small claims was also raised. Increases in case filings were, therefore, expected. In July 1981, the jurisdiction for civil cases was increased further to \$5,000 and that for small claims was increased to \$1,000.

#### Table 80 FILINGS OF CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS CASES 1976-1981

	Civ	vil*	Small Claims		To	tal
		Annual Percent		Annual Percent		Annual Percent
Year	Number	Change	Number	Change	Number	Change
1976	46,750	<del></del>	20,911		67,661	<u> </u>
1977	50,681	+8.4%	21,074	+0.8%	71,755	+6.1%
1978	52,948	+4.5%	21,456	+1.8%	74,404	+3.7%
1979	69,115	+30.5%	25,339	+18.1%	94,454	+26.9%
1980	82,632	+19.6%	30,422	+20.1%	113,054	+19.7%
1981	75,869	-8.2%	26,577	-12.6%	102,446	-9.4%
*Includes civil cases filed in district courts and Seattle Municipal Court.						

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1980	1981	Percent Change				
3,603	3,714	+3.1%				
6,566	6,883	+4.8%				
11,140	11,728	+5.3%				
3,758	3,795	+1.0%				
which felony preliminary						



Figure 34

Civil filings in district courts have been compared with selected civil filings in superior courts (i.e., torts, commercial cases, and property rights cases) for which damages are generally claimed. The mid-1979 increase in district court jurisdiction was accompanied by an increase in the number and percentage of the civil cases filed in district courts in both 1979 and 1980. Civil filings for 1981 declined at both court levels but the percentage of civil cases filed in the district courts remained at the level achieved in 1980.

#### Table 81 FILINGS OF CIVIL CASES SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS 1976-1981

		1,		Percent
	Superior	District		Filed, in
Year	Courts*	Courts	Total	Distric Court
1976	28,419	46,750	75,169	62.2%
1977	30,919	50,681	81,600	62.1%
1978	32,029	52,948	84,977	62.3%
1979	36,421	69,115	105,536	65.5%
1980	38,268	82,632	120,900	63.3%
1981	34,922	75,869	110,791	68.5%
*Includes	only tort,	commercial an	nd property	rights cases.

## COURT ACTIVITY

For purposes of this report, "Court Activity" includes trials and other court proceedings; criminal traffic and misdemeanor diversions and dispositions of cases; appeals to the superior court; and the collection of fees, fines, penalties and bail forfeitures. Although courts and court personnel engage in far more activities than are referenced by these categories, statistics have been collected only in these areas. Because of the decriminalization of traffic offenses and a change in statistical counting requirements and procedures, comparable figures for prior years are not available for dispositions and proceedings.

The decriminalization of traffic cases created not only a new type of case for the district and municipal courts but also a new type of proceeding: the contested hearing. Ostensibly similar to a non-jury trial, a contested hearing is for the purpose of determining if an alleged offender has committed a traffic infraction based on the evidence presented on the infraction form and the testimony of witnesses. An individual charged with a traffic infraction has an opportunity to contest the infraction in a contested hearing. Alternatively, the defendant may admit to having committed the infraction and present mitigating circumstances at a mitigation hearing in an attempt to have the penalty reduced.

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Because the mitigation hearing is uncontested and does not require the presence of the prosecutor or law enforcement officer who issued the infraction, it was felt that such a change would reduce the number of contested proceedings heard by the courts.

Even though the district and municipal courts experienced an increase of 44,646 filings in 1981 compared to 1980, the number of trials (including contested hearings for traffic infractions in 1981) decreased by 9,964 from 1980 to 1981. The overall decline was a result of a reduction of 10,080 non-jury trials relative to an increase of 116 jury trials.

### Table 82 FILINGS VS. TRIALS BY TYPE OF TRIALS 1976-1981

	· · ·	Jury	<u>Trials</u>	Non-Jury	Trials			
Year	Cases Filed	Number	Ratio to Filings*	Number	Ratio to Filings*			
1976	926,235	1,355	1.46	89,087	96.2			
1977	1,009,159	1,657	1.64	102,397	101.5			
1978	1,055,125	1,555	1.47	109,286	103.6			
1979	1,059,231**	1,636	1.54	105,000**	99.1			
1980	1,115,970	1,724	1.54	137,091	122.8			
1981	1,160,616	1,840	1.59	127,011***	109.3			
	*Trials per 1,000 cases filed **Adjusted for estimated under providing by courts							

***Includes "Contested Hearings" for traffic infractions

#### Court Proceedings for Traffic Infractions

Traffic infractions are at issue in several types of court proceedings including mitigation hearings, contested hearings, show cause hearings, and other hearings in which the defendant may or may not participate (i.e., be present or be represented).

A show cause hearing is a proceeding allowed an offender who is faced with a sanction for failure to appear as promised or to pay a penalty as specified in a promissory note. Other court proceedings in which a traffic infraction is involved are classed as "participatory" hearings if the defendant is present or represented or as "nonparticipatory" hearings if the defendant is not. The most common type of participatory hearing held is the screening hearing at which an individual is presented with his options and a determination is made as to whether a contested hearing is needed or whether a mitigation hearing is appropriate. Three-fourths of all participatory hearings for 1981 were held in Seattle Municipal Court. It is possible for a single traffic infraction to result in several proceedings. However, an infraction may not result in both a mitigation hearing and a contested hearing.

During 1981, more mitigation hearings were held than any other type. The 164,131 mitigation hearings held represent 222 mitigation hearings held for every 1,000 infractions filed during the year. The number of mitigation hearings for traffic infractions (i.e., 164,131) is more than three and a half times the number of trials held for all criminal traffic citations (i.e., 44,719 jury and non-jury trials) and five times the number of contested hearings for traffic infractions (i.e., 32,832). This reflects the difference in the sheer number of traffic infractions relative to criminal traffic matters.

Traffic infractions resulted in 32,832 contested hearings, 4,064 show cause hearings, and 45,337 other hearings at which the defendant was present or represented.

To illustrate the likelihood a traffic matter will result in a proceeding before the court, the ratio of proceedings to filings was calculated. Based on these calculations, traffic infractions are far less likely to result in contested hearings (44.0 out of 1,000 filings) than DWI and other criminal traffic citations are likely to result in a jury or non-jury trial (281.7 per 1,000 filings).

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# Table 83COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR TRAFFICINFRACTIONS, 1981

	Number Proceedings	Per 1,000 Filings*
Mitigation Hearings	164,131	222.5
Contested Hearings	32,832	44.0
Suw Cause Hearings	4,064	5.5
Other Participatory		
Hearings	45,337	60.8
Non-Participatory Hearings	27,070	36.3
*737,761 traffic infractions	filed in 1981	

#### Court Proceedings for Criminal Traffic and Misdemeanor Cases

While only 22.8 percent of all criminal traffic citations involved DWI offenses, DWI's resulted in almost three times as many jury trials as did other criminal traffic citations. In addition, the number of jury trials per 1,000 DWI filings was rine times greater than the rate of jury trials ber filings for other criminal traffic citations. The number of non-jury trials for criminal traffic cases not involving DWI was two and a half times as great as for DWI cases. However, the likelihood that a DWI case would result in a non-jury trial was 38.6 percent greater than the possibility other criminal traffic citations would result in a non-jury trial, based on the number of such trials per 1,000 filings. The number of non-jury trials and the rate at which they occur were similar for both criminal misdemeanor complaints and non-DWI criminal traffic cases.

The number of other proceedings (i.e., show cause, other participatory, and non-participatory hearings) involving DWI cases was less than the number for other criminal traffic citations or criminal misdemeanor complaints. In contrast, the relative frequency with which they occurred (compared to the number of cases filed during the year) was higher for DWI cases than for either other criminal traffic or criminal misdemeanor cases.

#### Table 84 COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR COMPLAINTS, 1981

		Other	0	
Number of		Criminal	Criminal	
Proceedings	DWI	Traffic	Misdemeano	r <u>Total</u>
Jury Trials	837	300	643	1,780
Non-Jury Trials	12,656	30,926	34,735	78,317
Show Cause				
Hearings	1,375	2,515	2,035	5,925
Other Participatory				
Hearings	39,441	118,105	97,590	255,136
Non-Participatory	· ·			_
Hearings	11,093	39,240	29,036	79,369
Proceedings per 1,	000 Filing	8		
Jury Trials	23.1	2.4	4.5	5.9
Non-Jury Trials	349.8	252.3	242.6	259.4
Show Cause				
Hearings	38.0	20.5	14.2	19.6
Other Participatory				
Hearings	1,090.2	963.4	681.7	845.0
Non-Participatory				
Hearings	306.6	320.1	202.8	262.9
1981 Filings	36,178	122,592	143,166	301,936

#### Court Proceedings for Civil and Small Claims Cases

In 1981, the number of trials and contested hearings held for civil cases was 9,062 and 9,467 for small claims actions. There were also 11,763 uncontested hearings held for civil cases and 3,460 were held for small claims.

#### Table 85 COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS CASES, 1981

0	Number of Proceedings	Per 1,000 Filings*
Civil Cases		
Jury Trials	60	0.8
Non-Jury Trials	6,395	84.3
Contested Hearings	2,607	34.4
Uncontested Hearings	11,763	155.0
Small Claims Cases		
Trials or Contested Hearings	9,467	356.2
Uncontested Hearings	3,460	130.2
*75,869 civil cases and 26,577 1981	small claims ca	ses filed in
	<i>a</i>	

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#### Criminal Traffic and Misdemeanor Diversions

Diversion, the deferment of prosecution on the provision that certain probationary conditions be met, is an available alternative to the prosecution of an alleged offender. Probationary conditions often include participation of the defendant in programs which provide treatment for alcohol or drug abuse or other forms of counseling. During 1981 there were 3,401 DWI cases along with 2,305 other criminal traffic and 5,755 criminal misdemeanor cases against which prosecution was deferred. During the same period diversion was vacated (i.e., prosecution was resumed) against only 1,157 cases. This amounts to a "failure rate" of one in ten for defendants in diversion programs.

#### Table 86 DIVERSION OF CRIMINAL TRAFFIC AND MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS 1981

	DWI	Other Criminal Traffic	Criminal Misdemeanor
Citations/Complaints Where Prosecution Deferred	3,401	2,305	5,755
Citations/Complaints Where Diversion Vacated and Prosecution Resumed	369	337	451

#### **Disposition of Traffic Infractions**

A total of 650,325 traffic infractions were adjudicated during the year. Of these, 625.564 (96.1 percent) resulted in a determination that the offender had committed the infraction either by payment of the penalty (56.7 percent) or adjudication by the court (39.4 percent). A court may render a decision the offender has committed the offense after hearing testimony and considering evidence in a contested hearing, after considering mitigating circumstances in a mitigation hearing, or

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upon the failure of the alleged violator to respond to the notice of infraction within seven days of its receipt. Only 6,871 (1.1 percent) of the traffic infractions disposed resulted in an adjudication of "not committed," and 17,890 (2.8 percent) were dismissed.

## Table 87 TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS BY MANNER OF DISPOSITION, 1981

Manner of Disposition Committed Paid Not Committee Dismissed

(Due to traffic decriminalization, comparable available.)

# Disposition of Criminal Traffic Citations

Because all traffic offenses, whether major or minor, were criminal matters in 1980, any such case disposed of in 1981 was included under the disposition of criminal traffic citations. Consequently, the number of criminal traffic matters disposed of in 1981 (173,350) was larger than the number of cases filed during the year. The types of dispositions recorded in 1981 will be influenced by the patterns of dispositions for those cases filed prior to decriminalization and disposed of early in 1981.

The majority of disposed DWI cases (21,137 or 83.5 percent) were adjudicated as guilty. An additional 469 cases (1.9 percent) involved bail forfeitures. The remaining 3,695 cases (14.6 percent) were judged as not guilty or were dismissed.

A large portion of the criminal traffic cases, excluding DWI, resulted in bail forfeitures (34.4 percent) during 1981. This percentage is higher than may be expected in the future because it includes minor traffic offenses filed in 1980 and disposed of during the early part of 1981. The proportion of non-DWI traffic citations

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Number	Percent
256,518	39.4%
369,046	56.7%
6,871	1.1%
17,890	2.8%
650,325	100.0%
narable data for	1980 not

disposed of by bail forfeiture declined as the year progressed. For example, in January it was 58.2 percent of specified dispositions compared to 37.3 percent in April and 22.6 percent in October.

### Table 88 CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY MANNER OF DISPOSITION, 1981

Manner of Disposition	DW	7I	Other Cr Traff	
Guilty	21,137	83.5%	76,399	51.6%
Bail Forfeiture	469	1.9%	50,958	34.4%
Not Guilty	1,464	5.8%	5,074	3.4%
Dismissed	2,237	8.8%	12,967	8.7%
	25,307	100.0%	148,043*	100.0%

*Includes 2,640 citations for which manner of disposition was not specified.

(Due to traffic decriminalization, comparable data for 1980 are not available.)

#### Disposition of Criminal Misdemeanor Complaints

A total of 108,351 criminal misdemeanor complaints were disposed during 1981, of which almost three-fourths were by conviction or forfeiture of bail. Bail was forfeited on 23,533 misdemeanor complaints (21.7 percent of the total) while convictions by plea of guilty or following trial occurred in 56,154 misdemeanors (51.9 percent of the total). Acquittals were returned in 13,132 (12.1 percent) of the adjudicated misdemeanors and 15,532 (14.3 percent) were dismissed.

#### Table 89 CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR COMPLAINTS BY MANNER OF DISPOSITION, 1981

Manner of Disposition	Number
Guilty	56,154
Bail Forfeiture	23,533
Not Guilty	13,132
Dismissed	15,532
	100 251

Percent 51.9% 21.7% 12.1% 14.3% 100%

#### Disposition of Civil Cases

The district courts (and Seattle Municipal Court) reported the disposition of 62,294 civil cases in 1981. Half of the disposed civil cases during 1981 were concluded by default judgment. The number of other pretrial judgements on civil cases comprised 38.8 percent of all civil dispositions in 1981 while one of every ten civil cases disposed of resulted in a trial.

#### Table 90 CIVIL CASES BY MANNER OF DISPOSITION, 1981

Manner of Disposition	Number	Percent
Default Judgment	31,589	50.7%
Other Pretrial Judgment	24,173	38.8%
Judgment After Trial	6,532	10.5%
Total Reported Disposed	62,294	100.0%

#### Disposition of Small Claims

District courts reported the adjudication of 18,753 small claims in 1981. An additional 2,234 small claims were transferred to civil calendars. Most noteworthy among small claims dispositions is the large proportion (46.0 percent of those adjudicated) which resulted in a trial. This may have resulted, in part, from the increase in the small claims jurisdiction of the district courts during the year from \$500 to \$1,000.

#### Table 91 SMALL CLAIMS BY MANNER OF DISPOSITION, 1981

Manner of Disposition	Number	Percent
Default Judgment	5,339	28.4%
Other Pretrial Judgment	4,795	25.6%
Trial Judgment	8,619	46.0%
Subtotal	18,753	100.0%
Transferred to Civil	2,234	
TOTAL REPORTED DISPOSED	20,987	

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#### Appeals from Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

Since the advent of electronic tape recording of courtroom proceedings in January 1981, attention has been focused on the anticipated elimination of de novo appeals from the courts of limited iurisdiction. Electronic recording was implemented in all district courts and in most municipal courts in jurisdictions of 5,000 or more population. Cases may still be appealed *de novo* from many smaller municipal courts and from those courts with non-attorney judges.

Statistics on cases appealed during 1981, show the impact of electronic recording on the number of appeals during the transition. (See Table 92.) Initially high, the number of criminal traffic and misdemeanor cases appealed *de novo* to superior courts dropped considerably by the second quarter, then fell to an almost negligible amount by the end of the year. The number of cases appealed on the record appears to have settled on a level well below that of de novo appeals in prior years. This has had a significant impact in superior courts, particularly in King County where as much as 40 percent of the criminal caseload in prior years was de novo appeals.

Appeals De Novo					Appeals On the Record						
DWI	Other Criminal Traffic	Criminal Misdemeanor	Total	DWI	Other Criminal	Criminal	Tabal				
163 52	101	119	383	39	8	15	Total 62				
21	10	18	49	72 66		84 67	190 160				
241	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>19</u> 567	<u>54</u> 231	<u>31</u> 100	 	<u>162</u> 574				
	163 52 21 5	Other Criminal           DWI         Traffic           163         101           52         26           21         10           5         5	Other         Criminal         Criminal           DWI         Traffic         Misdemeanor           163         101         119           52         26         38           21         10         18           5         5         9	Other         Criminal         Criminal           DWI         Traffic         Misdemeanor         Total           163         101         119         383           52         26         38         116           21         10         18         49           5         5         9         19	Other         Criminal         Criminal           DWI         Traffic         Misdemeanor         Total         DWI           163         101         119         383         39           52         26         38         116         72           21         10         18         49         66           5         5         9         19         54	Other         Other         Other           Criminal         Criminal         Criminal         Other           DWI         Traffic         Misdemeanor         Total         DWI         Traffic           163         101         119         383         39         8           52         26         38         116         72         34           21         10         18         49         66         27           5         5         9         19         54         31	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $				

# Revenue Resulting from Court Activity

A total of \$46.5 million was received in the courts of limited jurisdiction during 1981 from fees, fines, penalties and bail forfeitures. This figure was 21.7 percent higher than in 1980, a considerably greater increase than the rise in caseloads of district and municipal courts.

Even though there was a decrease in filings, receipts for civil and small claims filing fees increased by 62.8 percent. This stems from an increase in filing fees for both civil (\$12 to \$20) and small claims (\$5 to \$10) during the year. Revenue from civil and small claims filing fees more than tripled between 1979 and 1981, rising from \$433,559 to \$1,392,457.

Receipts from fines, penalties and bail forfeitures for traffic offenses increased 22.6 percent from 1980 to 1981. This can be attributed to (1) the increase in traffic caseloads; (2) a higher penalty schedule implemented in 1981; and (3) increases in assessments added to traffic fines, bails, and penalties for special programs and/or funds. In addition to these receipts, courts of limited jurisdiction also received \$5.8 million for parking citations paid during the year.

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#### Table 92 APPEALS FROM COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION, 1981

#### Table 93 RECEIPTS FROM FEES, FINES, PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES 1980 AND 1981

Traffic Traffic Infractions Criminal Traffic	<b>198</b> 1 \$32,210,720	<b>1981</b> \$39,503,880 (22,727,627)	Percent Change +22.6%
Citations ^a Criminal Misdemeanor	(32,210,720)	(16,776,253)	
Complaints Civil/Small Claims	5,102,585	5,555,881	+8.9%
Filings	855,254	1,392,457	+62.8%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$38,168,559	\$46,452,218 ^b	+21.7%

^aReceipts from traffic infractions and criminal misdemeanor complaints occasionally included under criminal traffic. Does not include \$5,762,316 reported received in 1981 for parking citations. (During 1981, 745,868 parking citations were reported as filed in the courts of limited jurisdiction.)

## OUTLOOK

It will take time for district and municipal courts to absorb the significant and innovative changes that were instituted within their jurisdictions during 1981. Because these were combined with many other factors to affect caseloads of these courts, the full and precise impact of each cannot be determined at this time.

Changes in treatment of many traffic offenses and establishment of new penalty assessments were accompanied by increases in traffic filings and revenue. But the increase in jurisdiction for civil and small claims appears not to have resulted in a rise of filings for those cases.

It has become apparent that workloads have changed considerably, not only for judges but also for administrative staffs. Case volumes have increased and the nature of tasks performed has changed.

Decriminalization of traffic offenses necessitated new procedures as did electronic recording of proceedings. Establishment of new assessments for traffic and criminal penalties and changes in penalty schedules have increased the complexity of bookkeeping functions.

To keep abreast of these increasing workloads, including the need to compile a burgeoning amount of financial and caseload statistics, the District/Municipal Court Information System (DISCIS), a component of the Judicial Information System, continues to be developed.

Functional analysis and design and the acquisition of equipment needed to support operation of a planned mini-computer network for courts of limited jurisdiction was completed during 1981. Twenty-one courts are now served individually by IBM data entry stations modified to serve as limited

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function mini-computers. But in 1981, four additional courts participated in a pilot network established as an interim step towards obtaining funding and equipment acquisition approval for the new statewide network.

When completed, the statewide network will process the large amounts of data

	0110	PETOAD 1	HOIOKI				
District Courts	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1001	
					1000	1981	
STATE/COUNTY MATTERS Traffic Infractions					5		
Criminal Traffic							
Criminal Misdemeanor	377,344	412,419	448,477			394,891	
Civil	42,776	43,073	44,280	433,000**	120,002	76,227	
Small Claims	46,750	50,681	51,023	47,523	55,276	61,352	
Felony Preliminary	20,911	21,074	21,456	67,106	79,429	73,498	
TOTAL STATE/COUNTY MATTERS	9,083	6,731	7,524	25,339 9,876	30,422	26,577	
AND STATE/COUNTY MATTERS	496,864	533,978	572,760		10,324	10,678	
MUNICIPAL MATTERS*			012,100	582,844	601,503	643,273	
Traffic Infractions	-						
Criminal Traffic	147,035	147.177		·		68,982	
Criminal Misdemeanor		24,191	155,407	171,200**	177,922	26,414	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL MATTERS	177,211		26,031	23,230	28,472	22,505	
1. J. C.	• •	171,368	181,438	194,430	206,394		
	674,075	705,346	754,198	777,274	807,897	117,901	
Municipal Courts and Traffic Violations B	ureaue (1981)				160,100	761,174	
MUNICIPAL MATTERS	uiouus (1301)						
Traffic Infractions							
Criminal Traffic							
Criminal Misdemeanor	222,131	260,434	251,842	230,800**	247,189	281,683	
Civil (Seattle Muni, Ct.)	30,029 N/R	43,379	47,160	49,238	57,681	56,079	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL MATTERS		<u>N/R</u>	1,925	2,009	3,203	59,309	
	252,160	303,813	300,927	282,047	308,073	2,371	
All Courts of Limited Jurisdiction						399,442	
TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS							
State/County							
Municipal	-	. —	<u> </u>	_			
Total Traffic Infractions	·····		·			394,891	
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC						350,665	
State/County	<i>a</i> .				-	745,556	
Municipal	377,344	412,419	448,477				
	369,166	407,611	407,249	433,000**	426,052	76,277	
Total Criminal Treffic	746.510	820,030		402,000**	_425.111	82,493	
RIMINAL MISDEMEANOR		020,000	855,726	835,000**	851,163	158,770	
State/County	42,776	10.000					
Municipal	42,116	43,073	44,280	47,523	55,276	61.070	
Total Criminal Misdemeanor		67,570	73,191	72,463	<u>86,153</u>	61,352	
IVII.	102,981	110,643	117,471	119,991	141,429	<u>81,814</u>	
MALL CLAIMS	46,750	50,681	52,948			143,166	
MALL CLAIMS	20,911	21,074		69.115	82,632	75,869	
LONY PRELIMINARY	9,083		21,456	25 339	30,422	26,577	
DTAL CASELOADS	926,235	6,731	7,524	<u>,876</u>	10,324	10,678	
	320,233	1,009,159	1,055,125	1,059,321	1,115,970	1,160,616	

sted for estimated under-reporting by courts. N/R: not reported.

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generated by local courts and will serve as a common channel for the routing of data between the courts and the several state agencies which rely on court information, including the Departments of Licensing, Game, Transportation and the Washington State Patrol.

#### Table 94 COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION CASELOAD HIGTORY

# Table 95A

# CASES FILED, CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, AND RECEIPTS, 1981

County Court	Trffic Inf.	Crim. Traffic	Crim.	CIVIL CI	ASES FILE Small Claims	Felony	SUB- TOTAL	Traffic	Crim.	Misd.	SUB- TOTAL	TOTAL CASES FILED
ADAMS COUNTY OTHELLO DIST.CT.	1835	Сіво	125	129	33	5	2308	0		. 0	0	2308
RITZVILLE DIST.CT.	0 3474	0 82	0 106	0 23	11	2	0 3698	375 0	248	171	794 0	794
RITZVILLE TOTAL ADAMS COUNTY	0 5309	0 262	0 232	0 152	0 44	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0 6006	92 467	5 253	24 195	121 915	121 6921
ASOTIN COUNTY ASOTIN DIST.CT. ASOTIN MUNI.CT.	493 0	113	249	84 0	166 C	0	1105 0	0 293	0 17	0 14	0 324	1105 324
CLARKSTON MUNI.CT. TOTAL ASOTIN COUNTY	0 493	0	0 249	0	0 166	0	0 1105	899 1192	122 139	157 171	1178 1502	1178 2607
BENTON COUNTY BENTON DIST.CT. #1 BENTON CITY	3845 0	641 0	468 0	739 0	194 0	113 0	6000 0	0 261	0 76	0 58	0 395	6000 395
RICHLAND WEST RICHLAND	0 0	0	0	ů G	0	0	0	5216 311	1221	0 936 45	7373	7373
BENTON DIST.CT. #2 KENNEWICK	4387 0	1003	1195 0	2411	322 0	305	9623	3413	0 1246	0 1392	0 6051	9623 6051
PROSSER MUNI.CT. TOTAL BENTON COUNTY	0 8232	0 1644	0 1663	0 3150	0 516	0 418	0 15623	423 9624	263 2891	212 2643	898 15158	898 30781
CHELAN COUNTY CHELAN DIST,CT, CASHMERE MUNI.CT.	7122	1953 0	1652 0	757 0	196 0	135 0	11815	0 53	0	0	0 56	11815 56
CHELAN MUNI.CT. ENTIAT MUNI.CT.	0	C O	0	0	C	0	0	356 0	372	450	1178 0	1178
LEAVENWORTH MUNI.CT.	Ō	õ	õ	ō	ō	Ō	0	91	3 *	13	107	107
WENATCHEE MUNI.CT. TOTAL CHELAN COUNTY	0 7122	0 1953	0 1652	0 757	196	0 135	0 11815	2407 2907	920 1297	1207 % 1671	4534 5875	453 17690
CLALLAM COUNTY CLALLAM DIST.CT.* SEQUIM	3232 0	760 0	563 0	392 0	295 0	0	5242 0	0 283	0 160	95	0 538	5242 538
FORKS DIST.CT.	780	201	348	3	26	0	1358	0	0	0	0	1358
FORKS MUNI.CT. PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT. TOTAL CLALLAM COUNTY	0 0 4012	0 0 961	0 0 911	0 0 395	0 0 321	. 0 0 0	0 0 6600	197 2106 2586	68 585 813	80 509 684	345 3200 4083	345 3200 10683
CLARK COUNTY CLARK DIST.CT. CAMAS	27828 0	3959 0	3387 0	2162 0	2440	0	39776 0	0 405	0 257	0 239	0 901	39776 901
LACENTER	0	0	0	0	0	· 0 ··	0	. 33 //	8	18	59	59
VANCOUVER YACOLT*	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	0	5745	1464	1268 0	8477	8477 10
BATTLE GROUND MUNI.CT. RIDGEFIELD T.V.B.*	0	0	0	. O	0	0	0	539 . 0	233	158 [.] 1	930	930
WASHOUGAL MUNI.CT. TOTAL CLARK COUNTY	0 27828	0 3959	0 3387	0 2162	0 2440	Ő	0 39776	655 7385	124 2089	183 1867	962 11341	962 51117
COLUMBIA COUNTY		· .		. a		_		_				
COLUMBIA DIST.CT. DAYTON MUNI.CT.	363 0	45 0	230	24 0	15	0	677	0 165	0 36	0 28	229	677 229
TOTAL COLUMBIA COUNTY	363	45	230	24	15	ŏ	677	165	36	28	229	906
COWLITZ COUNTY COWLITZ DIST.CT. KALAMA	11790 0	852 0	1325 0	1072 0	570 0	0	15609 0	0 98	0 20	0 25	0 143	15609 143
KELSO LONGVIEW	0 0	0 G	0	0	0	0	0	1320 3631	351 786	533 1732	2204 6149	2204 6149
WOODLAND	- Ö	Ő ⁴	0	0	0	0	0	146	94	54	294	294
CASTLE ROCK MUNI.CT. TOTAL COWLITZ COUNTY	0 11790	0 852	0 1325	0 1072	0 570	0	0 15609	63 5258	4 1255	2355 0 ²³⁵⁵	78 8868	78 24477
DOUGLAS COUNTY DOUGLAS DIST.CT. WATERVILLE	2411 0	706 0	426 0	321 0	91 0	43 0	3998 0	0	° 0 5	0 13	0 29	3998 n 29
BRIDGEPORT MUNI.CT.*	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	0	0	23	32	17	72	72
EAST WENATCHEE MUNI.CT MANSFIELD MUNI.CT.*	. 0	.⊮ 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	929	166 0	187	1282	1282
TOTAL DOUGLAS COUNTY	2411	706	_ु 426	321	91	43	3998	963	203	217	1383	5381
FERRY COUNTY FERRY DIST.CT.	393	94	171	40	82	0	780	0	0	0	, v	780
REPUBLIC MUNI.CT. TOTAL FERRY COUNTY	0 393	0 94	0 171	0 40	0 82	0	0 780	82 82	46 46	71 71	199 199	199 979
FRANKLIN COUNTY									*,			
FRANKLIN DIST.CT. CONNELL MUNI.CT.	2819	529 0	714	1189	183	34	5468 0	0 77	0 52	0 19	0	5468 148
KAHLOTUS MUNI.CT.	ŏ	0	0	õ	0	Ø	0	0	<. O	0	0	. 0.
MESA MUNI.CT.* PASCO MUNI.CT.	. <i>U</i>	0	0	. 0°. 0	0	0	· 0	0 2609	0 1046	0 1056	4711	4711
TOTAL FRANKLIN COUNTY	2819	529	714	1189	183	34	5468	2686	1098	1075	4859	10327
GARFIELD COUNTY	000	10					43.5	•	•		0	41.5
GARFIELD DIST.CT. POMEROY MUNI.CT. TOTAL GARFIELD COUNTY	288 0 288	19 0 19	73 0 73	5 0 5	27 0 27	1 0 1	413 0 413	0 101 101	0 15 15	0 5 5	121 121	413 121 534
* Figures do not represe												

* Figures do not represent total court activity for 1981 because some monthly caseload reports were not submitted by the court.

N/R = Not Reported NOTE: The number of cases transferred from a court or traffic violations bureau to another filings in the originating court.

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 CASES FILE	D, CO	NTESTE	D PROC	CEEDING	S, AND	RECEI	PTS, 19	81
		TESTED PROC	PROTINGS	-				
County Court	1	rials	Cont.Hrg.	Traf. Inf.	Crim.Traf.		Civil &	
ADAMS COUNTY OTHELLO DIST.CT. OTHELLO RITZVILLE DIST.CT. RITZVILLE	1 4 2. 0	116 115 4 0	71 28 27 1 127	\$88,5)50 13,965 106,051 2,984 \$211,850	\$30,943 30,118 36,097 521 \$97,679	\$4,606 5,208 21,258 781	\$2,604 0 471 0	\$127,0 49,2 163,8
TOTAL ADAMS COUNTY ASOTIN COUNTY ASOTIN DIST.CT.	7	235 53	127 25 6 17 48					
ASOTIN DIST.CT. ASOTIN MUNI.CT. CLARKSTON MUNI.CT. TOTAL ASOTIN COUNTY	0 3 7	0 7 60	6 17 48	14,597 26,467 \$61,998	\$8,613 966 5,904 \$15,483	632 2,668 \$11,008	0 0 \$2,724	16,1 35,0 \$91,2
BENTON COUNTY BENTON DIST.CT. #1 BENTON DIST.CT. #1 RICHLAND WEST RICHLAND BENTON DIST.CT. #2 KENNEWICK PROSSER MUNI.CT. TOTAL BENTON COUNTY	4 0 5 3 8 0 20	737 31 951 75 1076 1186 75 4131	285 26 580 33 198 250 26 1398	\$0 0 152,868 131,707 12,138 \$296,713	272,615 29,373 165,531 144,263 23,748	\$36,457 968 25,827 1,951 44,250 102,609 8,721 \$220,783	\$3,400 0 46,821 0 0	\$329,1 12,5 298,4 31,3 409,4 378,5 44,6 \$1,504,0
CHELAN COUNTY CHELAN DIST.CT. CASHMERE MUNI.CT. CHELAN MUNI.CT. ENTLAT MUNI.CT. LEAVENWORTH MUNI.CT. WENATCHEE MUNI.CT. TOTAL CHELAN COUNTY				\$235,779 1,454 4,477 0 2,782 64,439 \$308,231				
CLALLAM COUNTY CLALLAM DIST.CT.* SEQUIM FORKS DIST.CT. FORKS MUNI.CT. PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT. TOTAL CLALLAM COUNTY				\$136,282 7,669 33,503 8,558 58,140 \$244,152		\$37,900	\$15,424 \$7,264 0 341 0 \$7,605	\$266,8
CLARK COUNTY CLARK DIST.CT. CAMAS LACENTER VANCOUVER YACOLT* BATTLE GROUND MUNI.CT. RIDGEFIELD T.V.B.* WASHOUGAL MUNI.CT. TOTAL CLARK COUNTY				\$673,024 14,090 1,128 143,004 516 21,853 0 26,336 \$879,951				
COLUMBIA COUNTY COLUMBIA DIST.CT. DAYTON MUNI.CT. TOTAL COLUMBIA COUNTY	10.0	17	2 0 2					\$28,3 9,9 \$38,3
COWLITZ COUNTY COWLITZ DIST.CT. KALAMA KELSO LONGVIEW WOODLAND CASTLE ROCK MUNI.CT. TOTAL COWLITZ COUNTY	42 0 25 0 67	380 19 458 744 35 26 1662	0 1 23 226 18 59 327	\$548,028 3,963 77,260 0 7,981 7,774 \$645,006	\$7,145 979 800 202,036 7,944 5,072 \$223,976	\$90,089 740 12,636 58,491 4,338 4,068 \$170,362	\$26,707 0 0 0 0 \$26,707	\$671,9 5,6 90,6 260,5 20,2 16,9 \$1,066,0
DOUGLAS COUNTY DOUGLAS DIST.CT. WATERVILLE BRIDGEPORT MUNI.CT.* EAST WENATCHEE MUNI.CT. MANSFIELD MUNI.CT.* TOTAL DOUGLAS COUNTY	19 0 2 0 21	117 1 10 27 0 155	56 0 21 0 77	\$83,570 166 1,069 52,527 0 \$137,332	\$49,309 130 1,560 7,661 0 \$58,660	\$13,605 587 2,329 5,967 0 \$22,488	\$7,161 0 0 0 \$7,161	\$153,6 8 4,9 66,1 \$225,6
FERRY COUNTY FERRY DIST.CT. REPUBLIC MUNI.CT. TOTAL FERRY COUNTY	2 0 2	40 27 67	11 6 17	\$19,803 2,406 \$22,209	\$10,511 4,993 \$15,504	\$13,068 7,490 \$20,558	\$1,225 0 \$1,225	\$44,6 14,∂ \$59,4
FRANKLIN COUNTY FRANKLIN DIST.CT. CONNELL MUNI.CT. KAHLOTUS MUNI.CT. MESA MUNI.CT.* PASCO MUNI.CT. TOTAL FRANKLIN COUNTY	1 7 0 0 0 8	514 1 0 517 1032	105 4 0 150 259	\$0 3,923 0 37,340 \$41,263	\$203,045 3,726 0 215,319 \$422,090	\$0 507 0 0 \$507	\$19,778 0 0 0 \$19,778	\$222,8 8,1 252,6 \$483,6
 GARFIELD COUNTY GARFIELD DIST.CT. POMEROY MUNI.CT. TOTAL GARFIELD COUNTY	0 1 0 1	⁰ 4 2 ∞6	3 0 3	\$8,893 2,977 \$11,870	\$810 1,150 \$1,960	\$3,602 472 \$4,074	\$313 \$313 \$313	\$13,6 4,5 \$18,2

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County Court

GRANT COUNTY GRANT DIST.CT. EPHRATA MATTAWA*

QUINCY MUNI.CT. WARDEN MUNI.CT. TOTAL GRANT COUNTY

MATTAWA* MOSES LAKE SOAF LAKE* COULEE CITY MUNI.CT.* ELECTRIC CITY MUNI.CT. GRAND COULEE MUNI.CT.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNT GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #1 MONTESANO GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #2

GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. # ABERDEEN MUNI.CT. COSMOPOLIS MUNI.CT. ELMA MUNI.CT. HOQUIAM MUNI.CT. MCCLEARY MUNI.CT. MCOTESANO T.V.B. OAKVILLE MUNI.CT. OCEAN SHORES MUNI.CT. WESTPORT MUNI.CT. TOTAL GRAYS HARBOR COUNT

ISLAND COUNTY ISLAND DIST.CT. CAMANO ISLAND DIST.CT. LANGLEY DIST.CT.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JEFFERSON DIST.CT. WEST JEFFERSON DIST.CT. PORT TOWNSEND MUNI.CT. TOTAL JEFFERSON COUNTY

COUPEVILLE MUNI.CT. LANGLEY MUNI.CT.* OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT. TOTAL ISLAND COUNTY

KING COUNTY AIRPORT DIST.CT. NORMANDY PARK AUKEEN DIST.CT.

AUBURN KENT BELLEVUE DIST.CT. BELLEVUE CLYDE HILL HUNTS POINT

MEDINA YARROW POINT FEDERAL WAY DIST.CT. ISSAQUAH DIST.CT.

ISSAQUAH DIST.CT. DES MOINES IS(AQUAH NORTH BEND SNOQUALMIE MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT.

MERCER ISLAND NORTHEAST DIST.CT. BOTHELL KIRKLAND

SKYKOMISH^{*} SNOQUALMIE RENTON DIST.CT. ROXBURY DIST.CT. SLATTLE DIST.CT. SHORELINE DIST.CT.

NORTH BEND REDMOND SKYKOMISH*

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#### CASES FILED, CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, AND RECEIPTS, 1981

CASES FIL	ΓŃ	CON	тгст	TUDIO	ROCI	FEDI	NGS.	AND	RECE	IPTS,	1981		
County Tr	ffic	Crim.	TATE/CO	UNTY CASES				ML Traffic	NICIPAL C Crim. Traffic	ASES FIL Crim, Misd,	ED SUB- TOTAL	TOTAL CASES FILED	
GRANT COUNTY GRANT DIST.CT. 9 EPHRATA MATTAWA* MOSES LAKE SOAP LAKE* COULEE CITY MUNI.CT.* ELECTRIC CITY MUNI.CT. GRAND COULEE MUNI.CT. QUINCY MUNI.CT.	0001 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 0000 0000 0000	1695 0 0 0 0 0 0	2203 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2203	683 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	379 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 379	51 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 51	14812 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 14812	0 401 7 999 72 0 134 466 380 86 2545	0 143 0 410 15 0 0 5 146 1 720	0 206 1 132 27 0 2 6 146 19 539	0 750 8 1541 114 0 136 477 672 106 3804	14812 750 8 1541 114 0 136 477 672 106 18616	
MONTESANO GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT.#2 ABERDEEN MUNI.CT. COSMOPOLIS MUNI.CT. HOQUIAM MUNI.CT. HOQUIAM MUNI.CT. MONTESANO T.V.B. OAKVILLE MUNI.CT. OCEAN SHORES MUNI.CT. WESTPORT MUNI.CT.	4956 0 3829 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	729 0 823 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1552	703 0 785 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1488	404 0 425 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	286 0 235 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 521	90 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	7168 0 6097 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 13265	0 71 0 2578 450 597 986 262 131 469 113 106 5763	0 146 0 683 33 219 511 41 1 42 64 131 1871	0 49 0 1586 17 128 248 104 26 68 97 84 2407	0 266 0 4847 500 944 1745 407 158 579 274 321 10041	7168 266 6097 4847 500 944 1745 407 158 579 274 321 23306	
ISLAND COUNTY	3038 152 827 0 0 4017	513 42 156 0 0 711	1269 69 137 0 0 1475	207 0 0 0 0 207	115 0 0 0 0 115	50 0 0 0 0 50	5192 263 1120 0 0 6575	0 0 51 47 2243 2341	0 0 4 16 445 463	0 0 1 4 114 119	0 0 56 67 2802 2925	5192 263 1120 56 67 2802 9500	
JEFFERSON COUNTY JEFFERSON DIST.CT. WEST JEFFERSON DIST.CT. PORT TOWNSEND MUNI.CT. TOTAL JEFFERSON COUNTY	1319 83 0 1402	289 20 0 309	457 35 0 492	126 0 0 126	85 0 0 85	15 0 0 15	2291 138 0 2429	0 0 363 363	0 161	0 0 257 257	0 0 781 781	2291 138 781 3210	
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* Figures do not represent total court activity for 1981 because some monthly case load reports were not submitted by the court. ** Subtotal and total include 2,371 civil cases filed in Seattle Municipal Court. TOTAL KING COUNTY

N/R = Not Reported NOTE: The number of cases transferred from a court or traffic violations bureau to another court have been deducted from the filings in the originating court.

SLATTLE DIST.CT. SHORELINE DIST.CT. VASHON ISLAND DIST.CY. ALGONA MUNI.CT. AUBOUN T.V.B. BELLEVUE T.V.B. BLACK DIAMOND MUNI.CT.* BOTHELL T.V.B. CARNATION MUNI.CT. ISSAGUAH T.V.B.* KENT T.V.B. KIRKLAND T.V.B. LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT. PACIFIC MUNI.CT. REDMOND T.V.B. RENTON MUNI.CT. TOTAL KING COUNTY

* Figures do not represent total court a N/R = Not Reported

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CONTESTED PROC	Cont.Hrg.			RECEIPTS -	Civil &	
y Non-Jury	Traf.Inf,	Traf. Inf.	Crim.Traf.	Crim.Miad.	Sm.Claims	TOTAL
1428 42	166	\$310,074	\$113,993	\$69,212	\$17,013	\$510,292
42	33 1	10,982 580	9,055	4,604 0	0	24,641 580
46	50	27,724	33,804	6,976	Ó	68,504
0	1	1,400	475 0	219	0	2,094 0
0	0	3,988	õ	35	ő	·4,023
2	7	15,413	148	749	. 0	16,310
235	41 0	16,525 3,294	17,285	11,027 628	0	44,837 4,026
1753	299	\$389,980	\$174,864	\$93,450	\$17,013	\$675,307
221	205	\$207,295	\$140,100	\$12,414	\$8,603	\$368,412
16 306	14 109	1,091 156,970	22,305 87,203	980 45,896	0 9,509	24,376 299,578
335	77	87,293	67,968	106,363	0	261,524
15 73	14 48	10,663 25,211	2,281 27,704	912 9,672	0	13,856
167	37	34,132	47,202	8,636	ŏ	62,587 89,970
36	11	8,929	5,942	3,160	0	18,031
. 11	48	5,575 27,535	0 3,276	0 2,694	0	5,575 33,505
20	6	3,883	15,277	3,963	ŏ	23,123
81 1281	6 575	983	1,109	350	. 0	2,442
1201	3/5	\$569,560	\$420,267	\$195,040	\$18,112	\$1,202,979
500 17	50 8	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$333 0	\$333 0
101	29	4,964	2,947	1,074	, Ŭ	8,985
0.5	2	2,685 1,185	2,198 609	750 144	0	5,633
198	37	1,185	0	144	0	1,938
821	126	\$8,834	\$5,754	\$1,968	\$333	<b>\$16.889</b>
a 126	25	\$55,605	\$35,889	\$17,625	\$2,341	\$111,460
158	. 1	3,450 14,951	1,078 21,446	1,649 11,341	0	6,177 47,738
289	34	\$74,006	\$58,413	\$30,615	\$2,341	\$165,375
1318	432	\$287,076	\$133,781	\$53,027	\$19,930	\$493,814
31 2303	21 839	11,865 310,771	6,110 199,013	823 104,954	0 58,043	18,798 672,781
447	234	35,334	70,382	32,237	0	137,953
1310 909	531 225	74,368 105,164	172,112	80,154	27 564	326,634
1083	468	177,814	216,064 115,373	11,325 81,038	37,564	370,117 374,225
19	22	14,187	4,337	355	o	18,879
1 18	1	1,077 9,090	401 4,393	634	0	1,478 14,117
4	7	4,638	1,233	352	ŏ	6,223
1767	784	733,061	258, 330	81,134	23,850	1,096,375
947	343 153	1,575 62,130	719,119 112,154	1,878	9,466 0	732,038 174,284
157	84	02/100	10,356	ŏ	ŏ	10,356
47	.8	25	3,217	0	. 0	3,242
30 299	13 67	20 3,150	3,476	0	4,905	3,496 128,297
255	87	2,884	82,692	608	0	86,184
1658 300	531 117	463,654 47,655	213,475 35,907	47,873 9,456	45,498 0	770,500
213	131	75,835	56,807	18,132	ő	93,018 150,774
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4	201	106,409 14		27,381 114	0	207,077 623
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2447 1819	476	334,905 200,334	202,272 104,090	58,037 38,389	34,460 13,287	629,474 356,100
4458	487	207,000	142,510	63,980	212,813	626,303
2253	754	371,981	232,118	57,676	18,715	680,490
134	18 33	10,401 33,288	6,321 6,909	2,413	1,116	20,251 40,676
0.	0	57,751	Ó	Q.	. 0	57,751
0 27	0 68	139,974	324	1,205	0	141,503
0	0	60,079 34,855	8,959	1,885	0	70,923 34,855
39	7	6,343	2,271	453	0	9,067
95	16	17,476	19,602	11,417	. 0.	48,495
0	0	19,989 107,446	0	. 0	. 0	19,989 107,446
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232	165	63,578	11,228	6,015	0	80,821
32 0	53 0	30,586 90,791	9,033 2,154	586 40	. 0	40,205
1445	266	213,475	281,650	124,398	0	619,523
16093 332	2718 271	2,879,638	1,487,403	766,811	10,119	5,143,971
43199	10999	117,541 \$7,619,629	69,639 \$5,200,188	65,606 \$1,750,865	\$489,766	252,783 \$15,060,448
	10999 1981 because			\$1,750,865		

CASES FII			STATE/C	OUNTY CA	SES FILED	)	SUB-	AND ]	NICIPAL C		1981 ^{ED}	TOTAL CASES
Court	Inf.	Crim. Traffic	Crim. Misd.	Civil		Felony	TOTAL	Int.	Traffic	Misd.	TOTAL	FILED
ITSAP COUNTY KITSAP DIST.CT. #1	7356	1064	512	370	168	0	9470 0	0 2855	0 568	0 361	0 3784	9470 3784
FORT ORCHARD KITSAP DIST.CT. #2	0 10281	0 1664	0 912	633	232	6	13728	0	0	0	0 10846	13728 10846
BREMERTON MUNI.CT. POULSBO MUNI.CT.	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	7004 N/R	1924 N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
WINSLOW MUNI.CT.	N/R 17637	N/R 2728	N/R 1424	N/R 1003	N/R 400	N/R 6	N/R 23198	N/R 9859	N/R 2492	N/R 2279	N/R 14630	N/R 37828
ITTITAS COUNTY	<i></i>	522	490	89	29	0	8087	0	0	0	o	8087
UPPER KITTITAS DIST, CT. LOWER KITTITAS DIST. CT.	6947 7380	532 478	792	499	133	8	9290	0 24	0	0	0 43	9290 43
KITTITAS CLE ELUM MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	70	102 415	287 1469	287 1469
ELLENSBURG MUNI.CT. ROSLYN MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	771 238	283 38	44	320	320
SOUTH CLE ELUM MUNI.CT.	0 14327	0	0 1282	0 588	0 162	0 8	0 17377	1 1149	404	1 568	2 2121	2 19498
OTAL KITTITAS COUNTY LICKITAT COUNTY	34321	1010	1202	200	200	-						
EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CJ. WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CJ.	2975 1198	501 260	371 251	50 19	112 213	0	4009 1941	0	0	0	0	4009 1941 305
BINGEN WHITE SALMON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166 337	94 102	45 53	305 492	492
GOLDENDALE MUNI.CT.	ō	0 761	0 622	0 69	0 325	0 0	0 5950	79 582	45 241	47 145	171 968	171 6918
OTAL KLICKITAT COUNTY	4173	101	022	69	525	v	2,00					
LEWIS COUNTY LEWIS DIST.CT.	10395 0	1702 0	1204 0	940 0	371 0	17	14629 0	0 442	0 639	0 512	0 1593	14629 1593
CENTRALIA MORTON	0	Ó	0	ő	0	Ŭ D -	Ö	25 17	41 19	28 6	94 42	94 42
MOSSYROCK* NAPAVINE	0	0	ō	0	0	0	0 0	34 16	49 13	17 11	100 40	100 40
PE ELL TOLEDO	0	0	0	0	0	0	ō	13	18	· 14 28	45	45
VADER CENTRALIA T.V.B.	. 0	0	0	0	9 0	0	0	7 523	20 55	Ó	578	578
CHEHALIS MUNI.CT.	ŏ	ů o	0	0 0	0	0	0	316 91	146	231 0	693 92	693 92
MORTON T.V.B. MOSSYROCK T.V.B.	Ó	0	0	0	ů o	ů o	0	112 135	2	6 0	120 135	120 135
NAPAVINE T.V.B. PE ELL T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	ō	. 0	ō	73	25	ů o	98 56	98 56
TOLEDO T.V.B.* WINLOCK MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	56 39	0 14	20	73	73
TOTAL LEWIS COUNTY	10395	1702	1204	940	371	17	14629	1899	1042	873	3814	18443
LINCOLN COUNTY LINCOLN DIST.CT.	1964	173	238	19	27	1	2422	0	0	0	0	2422 0
ALMIRA CRESTON	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0.	0	0
DAVENPORT	0	ŏ	ŏ	0 0	0	0	0	138 10	31 4	37 0	206	206 14
HARRINGTON* ODESSA	0	ō	0	0	· 0	ŏ	0	25 1.53	15 20	8 22	48 195	48 195
REARDON SPRAGUE	0	0	Ō	Ō	. 0	Ö	ŏ	50	0	18 8	68 14	68 14
WILBUR TOTAL LINCOLN COUNTY	0 1964	0 173	0 238	0 19	27	1	2422	382	70	93	545	2967
MASON COUNTY	2831	380	669	243	137	0	4260	0	0	. 0		4260
MASON DIST.CT. SHELTON MUNI.CT.	2831	0 380	· 0 669	0 243	0	0	0 4260	768 768	300 300	299 299	1367 1367	1367 5627
TOTAL MASON COUNTY	2031	200	003	243		÷		2) î				
OKANOGAN COUNTY OKANOGAN DIST.CT.	4144	1109	919 0	276	224 0	0	6672 0	0 10	0	0 14	0 25	6672 25
BREWSTER MUNI.CT. COULEE DAM MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	380 47	83	50	513 47	513 .47
ELMER CITY MUNI.CT. NESPELEM MUNI.CT.	С О	0	0	0		0	Ó	4	30	6	40 879	40 879
OMAK MUNI.CT.* OROVILLE MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0		0	0	278 242	250 135	351 236	61,3	613
PATEROS MUNI.CT.	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	11 83	4 28	0 31	15 142	15 142
TONASKET MUNI.CT. TWISP MUNI.CT.	Ō	0	0	0	0	0	0	153	15 0	27	195 35	195 35
WINTHROP MUNI.CT.* TOTAL OKANOGAN COUNTY	0 4144	1109	0 919	0 276		0	6672	1241	546	717	2504	9176
PACIFIC COUNTY SOUTH PACIFIC DIST.CT.	919	288	524	75	168	0	1974	0	0	0	6 <mark>0</mark>	1974
NORTH PACIFIC DIST.CT.	823	137	272	101	35	0	1368 0	0 176	0	0	176	136B 176
ILWACO MUNI.CT. LONG BEACH MUNI.CT.	õ	0	0	0	0	Ő	0	141 301	0 68	3 102	144 471	144 471
RAYMOND MUNI.CT. SOUTH BEND MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	263 881	53 121	49 154	365 1156	365 4498
TOTAL PACIFIC COUNTY	1742	425	796	1,76	203	0	3342	. 001	***			
PEND OREILLE COUNTY PEND OREILLE DIST.CT.	840	155	298			3 0	1423	0	0 4	0	0 12	1423 12
CUSICK NEWPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	· 56	6	200	200 32
NO.PEND OREILLE DIST.C IONE	r. 26 0	1	5	0	o o	0	32	6 22	7	5	34	34
METALINE	0	0	0	Ċ			0	2	. 0	0	4 -	4
METALINE FALLS NEWPORT T.V.B.*	Ø	0	0	Ċ		. 0	0	0 5 17	4 67	0	0 252	0 1707
TOTAL PEND OREILLE COUNT * Figures do not represe						-						he court

KITSAP COUNTY KITSAP DIST.CT. #1 PORT ORCHARD KITSAP DIST.CT. #2 BREMERTON MUNI.CT. POULSBO MUNI.CT. WINSLOW MUNI.CT. TOTAL KITSAP COUNTY KITTITAS COUNTY UPPER KITTITAS DIST.CT. LOWER KITTITAS DIST.CT. KITTITAS CLE ELUM MUNI.CT. ELLENSBURG MUNI.CT. ROSLYN MUNI.CT. SOUTH CLE ELUM MUNI.CT. TOTAL KITTITAS COUNTY

KLICKITAT COUNTY EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. BINGEN "HITE SALMON GOLDENDALE MUNI.CT. TOTAL KLICKITAT COUNTY

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LEWIS COUNTY LEWIS DIST.CT. CENTRALIA MORTON MOSSYROCK* NAPAVINE NAPAVINE PE ELL TOLEDO VADER CENTRALIA T.V.B. CHEHALIS MUNI.CT. MOSTYOCK T.V.B. NAPAVINE T.V.B. PE ELL T.V.B. TOLEDO T.V.B.* WINLOCK MUNI.CT. TOTAL LEWIS COUNTY

LINCOLN COUNTY LINCOLN DIST.CT. ALMIRA CRESTON DAVENPORT HA'IRINGTON* ODESSA REARDON SPRAGUE WILBUR

TOTAL LINCOLN COUNTY

MASON COUNTY MASON COUNTI MASON DIST.CT. SHELTON MUNI.CT. TOTAL MASON COUNTY

OKANOGAN COUNTY OKANOGAN DIST.CT. BREWSTER MUNI.CT. COULEE DAM MUNI.CT. ELMER CITY MUNI.CT. NESPELEM MUNI.CT. OMAK MUNI.CT. OKOVILLE MUNI.CT. TATEROS MUNI.CT. TWISP MUNI.CT. WINTHROP MUNI.CT.* TOTAL OKANOGAN COUNTY

PACIFIC COUNTY PACIFIC COUNTY SOUTH PACIFIC DIST.CT. NORTH PACIFIC DIST.CT. ILMACO MUNI.CT. LONG BEACH MUNI.CT. RAYMOND MUNI.CT. SOUTH BEND MUNI.CT. TOTAL PACIFIC COUNTY

PEND OREILLE COUNTY PEND OREILLE DIST.CT. CUSICK NEWPORT

NEWPORT NO.PEND OREILLE DIST.CT. IONE METALINE METALINE FALLS NEWPORT T.V.B.* TOTAL PEND OREILLE COUNTY

* Figures do not represent total co N/R = Not Reported

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# CASES FILED, CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, AND RECEIPTS, 1981

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	NTESTED PROC				- RECEIPTS -			
Jury	Frials Non-Jury	Traf.Inf.	Traf. Inf.	Crim.Traf.	Crim.Misd.	Civil & Sm.Claims	TOTAL	
5 0	546 184	269	\$263,680	\$107,801	\$21,227	\$7,760	\$400,468	
1.1	469	120	113,804 370,617	55,623 137,252	9,110 64,190	0 12,206	178,537 584,265	
B N/R	1001 N/R	427 N/R	284,747 N/R	149,656 N/R	14,066 N/R	0 N/R	448,469	
N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R N/R	
76	2200	1196	\$1,032,848	\$450,332	\$108,593	\$19,966	\$1,611,739	
1	87	100	\$257 001	\$76 470	C 2 2 0 0 1	C1 (T0		
5	427	177	\$257,991 327,332	\$76,472 56,794	\$33,091 25,926	\$1,659 8,733	\$369,213 418,785	
0	4 23	2	449 4,080	716 7,498	390 4,261	. 0	1,555 15,839	
0	106 B	89	30,644	39,536	21,022	0	91,202	
0	1	8 0	8,481 0	4,241	1,531 100	0	14,253 100	
6	656	377	\$628,977	\$185,257	\$86,321	\$10,392	\$910,947	
3	130	60	\$102,023	\$66,094	\$22,039	\$1,650	\$191,806	
3	96	44	43,325	33,752	12,999	3,957	94,033	
2	44 42	5 8	5,161 11,075	8,862 11,781	1,066 1,530	0	15,089 24,386	
1 10	14 326	7 124	5,722 \$167,306	5,144 \$125,633	2,505 \$40,139	0	13,371	
10	520	124	\$107,500	\$125,055	\$40,135	\$5,607	\$338,685	
23	519	195	\$46,425	\$91,196	\$8,970	\$4,751	\$151,342	
6	136	73	2,159	13,634	918	0	16,711	
0	1	6 1	85 25	1,728 400	325 0	0	2,138 425	
0	6 0	3 3	.≺O	983 1,925	0	0	1,033	
1	3	2	30 30	1,683	65 426	0	2,020 2,139	
0	3 0	1	120 26,342	130 1,044	93 100	0	343	
1	42	13	14,160	21,517	14,602	<u>`</u> 0	27,486 50,279	
0	0	0	4,394 4,520	10 0	0 25	0	4,394 4,545	
0	0	0	3,369	Ó	0	0	3,369	
0	0	0	2,632 1,976	3,712 153	0	0	6,344 2,129	
C 31	0 711	1 298	1,956	2,872	1,310	0	6,138	
31	/11	296	\$108,273	\$140,977	\$26,834	<b>\$4,751</b>	\$280,835	
0	168	63	\$81,462	\$21,084	\$12,835	\$446	\$115,827	
0	0	0	0	0 128	0	0	0 128	
0	41	8	6,251	6,592	1,699	0	14,542	
0	2	0	313 887	275 1,343	100 224	0	688 2,454	
0	42	5	6,875	8,344	920	0	16,139	
0	1 8	0 1	1,758 238	435	352 477	· 0	2,545 1,054	
0	277	78	\$97,784	\$38,540	\$16,607	\$446	\$153,377	
2 0	322 63	71 35	\$0 23,341	\$117,986 37,183	\$79,236 10,667	\$5,497 O	\$202,719 71,191	
2	385	106	\$23,341	\$155,169	\$89,903	\$5,497	\$273,910	
.,	200	100						
11	390 109	136	\$113,721 2,137	\$46,346 5,591	\$32,316 3,750	\$6,567 0	\$198,950 11,478	
0		28	20,724 1,480	6,804 0	1,120	0	28,648	ď
0	Ó	0	25	825	100	0	1,480 950	11
0	476 35	24 7	8,797	13,779 16,377	7,650 9,940	-0 0	30,226 34,550	
0	1	0	984 3,159	222 3,136	0 1,400	0	1,206	
0.	4	3	0	0	. 0	0	7,695	
0 11	0 1015	0 202	1,218 \$160,478	336 \$93,416	526 \$56,802	0 \$6,567	2,080 \$317,263	
?	95	21	\$36,610	\$18,221	\$25,999	\$2,555	\$83,385	
1	76 1	12	32,099 7,823	1,223	7,673	1,812	48,807 9,572	
ა ი	1 31	10	8,734 10,738	1,084	139	0	9,957	
0	83	5	8,725	8,406 4,384	3,615 1,450	0	22,759 14,559	
8	287	69	\$104,729	\$41,009	\$38,934	\$4,367	\$189,039	
1	47	25	\$25,950	\$14 ADD	C14 000	C1 E07	656 OF1	
0	0	0	227	\$14,428 15	\$14,986 0	\$1,587 0	\$56,951 242	
0	7	10 0	4,174 647	3,938	246 54	0 0	8,358 898	
0	0	0	762	290	308	0	1,360	
0	0	0	68 94	55	0	0	68 149	
0	0 54	0 35	0 \$31,922	0 \$18,923	0 \$15,594	0 \$1,587	968,026	
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## CASES FILED, CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, AND RECEIPTS, 1981

County Court	Trffic Inf.	Crim. Traffic	STATE/C Crim. Misd.	CIVIL	SES FILE Small Claims	ED Felony	SUB- TOTAL	MU Traffic Int.	NICIPAL Crim. Traffic	Crim.	LED SUB- TOTAL	TOTAL CASES FILED
PIERCE COUNTY												4
PIERCE DIST.CT. #1	28062	8540	3620	5507	2232	0	47961	. <b>O</b>	0	0	0	47961
PIERCE DIST.CT. #2 PIERCE DIST.CT. #3	1826 1295	357 508	411 781	122 21	97 31	0	2813 2636	0	0	0	0	2813 2636
PIERCE DIST.CT. #4*	31	20	21	3	5	ŏ	2030	Ö	0	ŏ	Ŭ~	2636
CARBANADO MUNI.CT.	ō	ō	ō	ō	ō	ō	ŏ	ŏ	. õ	ŏ	ŏ	õ
BONNEY LAKE MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ó	1037	95	119	1251	1251
BUCKLEY MUNI.CT.*	0	0	0	Ő	0	0	0	99	31	34	164	164
DU PONT MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	280	13	20	313	313
EATONVILLE MUNI.CT. FIFE MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	ŏ	0 O	0	. 0	730 1226	46 378	49 139	825 1743	825 1743
FIRCREST MUNI.CT.	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	681	156	95	932	932
GIG HARBOR MUNI.CT.	Ō	0	0	0	0	Ó	Ō	1163	126	48	1337	1337
MILTON MULI.CT.	0	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	564	72	24	660	660
ORTING MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	D	182	24	104	310	310
PUYALLUP MUNI.CT. ROY MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	· 0	0	2704 628	714 28B	1187 33	4605 949	4605 949
RUSTON MUNI.CT.	ŏ	Ö	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	1035	133	55	1223	1223
SOUTH PRAIRIE MUNI.CT.	õ	ŏ	ō	õ	ŏ	ŏ	ō	26		12	45	45
STEILACOOM MUNI.CT.	0	Ó	Ó	0	0	0	0	1172	200	66	1438	1438
SUMNER MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	388	87	212	687	687
TACOMA MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.	33445	4481	7396	45322	45322
WILKESON MUNI.CT. TOTAL PIERCE COUNTY	0 31214	0 9425	0 4833	0 5653	0 2365	0	52400	45360	3 6854	2	14	14
IOTAL FILACE COUNTY	31214	9423	4033	2022	2365	U	53490	45369	6034	9595	61818	115308
SAN JUAN COUNTY	4==	100	100	47		-		~	~	~	-	
SAN JUAN DIST.CT. FRIDAY HARBOR MUNI.CT.	455	103 0	168 0	47	38 0	7	818 0	0 139	0 63	0 41	0 243	818 243
TOTAL SAN JUAN COUNTY	455	103	168	47	38	7	818	139	63	41	243	243 1061
					20	,	510	202	05	71	~~~	1031
SKAGIT COUNTY	3005	247	470	~~~			40.00		~	-	•	
SKAGIT DIST.CT. #1	3095	367	478	207	74	40	4261	0	0	0	0	4261
SKAGIT DIST.CT. #2 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #3	3231 132	399 24	354 3	437 0	122	247	4790 159	0	0	0	0	4790 159
ANACORTES MUNI.CT.	132	0	0	ŏ	Ö	ŏ	129	1625	488	290	2403	2403
BURLINGTON MUNI.CT.	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	938	298	139	1375	1375
CONCRETE MUNI.CT.	Ō	, O	0	0	0	. 0	0	289	39	19	347	347
LA CONNER MUNI.CT.	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT.	0 N/17	0 N/D	0	0 N/R	· 0	0 N/P	0	3289	777	489	4555	4555
SEDRO WOOLLEY MUNI.CT. TOTAL SKAGIT COUNTY	N/R 6459	N/R 790	N/R 835	N/R 644	N/R 196	N/R 287	N/R 9210	N/R 6141	N/R 1602	N/R 937	N/R 8680	N/R 17890
SKAMANIA COUNTY SKAMANIA DIST.CT.	1243	253	493	20	208	2	2219	0	0	0	0	2219
NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNI.C		253	493	20	208	- Õ	2219	0 0	0	0	0	2219
STEVENSON MUNI.CT.*	0	0	ő	ő	0	0	ő	86	29	65	180	180
TOTAL SKAMANIA COUNTY	1243	253	493	20	208	2	2219	86	29	65	180	2399
SNOHOMISH COUNTY												
CASCADE DIST.CT.	10038	1682	1013	1208	391	0	14332	0	Ó	0	0	14332
ARLINGTON	0	0	0	C	- <b>O</b> -	õ	0	. 373	147	134	654	654
DARRINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	44	57	227	227
GRANITE FALLS	0	0	Ö	Ó	0	0	0	115	47	86	248	248
STANWOOD	6201	0	773	2711	0	0	12620	243	89	67	399	399
EVERETT DIST.CT. EVERETT	6291	1159	773	2711	827 0	877 0	1263B 0	0 2838	0 1747	0 1910	0 6495	12638 6495
LAKE STEVENS	ŏ	ŏ	0	0	ő	ő	0.1	139	34	1910	184	184
MULKITEO	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	õ	ŏ	601	132	112	845	845
EVERGREEN DIST.CT.	5143	1105	499	717	146	0	7610	0	0	0	., 0	7610
GOLD BAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	380	30	6	416	416
INDEX	0	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U,	0	.0
MUNROE SNOHOMISH	0	0	0	· 0.	0	0	0	494 466	128 228	120 313	742 1007	742
SULTAN	0	0	0.	0	0	0	0	466	228	42	419	419
SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT		1391	393	3104	1151	ŏ	12627	305	<b>6</b>	4 <u>2</u>	419	12627
BRIER	0	õ	õ	0	ō	ŏ	0	824	73	21	918	918
EDMONDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2571	1144	821	4536	4536
LYNNWOOD	0	0	0	. 0	õ	0	0	1969	727	937	3633	3633
MOUNTLAKE TERR. WOODWAY	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	1084	531	267 2	1882	1882
ARLINGTON T.V.B.	0	0	-0	0	Ö	0	0	305	12 24	0	319 229	319 229
DARRINGTON T.V.B.	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	o o	205	24 5	8	34	34
EDMONDS T.V.B.*	- ō	ŏ	- ŏ	- ŏ	, õ	ŏ	ŏ	1062	õ	ŏ	1062	106
EVERETT T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3527	24	9	3560	3560
GOLD BAR T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	332	2	0	334	334
LAKE STEVENS T.V.B.	0	0.	0	. 0	0	0	0	123	0	1	124	124
LYNNWOOD T.V.B.*	0	. O	0	0	0	0	0	2817	593	716 0	4126	4126
MARYSVILLE MUNI.CT.* MOUNTLAKE TERRACE T.V.B		. 0	0	0	0	. 0	0	81 263	38	0	119 263	119
MULKITEO T.V.B.	0	. 0	ö	Ö	ö	0	0.	557	- 94	18	669	669
STANWOOD T.V.B.	õ	ŏ	õ	ŏ	- õ	ŏ	0.0	61	34	9	104	104
SULTAN T.V.B.	Ö	0	О	0	0	0	0	232	0	0	232	232
TOTAL SNOHOMISH COUNTY	28060	5337	2678	7740	2515	877	47207	22114	5999	5667	33780	80987
SFOKANE COUNTY			. –	-	2				5			
CHENEY DIST.CT.	59 7	0.0	174	7	24 8	0	264	0	0	0	0	264
DEER PARK DIST.CT.* MILLWOOD DIST.CT.	7252	74	2		8	0	15 7328	0	0	: O 0	0	15
SPOKANE DIST.CT.	18384	4618	5639	6862	2282	1698	39483		0	ŏ	ő	39483
AIRWAY HEIGHTS MUNI.CT.		- 0	0.00	0002	2202	1050	0	140	83	49	272	272
	Ő	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	Ő	860	326	263	1449	1449
CHENEY MUNI.CT.	0	Ó	· · O	0	0	0	0	188	50	66	304	304
DEER PARK MUNI.CT.		0	0	. 0	0	0	0	436	83	61	580	580
DEER PARK MUNI.CT. MEDICAL LAKE MUNI.CT.	0	·										
DEER PARK MUNI.CT.	0 25702	0 4692	0 5815	6869	0 2314	0 1698	0 47090	25354 26978	4428 4970	1927 2366	31709 34314	31709 81404

County Court COURT PIERCE COUNTY PIERCE DIST.CT. #1 PIERCE DIST.CT. #2 PIERCE DIST.CT. #3 PIERCE DIST.CT. #4* CARBANADO NUNI.CT. BOUNEY LAKE MUNI.CT. BUCKLEY MUNI.CT. EATONVILLE MUNI.CT. FIFE MUNI.CT. FIFE MUNI.CT. GIG HARBOR MUNI.CT. MILTON MUNI.CT. ORTING MUNI.CT. PUTALLUP MUNI.CT. ORTING MUNI.CT. PUYALUP MUNI.C" ROY MUNI.C", RUSTON MUNI.CT, SOUTH PRAIRIS MUNI.CT. STELLACOOM MUNI.CT. SUMMER MUNI.CT. TACOMA MUNI.CT. WILKESON MUNI.CT. TOTAL PIERCE COUNTY SAN JUAN COUNTY SAN JUAN DIST.CT. FRIDAY HARBOR MUNI.CT. TOTAL SAN JUAN COUNTY SKAGIT COUNTY SKAGIT DIST.CT. #1 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #2 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #3 ANACORTES MUNI.CT. BURLINGTON MUNI.CT. CONCRETE MUNI.CT. LA CONNER MUNI.CT. MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT. SEDRO WOOLLEY MUNI.CT. TOTAL SKAGIT COUNTY SKAMANIA COUNTY SKAMANIA DIST.CT. NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNI.CT. STEVENSON MUNI.CT.* TOTAL SKAMANIA COUNTY SNOHOMISH COUNTY CASCADE DIST.CT. ARLINGTON DARRINGTON GRANITE FALLS STANWOOD EVERETT DIST.CT. EVERETT EVERETT LVERETT LAKE STEVENS MULKITEO EVERGREEN DIST.CT. GOLD BAR INDEX MONROE SNOHOMISH SULTAN SULTAN SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT. BRIER EDMONDS LINNWOOD MOUNTLAKE TERR MOUNTLAKE TERR WOODMAY ARLINGTON T.V.B. DARRINGTON T.V.B. EDWONDS T.V.B. EDWONDS T.V.B. GOLD BAR T.V.B. LAKE STEVENS T.V.B. LYNNWOOD T.V.B.* MARYSVILLE MUN.CT.* MOUNTLAKE TERRACE T.V.B.* NULKITEO T.V.B. STANMOOD T.V.B. SULTAN T.V.B. SULTAN T.V.B.

SPOKANE COUNTY CHENEY DIST.CT. DEER PARK.DIST.CT.* MILLWOOD DIST.CT. SPOKANE DIST.CT. AIRWAY HEIGHTS MUNI.CT.* CHENEY MUNI.CT. DEER PARK MUNI.CT. MEDICAL LAKE MUNI.CT. SPOKANE MUNI.CT. TOTAL SPOKANE COUNTY

* Figures do not represent total N/R = Not Reported

NOTE: The number of cases transferred from a court or traffic violations bureau to another court have been deducted from the filings in the originating court.

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## Table 95B, cont'd

# CASES FILED, CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, AND RECEIPTS, 1981

	Civil &	- RECEIPTS -			EEDINGS	NTESTED PROC Trials	- co
TOTAL	Sm.Claims	Crim.Misd.	Crim.Traf.	Traf. Inf.	Traf.Inf.		ury
\$2,142,269	\$104,146	\$212,478	<b>\$</b> 0	\$1,825,645	3840	3033	68
104,561	2,935	16,202	28,631	56,793	47 141	203 466	2 72
147,531 5,740	535 60	64,738 2,055	47,135 1,300	35,123 2,323	141	466	õ
0	0	0 4,051	0	0 32,206	0 45	0 136	0 0
47,964 7,811	0	1,145	11,607 637	6,029	6	19	0
19,586	0	3,794 2,387	3,124 4,298	12,668 28,576	17 26	22 54	0
35,261 109,244	0	4,147	61,191	42,906	70	41	)
26,844 87,634	0	845 790	3,327 20,377	22,672 66,467	32 106	28 88	2
41,757	0	. 0	0	41,757	29 5	0 17	5
10,716 232,665	0	2,768 70,549	2,078 71,924	5,870 90,192	162	574	2
64,133 49,149	0	0 1,681	64,133 8,464	0 39,004	0 56	0 27	)
3,894	0	585	1,842	1,467	3	20	)
78,130 33,273	. 0	1,691 0	9,549 9,933	66,890 23,340	76 22	45 86	5
1,635,241	0	278,607	1,356,634 150	0 257	3337 2	9302 0	3
557 \$4,883,860	0 \$107,678	150 \$668,663	\$1,706,334	\$2,401,185	8023	14190	ŝ
\$44,229	\$1,107	\$10,709	\$13,319	\$19,094	20	41	5
9,821	0 \$1,107	1,838	3,337	4,646 \$23,740	32 52	23 64	5
\$54,C50	\$1,1U/	\$12,547	\$16,656	423, 14U	34	04	
\$164,257 171,039	\$3,805 6,872	\$21,578 18,912	\$29,708 45,354	\$109,166 99,901	86 61	52 86	ł
8,011	0	125	1,650	6,236	0	4	)
107,494 97,064	0	7,130 8,669	45,798 48,666	54,566 39,729	57 38	147 22	,
17,832	0	971	1,989	14,872	5	24	)
N/R 255,793	N/R O	N/R 31,373	N/R 100,297	N/R 124,123	N/R 115	N/R 94	t i
N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	Ł
\$821,490	\$10,677	\$88,758	\$273,462	\$448,593	362	429	۱. ۱
\$83,708 1,729	\$2,668 0	\$24,054 0	\$15,859 272	\$41,127	62 1	97 0	)
7,551	0	2,539	2,252	1,457 2,760 \$45,344	69	13	2
\$92,988	\$2,668	\$26,593	\$18,383	345, 344	09	110	•
\$585,894 34,994	\$21,493 0	\$52,153 5,989	\$122,333 14,157	\$389,915 14,848	195 22	327 50	1
14,809	0	1,949	6,377	6,483	7	15	)
8,918 19,859	0	1,444 4,581	4,509 6,184	2,965 9,094	4 16	20 13	) ·
634,857	52,148	94,226	245,281	243,202	126	643	L.
291,322 6,043	0	86,639 695	134,826 2,182	69,857 3,166	245 12	273	)
31,451	0	3,174	9,017	19,260	63	37	7
360,657 18,298	13,415	24,341 148	115,114 5,385	207,787 12,765	244	418 9	)
0	· 0	0 7,211	0	0 17,527	0 25	0 43	2
37,082 46,353	0	11,909	12,344 18,058	16,386	27	145	5
24,034 484,059	0 60,552	3,281 18,047	8,872 151,870	11,881 253,590	39 206	17 910	5
36,768	0	269	6,528	29,971	70	24	)
147,570 155,049	0	25,164 30,602	60,599 71, <u>1</u> 91	61,807 53,256	170 298	355 433	5
70,850	0	9,506	31,799	29,545 10,752	104 14	143 9	
12,702 8,920	0	104 0	1,846 0	8,920	· 0	0	
767 36,761	0	0	0	767 36,761	0	0	k I
110,429	0	0	0	110,429	0	0	ł.
15,904 6,048	0	0 25	0	15,904 6,023	0	0	) )
64,282		356	1,549	62,377	0	0	
2,768		C O	1,880	898 11,751	6 0	3 0	) I
25,643	0	0	0	25,643 3,154	0	0	)
3,154 9,080	0	0	Č, Č	9,080	0	0	)
\$3,317,076	\$147,608	\$381,813	\$1,031,901	\$1,755,754	1927	3891	
\$8,502	\$276	\$6,789	\$40	\$1,397	0	4 2	)
328 247,165	55 0	0 1,708	95 16,598	178 228,859	0	23	)
1,068,734	136,866	108,883	301,841	521,144	667 13	4305	
9,326 50,633	0	1,185	3,337 20,106	4,804 20,049	30	1 123	5
13,503 22,535	0	1,771 960	4,326 17,844	7,406 3,731	7 30	11 14	). 
1,126,449	0	34,985	420,819	670,645	888	2254	Ľ.
\$2,547,175	\$137,197	\$166,759	\$785,006	\$1,458,213	1635	6737	۱.

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Table 95A, cont'd

# CASES FILED, CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, AND RECEIPTS, 1981

ounty Court	Trffic Inf.	Crim. Traffic	Crim.		Small	ED Felony	SUB- TOTAL		JNICIPAL Crim. Traffic	Crim.		TOTAL CASES FILED
TEVENS COUNTY											10100	11060
STEVENS DIST.CT. CHEWELAH	2105	340	424	255	122	26	3272	0	0	0	.0	3272
COLVILLE	0 Q	n o	0	0	0	0	າ 0	316 270	61 86	49 305	426 661	426 661
KETTLE FALLS	0	Ö	0	0	Ó	0	0	214	40	62	316	316
NORTHPORT SPRINGDALE	0	~ 0	0	0	0	0	0	85	14	1	100	100
OTAL STEVENS COUNTY	2105	340	424	255	122	26	0 3272	48 933	13 21&	9 426	70 1573	70 4845
URSTON COUNTY												
THURSTON DIST.CT. LACEY	9443	2115 0	1592 0	1714	771	0	15635	0	0	0	0	15635
BUCODA MUNI.CT.*	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	0	0	0	0	1274	593 0	632	2499 1	2499 1
LACEY T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	0	Ö	0	2256	12	8	2276	2276
OLYMPIA MUNI.CT. RAINIER MUNI.CT.	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	N/R	0 N/R	5788	853 N/P	1313	7954	7954
TENINO MUNI.CT.	0	0	Ű Ő	Ő	0	Ű Ô	"ô	N/R O	N/R O	N/R O	N/R O	N/R O
TUMWATER MUNI.CT.	. 0	0	0	0	U	0	0	1286	215	167	1668	1668
YELM MUNI.CT. OTAL THURSTON COUNTY	0 9443	0 2115	0 1592	0 1714	0 771	0	0 15635	123 10728	99 1772	177 2297	399 14797	399 30432
AHKIAKUM COUNTY												
WAHKIAKUM DIST.CT.	418	108	137	37	14	0.	714	0	0	0	0	714
CATHLAMET MUNI.CT.* OTAL WAHKIAKUM COUNTY	0 418	0 108	0 137	. 0	0	. 0	0	8	6	0	14	14
	410	100	101	37	14	0	714	8	6	0	14	728
ALLA WALLA COUNTY COLLEGE PLACE DIST.CT.	1	o	o	1	25	0	27	0	0	. 0	0	27
WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.	3619	931	564	846	283	0	6243	0	0	0	0	6243
COLLEGE PLACE MUNI.CT. WAITSBURG MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	437	133	44	614	614
WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 3472	40 979	0 515	40 4966	40 4966
OTAL WALLA WALLA COUNTY	3620	931	564	847	308	ŏ	6270	3909	1152	559	5620	11890
ATCOM COUNTY												
WHATCOM DIST.CT. BELLINGHAM MUNI.CT.	11542	3037	3360	2211	1236	0	21386	0	0	0	0	21386
BLAINE MUNI.CT.	ö	0	0	0	0	0	. 0	9242 1282	0 153	0 114	9242 1549	9242 1549
EVERSON-NOOKSACK MUNI.	ст. о	0	õ	Ó	0	0	0	370	50	41	461	461
FERNDALE MUNI.CT. LYNDEN MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1005	179	107	1291	1291
SUMAS MUNI.CT.	. 0	0	0	ő	0	0	0	645 892	94 83	52 56	791 1031	791 1031
OTAL WHATCOM COUNTY	11542	3037	3360	2211	1236	ŏ	21386	13436	559	370	14365	35751
TITMAN COUNTY												
WHITMAN DIST.CT. ALBION MUNI.CT.	6596 0	865 0	759	57	108	19 .0	8404 0	0	0	0	0	8404
COLFAX MUNI.CT.	ő	0	Ö	. 0	0	0	0	98 381	0 38	· 0 0	98 419	98 419
COLTON MUNI.CT.	Ō	.0	ŏ	ŏ	ő	ŏ	Ŭ,	91	30	0	91	91
GARFIELD MUNI.CT.*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	ō	39	39
LA CROSSE MUNI.CT.* OAKESDALE MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	0	. 0	0	. 0
PALOUSE MUNI.CT.	i o	· 0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	4	22	22 12
PULLMAN MUNI.CT.	. 0	Ö	Ō	0	0	Ö	0	56	16	. 0	72	72
ROSALIA MUNI.CT. SAINT JOHN MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	Ŭ Q	0	0	25	0	. 5	30	30
TEKOA MUNI.CT.	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	0 N/R	O N/R	1 N/R	0 N/R	0 N/R	1 N/R	l N/R
TAL WHITMAN COUNTY	6596	865	759	57	108	19	8404	716	58	10	784	9188
KIMA COUNTY	°	· · ·			1	2						
SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT. SUNNYSIDE	2300	816 0	315 0	111	89 0	0 0	3631 0	0 537	0	530	1570	3631
TOPPENISH DIST.CT.	3320	1767	691	ŏ	ŏ	0	5778	537	494	539 0	1570 0	1570 5778
YAKIMA DIST.CT. UNION GAP	6532	1782	1550	5593	771	0	16228	Ō	Ő	Ō	ō	16228
YAKIMA	0	ů ů	· Ö	0	0	0	° 0 0	240 3248	180 2512	238 2404	658 8164	658 8164
GRANDVIEW MUNI.CT.	0	0	ō	0	0	0	0	199	461	353	1013	1013
GRANGER MUNI.CT. HARRAH MUNI.CT.	· 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31 80	10	14	55	55
MOXEE CITY MUNI.CT.	0	Ö	ō,	, õ	. 0	0	0	133	98 12	16 2	194 147	194 147
SELAH MUNI.CT. SUNNYSIDE T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	0	Ō	0	515	57	107	679	679
TOPPENISH MUNI.CT.	0	0	. 0	0 0	. 0	0 ~0	0	703 1003	0 507	236	703	703
UNION GAP T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	ŏ	ő	i i o i o	726	507 4	236	1746	1746 730
WAPATO MUNI.CT.	0	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	208	494	688	1390	1390
YAKIMA T.V.B. ZILLAH MUNI.CT.	0	0 0	· 0	. 0	0	0	0	6715	38 2	0	6753	6753
DTAL YAKIMA COUNTY	12152	4365	2556	5704	⊘ 860	0	25637	17 14355	4869	4597	19 23821	19 49458
ASHINGTON STATE									17		ġ.	
DISTRICT COURTS	394891	76277	61352	73498	26577	10678	643273	68982	26414	22505	117901	761174
MUNICIPAL COURTS TRAFFIC VIOLATION BU.	. 0	0	0	0	0 ^	Ö	0	247609 34074	54428 1651	57542	361950 37492	361950
	394891	76277	61352	73498								37492
TAL STATE				73448	26577	10678	643273	350665	82493	81814	517343	1160616

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STEVENS COUNTY STEVENS DIST.CT. CHEWELAH COLVILLE KETTLE FALLS NORTHPORT SPRINGDALE TOTAL STEVENS COUNTY

THURSTON COUNTY THURSTON DIST.CT. LACEY BUCODA MUNI.CT.* LACEY T.V.B. OLYMPIA MUNI.CT. RAINIER MUNI.CT. TENINO MUNI.CT. TUMWATER MUNI.CT. YELM MUNI.CT. TOTAL THURSTON COUNTY

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY WAHKIAKUM DIST.CT. CATHLAMET MUNI.CT.* TOTAL WAHKIAKUM COUNTY

WALLA WALLA COUNTY COLLEGE PLACE DIST.CT. WALLA WALLA DIST.CT. COLLEGE PLACE MUNI.CT. WAITSBURG MUNI.CT. WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT. TOTAL WALLA WALLA COUNTY

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WHATCOM COUNTY WHATCOM DIST.CT. BELLINGHAM MUNI.CT. BLAINE MUNI.CT. EVERSONUMI.CT. EVERSONUMI.CT. FERNDALE MUNI.CT. LYNDEN MUNI.CT. SUMAS MUNI.CT. TOTAL WHATCOM COUNTY

WHITMAN COUNTY WHITMAN DIST.CT. ALBION MUNI.CT. COLFAX MUNI.CT. GARFIELD MUNI.CT. HA CROSSE MUNI.CT. PALOUSE MUNI.CT. PULLMAN MUNI.CT. ROSALIA MUNI.CT. TEKOA MUNI.CT. TOTAL WHITMAN COUNTY

YAKIMA COUNTY SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT. SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT. YAKIMA DIST.CT. UNION GAP YAKIMA GRANDVIEW MUNI.CT. GRANGER MUNI.CT. HARRAH MUNI.CT. SELAH MUNI.CT. SELAH MUNI.CT. UNIÓN GAP T.V.B. WAPATO MUNI.CT. YAKIMA T.V.B. ZILLÀH MUNI.CT. TOTAL YAKIMA COUNTY

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* Figures do not represent total con

N/R = Not Reported

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# Table 95B, cont'd

# CASES FILED, CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, AND RECEIPTS, 1981

••••T	TESTED PROC	Cont.Hrg.		·		Ci	
Jury	Non-Jury	Traf.Inf.	Traf. In	f. Crim.Traf	. Crim.Misd	. Sm.Claims	TOTAL
0	0	0	\$135,89	7 \$0	\$23, 512	65 070	
0 0	0	0	14,869	∍ 'ō	2,684	\$5,070	\$164,47 17,55
ŏ	0	0	23,200	) <u>o</u>	5,370	0	28,57
ŏ	ő	0	9,82	1 0	1,483	. 0	11,30
ō	ŏ	0	3,80	9 0	50 316	0	3,85
ō	ŏ	ŏ	2,664 \$190,260	÷ 0	50 316 \$33,415	Ŏ	2.98
		Ū	\$190,200	្រុ ទប	\$33,415	\$5,070	\$228,74
23 4	794 73	341	\$281,223	2 \$339,337	\$84,739	\$36,039 0 0	\$741,33
ō	,3 0	106	28,996	5 49,210	32,035	,,	110,24
ŏ	ŏ	0	1,900 80,538	619	380	0	2,89
0	579	172	177,827	B 0	0	0	2,89 80,53 430,76
I/R	N/R	N/R	1,02.	127,362 N/P	125,560		430,76
0	0	0	N/F 8,934	10,793	3.225	N/R	N/1
0	67	42	44,800 5,280	27,761	24,799	ő	97 36
27	1557	7 668	5,280 \$629,497	12,340	6,888	ō	24.50
		000	\$629,497	\$567,442	\$277,626	\$36,039	80,531 430,769 N/J 22,953 97,360 24,508 \$1,510,604
7 0	106	13	\$15,710	\$10,954	\$14,161	\$725	\$41,550
7	0 106	0 13	416	233	0	0	649
-	200	13	\$16,120	\$11,187	\$14,161	\$725	
0 6	9	1	\$0	\$80	ŝn	\$246	2304
0	591 19	346	130,780	63,529	14,753	16,272	225.334
ŏ	19	44 0	15,414	7,660	850	0	23,924
1	340	109	0 94,145		10 100	0 0 \$16,518	\$326 225,334 23,924 3,115 151,526 \$404,227
7	959	500	\$240,339	44,944 \$119,328	520 040	0	151,528
				++13,320	<i>428,042</i>	\$16,518	\$404,227
12	461 0	97	\$0		\$0 0	\$44,153	\$913,138
ŏ	15	192 60	303,711	0	0	0	303.711
0	2		53,235	23,998 8,095	11,194	Ó	88,427
0	87	52	35.476	16 507	2,646	0	27,069
0	. Ö	10	20.131	6,100	3,827	ō	55,810
0	0	2	40,819	13,269	2,433	0	28,762
12	565	421	\$469,700	23,998 8,095 16,507 6,198 13,269 \$937,052	\$29,743	0 \$44,153	63,731 \$1,480,648
5	597	277	\$219,543				
0	0	0	4,628	\$62,751 120	\$29,053 0	\$1,747	\$313,094
0		6	15,763	1,481	10	0	4,748
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R 6	N/R 605	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R \$29,313	N/R	N/R
<b>.</b>	003	284	\$248,240	\$64,517	\$29,313	\$1,747	\$343,817
25	326	45	\$80,632	\$95,558	58 600	\$3.100	6104 ac-
3 0	252	41	11,979 95,929	77 664	29.34)	\$2,100 0 0	\$186,989 114,984
18	144 937	53	95,929	150,712	27,863	. 0	274,504
0	28	135	222, 362	168,712	55,727	101,721	548,522
6	312	223	6,627	14,406	29,341 27,863 55,727 10,412 95,694 20,638	0	548,522 31,445
0	86	15	98,269 5,363	160,756	95,694	0	31,445 354,719 79,213
3	20	-4	3,041	53,212 843	20,638 775		79,213
0	3	1	4,087	8,834	189	0	4,659
0.	0	0	6,992	1,088	159	Ŭ	
0	95 0	55	26,251	4,855	3, 569	. 0	8,239 34,675
ŏ	81	0 . 29	24,606	0	. 0	ŏ	24,606
ŏ	Č	0	36,785 26,986	45,655	2,687	0	85,127
0	13	11	6,685	108 52,768	20 702	0	27,094
0	0	0	242,274	6,911	29,783 0	0	89,236
0 5 . ·	0 2297	5 630	2,802 \$901,670	1,017 \$839,099	0	0 0	249,185 3,819
			+-01,070	4023,033	\$285,536	\$103,821	\$2,130,126
1	56873 37306	21645	\$14,607,860		\$3,435,199	\$1,382,338	\$30,509,426
ő -	0	11187 0	6,860,594 1,259,173	5,675,431 16,793	2,118,931 1,751	10,119	14,665,075 1,277,717
~	94179	32832	\$22.727.627	\$16,776,253			\$46,452,218
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CASES	FILED,	1981
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	Court	TRAFFIC Infractions	CRIMINA DWI	L TRAFFIC Other	CRIMINAL Misdemeanor	Civil	SMALL. Claims	Felony	TOTAL	
,	CRAMMI P. MUNT. OM	03103	21.70					-		
1	SEATTLE MUNI.CT.	93103 34019 28062	3178	18513	26133	2371	0	0	143298	
	CLARK DIST.CT.	34019	1453	4237	4912	2162	2440	0	49223	
	PIERCE DIST.CT. #1	20002	1232	7308	3620	5507	2232	0	47961	
	TACOMA MUNI.CT.	33445	1150	3331	7396	0	0	0	45322	
5		18384	1358	3260	5639	6862	2282	1698	39483	
6		8017	620	1319	953	13678	3159	6747	34493	
7		25354	232	4196	1927	0	0	0	31709	
	NORTHEAST DIST.CT.	19624	811	4838	2779	2508	723	0	31283	
	FEDERAL WAY DIST.CT.	19148	456	1926 3439 1200	2139	1216	385	0	25270	
	YAKIMA DIST.CT.	10020	1035	3439	4192	5593	771	. 0	25050	
	COWLITZ DIST.CT.	16985	903	1200	3669	1072	570	ō	24399	
12	AUKEEN DIST.CT.	12816	1106	3212	3294	2633	937	132	24130	
13	SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT.	13341	864	3014	2441	3104	1151	0.	23915	
14	WHATCOM DIST.CT.		479	2558	3360	2211	1236	0	21386	
15	ISSAQUAH DIST.CT.	15869	591	2159	1579	461	163	ō	20822	
	EVERETT DIST.CT.	9869	581	2491	2806	2711	827	877	20162	
	SHORELINE DIST.CT.	12963 10717	565	2094	1415	982	308	0	18327	
18	THURSTON DIST.CT.	10717	941	1767	2224	1714	771	0	18134	
19	GRANT DIST.CT.	11,280	636	1627	2569	683	379	51	17225	
	LEWIS DIST.CT.	10949	714	1787	1820	940	371	17	16598	
21	BELLEVUE DIST.CT.	9478	345	1795	1695	2081	737	0	16131	
22	RENTON DIST.CT.	9935	764	1483	1403	1699	626	4	15914	
23	CASCADE DIST.CT.	10895	448	1561	1357	1208	391	ō	15860	
24	BENTON DIST.CT. #2	7800	642	1607	2587	2411	322	305	15674	
25	BENTON DIST.CT. #1	9633	768	1255	1507	739	194	113	14209	
26	KITSAP DIST.CT. #2	10281	536	1128	912	633	232	6	13728	
27	KITSAP DIST.CT. #1	10211	525	1107	873	370	168	ŏ	13254	÷
	AIRPORT DIST.CT.	7896	322	1591	1396	968	385	ŏ	12558	
29	CHELAN DIST.CT.	7122	527	1426	1652	757	196	135	11815	
	BREMERTON MUNI.CT.	7004	217	1707	1918	0	0	0	10846	
31	ROXBURY DIST.CT.	6310	333	1613	1063	626	290	0	10235	
	EVERGREEN DIST.CT.	6788	507	1056	980	717	146	ŏ	10194	
33	RENTON MUNI.CT.	5789	0	2540	1796	·11				
34	LOWER KITTITAS DIST.CT.	7404	191	300	798		0	0	10125	
35	BELLINGHAM MUNI.CT.	9242	191	0		499	133	. 8	9333	
	WHITMAN DIST.CT.	6596			0	0 10	,0	0	9242	
	UPPER KITTITAS DIST.CT.		431	434	759	57	108	19	8404	
		6947	109	423	490	89	29	0	8087	
20	GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #1	5788	226	627	1313	0	0	0	7954	
		5027 7252	283	592	752	404	286	90	7434	
	MILLWOOD DIST.CT.	7252	0 0	74	2	0	0	0	7328	
	YAKIMA T.V.B.	6715 4144 3619 4125 3829 3515		38	0	0	-0	0	6753	
42	OKANOGAN DIST.CT.	4144	31B	791	919	276	224	0	6672	
43	WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.	3619	217	714	564	846	283	0.	6243	
44	TUKWILA MUNI.CT.	4125	93	1090	899	0	0	0	6207	
43	GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #2	3829	194	629	785	425	235	0	6097	
47	CLALLAM DIST.CT.* TOPPENISH DIST.CT.	3515	335	585	658	392	295	·. 0	5780	
	FRANKLIN DIST.CT.	3320	469	1298	691	0	0	0	5778	
	SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT.	2819	203	326	714	1189	183	34	5468	
	ISLAND DIST.CT.	2837	429	881	854	111	89	0	5201	
50	ISLAND DIST.CT.	3038	202	311	1269	207	115	50	5192	
	WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT.	3472	126	852	515	. 0	0.	0 .	4966	
	ABERDEEN MUNI.CT.	2578	153	530	1586	0	0	0	4847	
	STEVENS DIST.CT.	3038	243	311	850	255	122 122	26	4845	
54	SKAGIT DIST.CT. #2	3231	134	265	.354	437	122	247	4790	
	PASCO MUNI.CT.	2609	185	861	1056	0	0	0	4711	
	PUYALLUP MUNI.CT.	2704	194	520	1187	0	0	0	4605	
57	MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT.	3289	255	522	489	Ó	. 0	0	4555	
	WENATCHEE MUNI.CT.	2407	215	705	1207	0	0	ō	4534	
	MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT.	2848	,205	582	325	246	75	ŏ	4281	
	SKAGIT DIST.CT. #1	3095	139	228	478	207	74	40	4261	
	MASON DIST.CT.	2831	183	197	669	243	137	0	4260	
	LYNNWOOD T.V.B.*	2817	150	443	716	•	•	0	4126	
63	DOUGLAS DIST.CT.	2422	154	557	439	321	91	43	4027	
64	EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	2975	140	361	371	50	91 112 11	0	4009	
65	RITZVILLE DIST.CT.	3566	38	49	130	50 23	11	2 6	3819	
66	EVERETT T.V.B.	3527	5	19	9	õ	ô	0	3560	
67	BELLEVUE T.V.B.	2840	31	162	412	ŏ	ŏ	õ	3445	
68	PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT.	2106	100	485	509	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	3200	
69	OTHELLO DIST.CT.	2210	90	338	297	129	33	5	3102	
70	LINCOLN DIST.CT.	2346	104	139	331	19	27	1	2967	
	PIERCE DIST.CT. #2	1826	82	275	411	122	97	ō.	2967	
	OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT	2243	187	258	114	122	0	ő	2802	
73	WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	1701	218	238	349	19	213	ö	2738	
74	LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT.	2229	33	229	211	19	213	. 0	2702	
75	PIERCE DIST.CT. #3	1295	140	368	781	21	31	. 0		
76	AUBURN T.V.B.	2621	0	0	0	0	0	ő	2636	
77	KIRKLAND T.V.B.	2158	š	87	276	ő	ŏ	ó	2621 2526	
	ANACORTES MUNI.CT.	1625	231	257	290	ŏ	ŏ	<i>"</i> 0	2403	
79	KENT T.V.B.	2378	0	0	0	ŏ	õ	ŏ	2378	
	JEFFERSON DIST.CT.	1319	84	205	457	126	85	15	2291	
-			•••			~40		) )	2291	
	TOTAL: 80 LARGEST COURTS	687172	32363	113302	130292	75330	25602	10665	1074726	
	TOTAL: OTHER COURTS	58384	3815	9290	12874	539	975	13	85890	
				2230	1.014	337	515	10	03090	
	TOTAL STATE	745556	36178	122592	143166	75869	26577	10678	1160616	
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* Figures do not represent total court activity for 1981 because some monthly caseload reports were not submitted by the court.

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40 MILLWOOD DIST.CT.
41 YAKIMA T.V.B.
42 OKANOGAN DIST.CT.
43 WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.
43 WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.
44 TURNILA MUNI.CT.
45 GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT.
46 CLALLAM DIST.CT.
47 TOPPENISH DIST.CT.
48 FRANKLIN DIST.CT.
49 SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT.
50 ISLAND DIST.CT.
51 WALLA WALLA WHUM CT 4201 736 1071 1047 1337 1002 768 932 913 50 ISLAND DIST.CT. 51 WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT. 52 ABERDEEN MUNI.CT. 53 STEVENS DIST.CT. 54 SKAGIT DIST.CT. 55 PASCO MUNI.CT. 56 PUYALLUP MUNI.CT. 57 MOUNT VERDON MUNI.CT. 965 0 1052 571 912 1109 1357 819 629 17 57 MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT. 57 MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT. 58 WERNETHEE MUNI.CT. 59 MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT. 60 SKAGIT DIST.CT. 61 MASON DIST.CT. 62 LYNNWOOD T.V.B.* 63 DOUGLAS DIST.CT. 64 EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. 65 RTZYILLE DIST.CT. 66 EVERETT T.V.B. 61 DEFINITE A.V.B. 1080 202 142 67 BELLEVUE T.V.B. 68 PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT. 69 OTHELLO DIST.CT.

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70 LINCOLN DIST.CT.

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70 LINCOLN DIST.CT. 71 PIERCE DIST.CT. #2 72 OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT. 73 WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. 74 LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT. 75 PIERCE DIST.CT. #3 76 AUBURT T.V.B. 77 KIRKLAND T.V.B. 78 KENT T.V.B. 80 JEFFERSON DIST.CT.

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# THE COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

#### Table 97

**80 LARGEST COURTS** TRAFFIC INFRACTION ACTIVITY, 1981

	INFRAG	CTIONS DI	SPOSED			P	ROCEEDING	S	
Comm.	Paid	Not. Comm.	Dism.	TOTAL DISP.	Cont. Hrg.	Mit. Hrg.	Show Cause	Other Part.	Non- Part.
31662	43941	1361	2	76966	2718	32166	610	34379	4134
12743	16140	449	381	29713	869	8105	262	573	18
19393	3711	523	2860	26487	3840	4063	3	0	0
9603	12636	88	4335	26662	3337	9563	81	5	0
9246	8404	223	249	18122	667	4848	380	196	888
2253 20008	4321 9113	84 217	174 309	6832 29647	487 888	5512 9396	75 1103	666	1303
12254	5671	167	201	18293	1040	6582	21	170 516	0 1507
5978	10629	72	184	16863	784	3550	0	0	1507
4048	6191	73	196	10508	371	1128	63	72	430
3089	9589	75	24	12777	268	2973	124	14	2
8439	5589	354	371	14753	1604	4600	1	5936	4705
4364	4832	268	452	9916	862	3678	22	1	0
3580 7207	3355 9261	16 291	6 214	6957 16973	97 601	497 2330	0 36	0 149	0 6001
5081	3848	112	214	9255	446	2055	115	149	797
6356	4858	151	220	11585	754	2981	123	62	462
1363	7226	98	63	8750	447	1105	29	182	361
4770	5975	36	124	10905	251	2186	51	154	111
1110 5970	494 2103	59 92	55 423	1713	284	922	8	28	1154
2350	2103 5941	37	423	8588 8435	734 476	3821 1954	28 6	158 171	1154
3359	6563	3	114	10039	244	897	42	77	386
2843	3399	5	240	6487	448	1623	3	62	34
3343	5420	50	235	9046	924	1830	4	106	98
1561	7736	53	132	9482	380	1346	24	32	23
2132	6877	69	97	9175	389	1706	32	72	41
4143 2534	4888 4733	117 58	234 196	9382 7521	453 245	1851 1137	14 10	20 43	541 0
1651	2018	34	54	3757	427	1662	61	211	416
4087	3412	25	88	7612	297	1620	9	30	878
2404	3609	41	110	6164	369	1208	18	23	1198
1231	3028	8	218	4485	266	1170	1	0	1
425	6122	67	70	6684	179	402	0	54	12
311 1329	4566 5481	7 51	170 47	5054	192	2748	0	0	0
2150	4559	14	47	6908 6741	277 100	1110 277	32 0	2 3	1 90
685	3155	15	1431	5286	172	952	4	76	71
1762	3040	79	44	4925	219	649	0	14	ίο [°]
4201	37,01	Ō	19	7321	0	2909	107	1	ō
0	6499	0	0	6499	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
736	3211	51	66	4064	136	324	77	0	0
1073	1214	68	14	2369	346	685	0	17	234
1047 1337	1915 2130	50 21	12 15	3024 3503	271 109	830 551	0	11	32 2
1002	2648	39	11	3690	109	461	ŏ	î	ő
768	2404	1	33	3206	53	176	4	. 38	81
932	1518	2	88	2540	105	493	60	0	0
913	2215	83	17	3228	86	206	1	54	4
0	2441 1520	0	9 35	2450	50 109	192 1579	1	43	127
965	1452	1 27	25	1556 2469	77	361	2	0	0
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1052	1961	7	67	3087	61	177	13	21	41
571	696	35	53	1355	150	572	49	0	0
912	1393	38	35	2378	162	434	2	3	1
1109	1928	48	178	3263	115	412	10	33	38
1357 819	885 1396	34 13	117 146	2393 2374	66 154	1017 612	5 8	48 15	3 64
629	2132	13	146	2374	86	193	7	6	64 21
17	0	14	õ	31	71	327	ó	· ŭ	21
0	1285	0	0	1285	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1080	1261	4	31	2376	56	678	6	5	3
202	2215	26	. 0	2443	60	144	32	<u></u> 4	0
142	2652	12	17	2823	28	95	14	<u>, s</u>	1
0	2346 2549	0	0	2346	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
547	1461	25	0	2549 2033	N/A 84	N/A 454	N/A 1	N/A 59	N/A O
589	1508	19	25	2141	99	301	34	2	20
408	1639	7	21	2075	78	168	Ö	õ	ĩõ
180	1205	32	44	1461	47	199	0	23	33
0	1695	0	4	1699	37	110	o	70	116
600 749	472 1043	42 2	36 33	1150 1827	57 165	438	7	1	0
158	768	29	24	979	141	619 122	1	6	5
0	1604	29	0	1604	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0	1999	0	0	1999	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
335	934	10	42	1321	57	158	2	30	21
261	1908	20	0	1908	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
361	826	20	4	1211	25	173	4	3	0
241608	334463	6321	15891	598283	30656	152373	3848	44904	26551
14910	34583	550	1999	52042	2176	11758	216	433	519
256518	369046	6871	17890	650325	32832	164131	4064	45337	27070

* Figures do not r/present total court activity for 1981 because some monthly caseload reports were not submitted by the court. N/A = Not Applicable  $^{\bigcirc}$ 

Table 98 **80 LARGEST COURTS** DWI CITATION ACTIVITY, 1981

	11													1		1.
			CITATI	ONS DISP	OSED				PROCEEDIN							1
	Court	Guilty	Bail Forf.	Not Guilty	Dism.	TOTAL DISP.	Tri Jury	als Non- Jury	Show Caus#	Other Part. Hrg.	Non- Part. Hrg.	Pros. Deferred	Appealed			a particular second de
1	SEATTLE MUNI.CT.	886	44	164	0	1094	151	1770	0	2455	306	1	129		1	ĩ
2	CLARK DIST.CT.	1056	21	57	54	1188	11	50	98	3433	21	26	4			
3	FIERCE DIST.CT. #1	0 875	0	. 0 20	0 209	0 1104	4	0 908	0	/ 0 189	0	2	0 2		1	i
	SPOKANE DIST.CT.	858	ŏ	35	90	983	14	143	169	1869	428	65	6		1	
e 7	SEATTLE DIST.CT.	412	8	11	23	454	45	856	0	1125	253	30	19		l	-
•	SPOKANE MUNI.CT.	256 599	0	10 9	34	300 652	2 17	151 376	7	201 1466	0 377	35 94	0 16			1
	FEDERAL WAY DIST.CT.	297	6	32	42	377	24	172	3	592	115	65	5		1	-
	YAKIMA DIST.CT.	906	17	15	38	976	27	98	0	2006	491	76	3		1	1
	COWLITZ DIST.CT.	644 656	29 0	14 79	15 80	702 815	53 50	324 710	73	699 68	156	266 68	3 29			1
13	SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT.	386	Ō	17	64	467	27	251	163	1434	304	62	25		-	1
. 14	WHATCOM DIST.CT. ISSAQUAH DIST.CT.	26 205	0 10	40	93	26 348	2 14	103 153	0	0 394	0 231	9 83	3 22			
ìó	EVERETT DIST.CT.	325	3	18	91	437	28	86	ō	1101	860	46	11		1	1
17	SHORELINE DIST.CT. THURSTON DIST.CT.	432 696	0 11	15 16	24 47	471 770	30	392	0	1176 1806	228	73	27		1	Ì.
19		327	6	1	210	544	15 14	33 173	74 33	343	306 85	55	0		1	ALC: NO
	LEWIS DIST.CT.	454	4	11	27	496	16	41	41	964	13	26	2			Depletion
	BELLEVUE DIST.CT. RENTON DIST.CT.	251 660	4	3 27	44 13	302 700	10 15	224 697	77	925 1381	1042 1805	130 65	2 36			1
23	CASCADE DIST.CT.	279	ž	9	60	350	16	30	ŏ	1239	197	20	1			
	BENTON DIST.CT. #2	316 425	17	7	67	407	3	221	19	456	299	75	8			1
	BENTON DIST.CT. #1	383	3	26 37	57 48	509 471	8 29	465 122	03	411 702	204 143	82 40	3 12	<		1
27	KITSAP DIST.CT. #1	441	1	15	24	481	5	178	12	428	18	17	5	ι.	i i	1
	BAIRPORT DIST.CT.	205 444	4	5 10	27 35	241 489	9	142	0	644 822	133	35	11		1	1
	BREMERTON MUNI.CT.	112	ŏ	10	0	113	12	34 54	0	0	1	4	. 3		1	1
31	ROXBURY DIST.CT.	356	11	3	46	416	10	286	Ō	595	907	726	0		1	i
	2 EVERGREEN DIST.CT. 3 RENTON MUNI.CT.	355	0	5 13	39	399 748	11	91 447	111	882 1358	275	49	2		1	
	LOWER KITTITAS DIST.CT.	113	1	13	11	137	20	447	. 6	1358	1 2	105 22	21 1		i i	
35	BELLINGHAM MUNI.CT.	0	0	0	0	0	ō	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	
	WHITMAN DIST.CT. UPPER KITTITAS DIST.CT.	162 83	7	3	55 4	227 97	2	137 14	0 9	85 102	16	19	0 1		1	1
	OLYMPIA MUNI.CT.	154	.29	1	9	193	ŏ	96	12	136	14	35	. 0			
	GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #1	190	C	5	1.	196	16	23	8	336	4	14	2		1	
	) MILLWOOD DIST.CT. YAKIMA T.V.B.	0	1	0	0	1	0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A		ł	
	OKANOGAN DIST.CT.	93	1	154	4	252	3	123	10	5	0	28	2			
	WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.	73	0	48	1	122	2	84	- 0	0	0	8	0			, and the
	GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #2	. 75 84	3 17	3 11	7	26 119	10	39 20	20	112 102	33	8	2		1	1
46	CLALLAM DIST.CT.*	197	2	6	3	208	7	13	15	33	0	21	1			
	TOPPENISH DIST.CT. FRANKLIN DIST.CT.	401 86	31 7	5	26 28	463 123	0	24 112	43.	1527 22	288	10	3			
49	SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT.	171	6	10	15	202	12	104	9	304	68	11	. ŏ			
50		57:	0	0	1	58	11	128	0	145	18	1	1			1
52	ABERDEEN MUNI.CT.	113	15 0	2	· 1	18 119	1	65 26	0	34 176	. 0	2 14	0		~	
53	STEVENS DIST.CT.	Û	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0			1
	SKAGIT DIST.CT. #2 PASCO MUNI.CT.	64 83	13	0 Ĝ	34 9	111	1	3 89	40	200 0	246	25	2			
56	PUYALLUP MUNI.CT.	95	ō	ŏ	5	100	0	86	° 25	90	24	80	1			1
	MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT.	213	0	0	5	218	0	6	42	437	131	43	0			
58	WENATCHEE MUNI.CT. MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT.	212 183	0	4	22 14	238 202	6 19	6 139	12	29B 512	5 82	8 90	5 5			
	SKAGIT DIST.CT. #1	81	13	ĩ	- 17	104	3	14	40	170	397	11	0			1
	MASON DIST.CT.	36	0	37	0	73	0	99	0	32	0	0	0			1
62 63		0 138	0	C O	0	0 140	A\N 0	N/A 12	N/A 3	N/A 155	N/A 3	N/A 7	N/A O			
64	EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	57	ō	62	0	119	õ	38	ō	0	ŏ	Ó	ŏ			
65	FUERETT T.V.B.	·· 24 0	0	3 0	0	27	1 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A	8	7	12 N/A	0		1 .	
67		οŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ő	ŏ	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	-		1.
	PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT.	67	0	5	0	72	2	5	7	15	0	6	ာ ်႐			-
69 70	) OTHELLO DIST.CT. ) LINCOLN DIST.CT.	53 57	0	6 2	19	78 63	0	34 76	43	122	14 0	28 16	2		1	
71	PIERCE DIST.CT. #2	50	ō	3	4	57	0	38	0	69	25	5	0		1	
72	OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT.	0	7	0	1	8	9	104	0	114	20	0	Ó			
	WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT.	113 12	16	8	11 2	148 14	4 0	70 10	0	2	0	12 2	1		1	
75	5 PIERCE DIST.CT. #3	65	ō	10	10	85	1	81	3	5	ŏ	36	່ 3		ł	1
	AUBURN T.V.B. 7 KIRKLAND T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	ں۔ O	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
	ANACORTES MUNI.CT.	88	6	1	29	124	N/A 6	N/A 61	N/A O	N/A 336	N/A 240	N/A 18	N/A 4	· ·		
79	KENT T.V.B.	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	ł	
80	) JEFFERSON DIST.CT.	41	1	3	0	45	1	6	0	34	0	6	1	-		
	TOTAL: 80 LARGEST COURTS	19031	394	1152	2000	22577	814	11847	1253	37000	10838	3122	456			
	TOTAL: OTHER COURTS	2106	75	312	237	2730	23	809	<u>/</u> 142	2441	255	279	16		i	1
	TOTAL STATE	21137	469	1464	2237	25307	837	12656	1375	39441	11093	3401	472			
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				POSEI-	3		Frials	-PROCEED	INGS Other	Non-			<u></u>
Court	Guilt	Bail y Forf.	Not Guilty	Dis	TOTAL m. DISP.	Jury	Non-	Show	Part.	Part.	Pros.	<b>N</b> ====1 = 3	đ. i
1 SEATTLE MUNI.CT. 2 CLARK DIST.CT.	11360		2092	175	0 28107	38	3 5390			-		Appealed	
3 PIERCE DIST.CT. #1	2911 0		130	250 60		e	229	53	4010	4117 23	8	67 2	
4 TACOMA MUNI.CT. 5 SPOKANE DIST.CT.	4217	626	57	114		54				0	0	0	
6 SEATTLE DIST.CT.	2545 641		64 87	420		Ċ	314	161		0 1152	0 12	5	
7 SPOKANE MUNI.CT.	4467	1452	84	68 831		2			2586	483	0	2	
8 NORTHEAST DIST.CT. 9 FEDERAL WAY DIST.CT.	2221 1573		61	1065	5 5049	6				72 2271 ·	65 24	4	
10 YAKIMA DIST.CT.	2700		10 24	257 191		6		65	2849	962		16	
11 COWLITZ DIST.CT. 12 AUKEEN DIST.CT.	1332		87	80	1527	11		0 99		1955 21	30	3	
13 SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT.	1643 2197	1760 675	239 88	248 360		0		35	10470	3965	5	3	
14 WHATCOM DIST.CT. 15 ISSAQUAH DIST.CT.	599	6	269	24		5 10		904 0	4330 238	974	18	ō	
16 EVERETT DIST.CT.	959 1931	699 1644	220 42	175	2053	3	557	10	1146	0 2652	0	03	
17 SHORELINE DIST.CT. 18 THURSTON DIST.CT.	1467	1309	34	429 124		3	209 824	0	3704	2969	9	3	İ
L9 GRANT DIST.CT.	1125 1082	1070 937	25 16	142	2362	2	159	33	2216 2601	1335 857	21 13	22	
20 LEWIS DIST.CT.	873	2	12	618 58		5	547 161	10 73		121	1	2	
21 BELLEVUE DIST.CT. 22 RENTON DIST.CT.	1460 1413	921 1456	25	483	2889	7	655	120	1226 2514	12 2858	6 227	2	
23 CASCADE DIST.CT.	965	661	56 23	58 141		4	684 115	3	2277	1282	3	8	
24 BENTON DIST.CT. #2 25 BENTON DIST.CT. #1	1351 1090	956 411	9	309	2625	2	646	0	2398 1371	494 392	16 34	07	
26 KITSAP DIST.CT. #2	691	628	16 51	180 105		0	529	0	600	244	15	ó	
27 KITSAP DIST.CT. #1 28 AIRPORT DIST.CT.	762 772	139	36	51	988	õ	152 202	- 4	839 546	219 82	1 2	5	
29 CHELAN DIST.CT.	992	229 576	18 24	108 154		4	462	0	1575	801	14	2 4	
30 BREMERTON MUNI.CT. 31 ROXBURY DIST.CT.	2054	2	31	22		4	111 483	3 18	1320 1290	0 811	7	3	
32 EVERGREEN DIST.CT.	1326 948	531 277	38 14	187 158		1	581	õ	2305	3132	47 1111	5 12	
33 RENTON MUNI.CT.	1067	974	43	135		6 0	225 431	186 0	1733	773	43	2	
34 LOWER KITTITAS DIST.CT. 35 BELLINGHAM MUNI.CT.	127	158	21	19	325	Ő	60	21	1657 94	1 4	49 7	5	
36 WHITMAN DIST.CT.	152	51	0 10	28	0 241	2	0	Ó	0	ō	ó	0	
37 UPPER KITTITAS DIST.CT. 38 OLYMPIA MUNI.CT.	269	447	9	14	739	- 0	141 37	0 13	69 296	0 32	1.	0	
39 GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #1	578	219 386	6 51	135	774 1059	0	202	26	464	73	30	1	
40 MILLWOOD DIST.CT. 41 YAKIMA T.V.B.	288	304	3	45	640	0	65 23	10 0	495 10	1	1	4	·
42 OKANOGAN DIST.CT.	0 150	49 516	0 145	07	49	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0 N/A	l N/A	
43 WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.	326	229	43	13	818 611	3	108 240	82	96	0	83	2	
44 TUXWILA MUNI.CT. 45 GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #2	458	884 196	20	352	1714	ō	140	46	95 610	126 376	0	0	
46 CLALLAM DIST.CT.*	431	155	34 8	17	545 603	3	99 32	0	257	0	ĩ	3	
47 TOPPENISH DIST.CT, 48 FRANKLIN DIST.CT.	914 379	410	12	91	1427	ō	67	22 49	73 1852	0 1074	5	0 4	
49 SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT.	404	474	6 25	67 36	708 939	0 13	89 296	0	35	0	4	õ	
50 ISLAND DIST.CT. 51 WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT.	10	73	0	6	89	. 9	85	7	1037 218	373 116	25 1	0	
52 ABERDEEN MUNI.CT.	46 498	321	4 8	43 26	93 853	. 0	75	5	511	0	ō	0	
53 STEVENS DIST.CT. 54 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #2	136	0	ō	0	0	ŏ	94 D	0	455	. 0	0	3	
55 PASCO MUNI.CT.	382	268 89	1 70	45 80	450 621	0	21	27	230	304	6	0	
56 PUYALLUP MUNI.CT. 57 MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT.	344	157	7	33	541	1	206 186	0	349	1 15	9 63	0	
58 WENATCHEE MUNI.CT.	437 483	321 146	0 13	62 41	820	2	49	71	710	326	4	2	
59 MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT. 60 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #1	546	249	26	77	683 898	2	29 223	11 .	631 979	4	5	0	6
61 MASON DIST.CT.	89 164	164 1795	5 51	8	266	y 0	10	22	54	291 79	55	1	2,
62 LYNNWOOD T.V.B.*	0	112	0	0	2010 112	0 N/A	61 N/A	. O	0	0	0	0	
64 EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	444 84	50 15	4	29	527	1	36	N/A 2	N/A 424	N/A 7	N/A 8	N/A O	1
65 RITZVILLE DIST.CT.	28	260	62 11	5	166 307	0	38	1	6	Ó	ō	0	
66 EVERETT T.V.B. 67 BELLEVUE T.V.B.	0	0 6	Ö	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	4 N/A	3 N/A	2 N/A	0 . N/A	
68 PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT.	299	11	0	0	6 319	N/A 0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
69 OTHELLO DIST.CT. 70 LINCOLN DIST.CT.	299	159	22 0	130	610	4	26 102	17 24	64 352	0 25	. 1 5	0	
71 PIERCE DIST.CT. #2	49	33	5 11	6 17	93 220 ®	0	79	Ő	26	0	2	0	
72 OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT. 73 WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	0	61	· · 0	3	64	0	56 74	0.	136 193	41 68	0	0	1
74 LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT.	62 185	39 114	5	7 41	113 340	1	56	0	0	Ő	0	0	
75 PIERCE DIST.CT. #3 76 AUBURN T.V.B.	186	256	16	29	487	0 43	155 133	2	76 16	0	37	7	
77 KIRKLAND T.V.B.	0	0 73	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11 N/A	4 N/A	
78 ANACORTES MUNI.CT. 79 KENT T.V.B.	89	200	4	60	73 353	N/A O	N/A 59	N/A O	N/A 251	N/A	N/A	N/A	
80 JEFFERSON DIST. CT.	123	0 38	0 14	0 5	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88 N/A	N/A	1 N/A	
				4	180	1	30	5	102	0	0	0	
TOTAL: 89 LARGEST COURTS TOTAL: OTHER COURTS	71004 5395	48864 2094	4765 314	12038 929	139311**	287	29449	2285		38457	2176	232	
TOTAL STATE					8732	13	1477	230	5070	783	129	10	
	76399	50958			148043**	300	30926	2515	118105	39240	2305	242	
* Figures do not represent tot ** Total disposed include 2,64	al cour	t activity	for 19	Bi beca	use some m	onthly c	aseload 1	ceports v	ere not	submitted	by the er	~+	
** Total disposed include 2,64 N/A = Not Applicable	o citati	ions dispo	sed for	which	the manner	of disp	osition w	vas not s	specified	*	by the could		
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# THE COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

# Table 99

# **80 LARGEST COURTS** OTHER CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ACTIVITY, 1981

Table 100

80 LARGEST COURTS

# CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR COMPLAINT ACTIVITY, 1981

47		COMPLA	INTS DIS	POSED				PROCEEDIN	IGS			
		Bail	Not		TOTAL	••••	ials Non-	Show	Other Part.	Non- Part.	Pros.	
Court	Guilty	Forf.	Guilty	Dism.	DISP.	Jury	Jury	Cause	lirg.	Hrg.	Deferred	Appealed
1 SEATTLE MUNI.CT.	4472	4634	8993	69	18168	243	8919	3	19739	5106	1431	196
2 CLARK DIST.CT. 3 PIERCE DIST.CT. #1	2801 125	35.3 L77	135	577	3866 501	16	216	94	5587 0	41	28	3
4 TACOMA MUNI.CT.	4295	2085	126	1747	8253	4	3926	ŏ	1319	ŏ	ŏ	LO
5 SPOKANE DIST.CT.	2954	791	129	1358	5232	15	2409	296	9048	3689	48	5
6 SEATTLE DIST.CT. 7 SPOKANE MUNI.CT.	331 881	187 208	358 40	212 421	1088 1550	-6 0	343	0	1521 933	479	0 60	4
8 NORTHEAST DIST.CT.	1810	442	96	375	2723	15	782	i	3881	1145	16	23
9 FEDERAL WAY DIST.CT. 10 YAKIMA DIST.CT.	1045	292 617	14 99	448 596	1799 3444	9	608 407	8	2455 4038	717	10	14 8
LI COWLITZ DIST.CT.	1917	530	76	165	2688	9	725	141	1580	33	17	5
12 AUKEEN DIST.CT.	1448	372	342	413	2575	12	1428	3	637	82	38	12
13 SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT. 14 WHATCOM DIST.CT.	1075	229 0	73 0	405	1782 15	4	459 107	509 0	3028	636 0	7	0
15 ISSAQUAH DIST.CT.	555	132	72	202	961	6	389	2	427	224	4	7
16 EVERETT DIST.CT. 17 SHORELINE DIST.CT.	1484 673	492 57	147 92	734	2857 1036	12	217 768	0	3829 2122	2868 575	171 336	3 15
LE THURSTON DIST.CT.	1045	272	34	362	1713	- 9	145	33	2670	574	147	0
19 GRANT DIST.CT.	866	741	37	342	1986	2	670	34	489	166	4	1
20 LEWIS DIST.CT. 21 BELLEVUE DIST.CT.	871 552	1 100	46 40	140 748	1058 1440	13	221 617	68 122	1486 3306	44 2091	10 608	10
22 RENTON DIST.CT.	703	238	30	64	1035	5	504	5	1126	708	1	0
23 CASCADE DIST.CT. 24 BENTON DIST.CT. #2	605 1464	234 135	13	202 705	1054 2315	5	136 992	0 25	2080 1964	271	4 76	2
25 BENTON DIST.CT. #1	783	209	25	367	1384	ĩ	619	õ	706	265	8	Ō.
26 KITSAP DIST.CT. #2 27 KITSAP DIST.CT, #1	416 515	17 42	66 44	165 44	664 645	29	90 190	1	764 369	169 29	1	2
28 AIRPORT DIST.CT.	274	51	35	516	876	18	510	0	2385	796	78	8
29 CHELAN DIST.CT.	677	842	22	184	1725	5		2	1203	0 683	15	4
30 BREMERTON MUNI.CT. 31 ROXBURY DIST.CT.	2175 488	2	45 26	50 258	2270 774	9	464 583	. 0	1410	1911	1554	3
32 EVERGREEN DIST.CT.	462	196	12	169	839	1	176	80	1018	447	64	0
33 RENTON MUNI.CT. 34 LOWER KITTITAS DIST.CT.	907	392 272	46	109 32	1454 547	7	567 156	0 13	1611 205	9	228	5
35 BELLINGHAM MUNI.CT.	0	2,2	0	0	0	ő		õ	0	õ	õ	ŏ
36 WHITMAN DIST.CT.	256	23	12	73	364	1	257	3	110	0	1	0
37 UPPER KITTITAS DIST.CT. 38 OLYMPIA MUNI.CT.	134 703	197 247	3 27	16	350 1111	0	25 281	1 53	151 673	7 162	44	1
39 GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #1	309	117	22	44	492	3	61	12	549	0	2	0
40 MILLWOOD DIST.CT. 41 YAKIMA T.V.B.	10	19 0	0	0	29	0 N/A		0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A	0 N/A
42 OKANOGAN DIST.CT.	235	326	192	11	764	4	107	62	21	0	10	1
43 WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.	165	150	102	8	425	27	80	0	15	6	1	2
44 TUKWILA MUNI.CT. 45 GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #2	371 159	378 301	18	134 42	901 525	ó	153	. 76	582 133		0	1
46 CLALLAM DIST.CT.*	387	88	27	19	521	3	65	19	20	0	2	2
47 TOPPENISH DIST.CT. 48 FRANKLIN DIST.CT.	371 350	148 254	14 10	69 140	602 754	0	53 105	19 0	719 37	313	1	5
49 SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT.	241	104	20	35	400	3		, õ	389	134	. 1	0
50 ISLAND DIST.CT.	46 0	412	10	22 60	490 74	14	192 200	1	343 129	263	· 0 0	0
51 WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT. 52 ABERDEEN MUNI.CT.	1028	390	36	132	1586	ŏ	215	0	1046	ō	0	ī
53 STEVENS DIST.CT.	152	0 87	0 2	0 105	0 346	0	12	52	0 321	0 410	2 9	0
54 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #2 55 PASCO MUNI.CT.	445	73	73	105	696	0	222	0	0	2	10	0
56 PUYALLUP MUNI.CT.	546	133	29	100	808	1	302	12	658	38	192	3
57 MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT. 58 WENATCHEE MUNI.CT.	246	155 234	3 24	37	441 1163	1		29 11	452	141 22	7 26	0
59 MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT.	88	16	19	86	209	0	101	. 0	465	71	98	1
60 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #1 61 MASON DIST.CT.	82 229	246 259	3 157	7	338 645	1		19	96	200	0	0
62 LYNNWOOD T.V.B.*	0	151	0	ŏ	151	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
63 DOUGLAS DIST.CT.	201	122	13	49	385	18		3	223 0	11	3	0
64 EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. 65 RITZVILLE DIST.CT.	49 74	55	77	3 15	184 160	- 1		2 5	11	13	1.	1
66 EVERETT T.V.B.	0	Ó	0	0	0	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
67 BELLEVUE T.V.B. 68 PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT.	0 303	53	0	0	53 359	N/A		N/A 6	N/A 37	N/A O	N/A 1	N/A O
69 OTHELLO DIST.CT.	108	39	19	20	186	- ā		·	201	7	3	Ō
70 LINCOLN DIST.CT. 71 PIERCE DIST.CT. #2	95 79	40 108	. 5	7 22	147 217	2		1	69 131	35	. 2. ⊖0	0
72 OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT.	Ő	30	·	2		6 I		ŏ	66	23	Ő	o, čo
73 WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	136	23	16	32	207	1		0	10	0	2	0
74 LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT. 75 PIERCE DIST.CT. #3	60 213	68 433	23	29 41	157	28		0 10	25	1	23	2 11
76 AUBURN T.V.B.	0 0	Ö	0	0	0	N//	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
77 KIRKLAND T.V.B. 78 ANACORTES MUNI.CT.	0 68	36	. 0	0 62	36 231	N/7		N/A O	N/A 187	N/A 99	N/A 0	N/A O
79 KENT T.V.B.	0	0	ō	0	0	N/2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
80 JEFFERSON DIST.CT.	ි 165	73	20	5	263	4		2	115	3	<b>1</b> .,	0
TOTAL: 80 LARGEST COURTS	49887	21127	12457	14358	97829	610		1870 165	92948 4642	28443 593	5627 128	413 14
TOTAL: OTHER COURTS	6267	2406	675	1174	10522							
TOTAL STATE	56154	23533	13132	15532	108351	643	34735	2035	97590	29036	5755	427

* Figures do not represent total court activity for 1981 because some monthly caseload reports were not submitted by the court. N/A = Not Applicable

NOTE: Courts are ranked in order of total filings for 1981. Statistics for district courts include those matters filed by municipal law enforcement and processed by the district courts. The number of cases transferred from a court or traffic violations bureau to another court have been deducted from the filings in the originating court.

	Court
	1 SEATTLE MUNI.CT. 2 CLARK DIST.CT.
	3 PIERCE DIST.CT. #1
	4 TACOMA MUNI.CT. 5 SPOKANE DIST.CT
	6 SEATTLE DIST.CT. 7 SPOKANE MUNI.CT.
	B NORTHEAST DIST. CT.
	10 YAKIMA DIST.CT.
	11 COWLITZ DIST.CT. 12 AUKEEN DIST.CT.
	13 SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT. 14 WHATCOM DIST.CT.
	15 ISSAQUAH DIST.CT.
	LG EVERETT DIST.CT. 17 SHORELINE DIST.CT.
	18 THURSTON DIST.CT. 19 GRANT DIST.CT.
	20 LEWIS DIST.CT.
	21 BELLEVUE DIST.CT. 22 RENTON DIST.CT.
	23 CASCADE DIST.CF. 24 BENTON DIST.CT. #2
	25 BENTON DIST.CT. #1
	27 KITSAP DIST.CT. #1
	28 AIRPORT DIST.CT. 29 CHELAN DIST.CT.
÷,	30 BREMERTON MUNI.CT.
	32 EVERGREEN DIST.CT.
	33 RENTON MUNI.CT. 34 LOWER KITTITAS DIST.CT.
	35 BELLINGHAM MUNI.CT. 36 WHITMAN DIST.CT.
	37 UPPER KITTITAS DIST.CT.
	38 OLYMPIA MUNI.CT. 39 GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #1
1.	40 MILLWOOD DIST.CT. 41 YAKIMA T.V.B.
	42 OKANOGAN DIST.CT.
	44 TUKWILA MUNI.CT.
	45 GRAYS HARBOR DIST.CT. #2 46 CLALLAM DIST.CT.*
	47 TOPPENISH DIST.CT. 48 FRANKLIN DIST.CT.
	49 SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT.
	50 ISLAND DIST.CT. 51 WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT.
	52 ABERDEEN MUNI.CT. 53 STEVENS DIST.CT.
	54 SKAGIT DIST. CT. #2
	56 PUYALLUP MUNI.CT.
	57 MOUNT VERNON MUNI.CT. 58 WENATCHEE MUNI.CT.
	58 WENATCHEE MUNI.CT. 59 MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT. 60 SKAGIT DIST.CT. #1
	61 MASON DIST.CT. 62 LYNNWOOD T.V.B.*
	63 DOUGLAS DIST.CT.
	64 EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. 65 RITZVILLE DIST.CT.
	66 EVERETT T.V.B.
	68 PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT.
	69 OTHELLO DIST.CT. 70 LINCOLN DIST.CT.
	71 PIERCE DIST.CT. #2 72 OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT.
	73 WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT. 74 LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT.
	75 PIERCE DIST.CT. #3
	76 AUBURN T.V.B. 77 KIRKLAND T.V.B.
	78 ANACORTES MUNI.CT.
	79 KENT T.V.B. 80 JEFFERSON DIST.CT.
	TOTAL: BO LARGEST COURTS
	TOTAL: OTHER COURTS
	TOTAL STATE
	* Figures do not represent tota
	N/A = Not Applicable
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NOTE: Courts are ranked in order of total filings for 1981.

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# THE COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

# Table 101

# 80 LARGEST COURTS CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, 1981

	Default	Other		TOTAL	•	Tri	als Non-	Cont.	Uncont.		
	Jdgmt	Jdgmt	Tried	DISP.	J	ury	Jury	Hrg.	Hrg.	Appealed	
	759	490	198	1447	÷.	0	14	0	964	Q	
	838 0	611 3231	97 658	1546 3889		1 3	156 922	53 0	94 439	4	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	3944 5904	180 10560	631 879	4755 17343		2	629 879	126	2793	12	
	N/A	N/A	8/9 N/A	1/343 N/A	1	10 N/A	879 N/A	591 N/A	2949 N/A	46 N/A	
	1115	940	534	2589		1	222	136	190	5	
	537 2917	513 1124	79 307	1129 4348		0	119 246	30 137	18 88	11 3	
	595	187	138	920		1	30	0	0	3	
Ŧ.	1199 1450	44 736	602 42	1845 2228		1	143	275	12	6	
	287	0	67	354		1 0	211 56	54 3	85 27	· 8 1	
	200	69	46	315		0 0	111	13	23	. 6	
	1372 560	1052 199	218 108	2642 867		0 2	221 118	84	84 176	12 1	
	891	300、	136	1327		1	135	289	1320	9	
	352	15	50	417		0	33	24	. 159	o	
	511 1131	88 622	60 315	659 2068		0	60 241	69 94	543 989	1	
	964	372	169	1505		0	230	71	234	. 9	
	614 1092	334 601	1	949		0	62	23	66	2	
	358	159	142 85	1835 602		0	239 95	69 26	31 10	6 3	
	241	27	24	292		0	30	6	15	2	
	288	134 202	34 73	218 563		0	46 80	8 26	7 93	0	
	361	171	33	565		3	94	49	23	0	
	N/A 337	N/A 384	N/A 161	N/A 882	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	517	280	19	816		1 1	147 61	15 212	103 97	0 2	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	289 N/A	61 N/A	76 N/A	426 N/A		5 N/A	77 N/A	12 N/A	16 N/A	3 N/A	
	18	9	4	31		0	5	6	2	N/A 1	
-	51	62	3.	116		0	2	1	0	0	
<b>#1</b>	N/A 193	N/A 15	N/A 37	N/A 245	1	N/A 1	N/A 43	N/A 23	N/A 41	N/A l	
	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	181 308	71 0	20 155	272 463		1.	20 109	3	. 0	2	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
#2	134	0 8	44 10	178		1	83 32	0	13 0	1	
	· 0	0	0	• •		0	0	۰,	ő	0	
	34	0	113	147		0	130	6	3	1	
	1 6	5 18	46	6 70		0	8 35	0	0	0	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	N/A O	N/A O	N/A O	N/A O	1	N/A O	N/A O	N/A O	N/A O	N/A	
	128	102	11	() 241		0	10	13	28	2 0	
	N/A N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A N/A		N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	
	N/A	N/A 27	N/A N/A N/A	N/A	<b>i</b>	N/A	N/A 47	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	169	27	2	198 16		9 0	47 1	17	8	3	
	142	3	8	153		0	18	0	0	0	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	199	59 6	15	273 20		0 1	13	2	0	0	
	0	0	1	1		0	. 1	0	0	0	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A		N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	
	88	12	10	110		1	18	5	. 0	0	
	3 47	4 8	0 14	7 69		0	0 25	0	0	0	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	1	3	0	4		0	1	0	· 0	0	
CT.	N/A 11	N/A 4	N/A 3	N/A 18	1	A\R 0	N/A 4	N/A 4	N/A 1	N/A O	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	, N/A	N/A	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A		N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	
	15	2	0	17		1	2	0	0	0	
TS	31453	24109	6485	62047		51	6314	2583	11737	189	
	136	64	47	247		9	81	2383	26	100	
	31589	24173	6532	62294		60	6395	2607	11763	197	

Table 102 80 LARGEST COURTS SMALL CLAIMS ACTIVITY, 1981

			Default	Other	ES DISPO	SED	TOTAL		PROCEEN Frial or	Uncont.		
		Court	Jdgmt,	Jdgmt.	Tried	to Civil	DISP.		Cont.Hrg.	Hrg.	Appealed	
		SEATTLE MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
	2	CLARK DIST.CT. PIERCE DIST.CT. #1	695 0	453 510	396 1707	212	1756		440	8	2	
	4	TACOMA MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2217 N/A		1707 N/A	11 N/A	N/A	
<u>_</u>	5	SPOKANE DIST.CT. SEATTLE DIST.CT.	572 596	3 1152	836	1 564	1412		810	89	12	
	ž	SPOKANE MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	1267 N/A	N/A	3579 N/A		1283 N/A	740 N/A	16 N/A	
	8		11	298	248	113	670		286	179	0	
		FEDERAL WAY DIST.CT. YAKIMA DIST.CT.	94 170	122 138	147 272	53	416 580		139 290	106 66	0	
	11	COWLITZ DIST.CT.	184	56	57.5	23	836		0	0	2	
		AUKEEN DIST.CT. SOUTH SNOHOMISH DIST.CT.	B0 566	70 232	98 90	136 169	384 1057		416 255	139 201	2	
	14	WHATCOM DIST.CT.	112	113	83	2	310		82	140	Ō	
	15		29 185	20 287	21	² 16 147	86 859		73 224	2 53	2 .	
	17	SHORELINE DIST.CT.	52	46	149	19	266		151	115	1	
	18	THURSTON DIST.CT. GRANT DIST.CT.	189 155	169 3	143	24	525		395	412	2	
	20		116	20	82 94	59 49	299 279		93 186	77	2 1	
	21		68	183	385	83	739		297	391	. 3	
	22	RENTON DIST.CT. CASCADE DIST.CT.	69 96	89 60	235	120	513 237		332 82	111 22	5 1	
	24	BENTON DIST.CT. #2	73	44	119	36	272		164	22	ô	
	25 26	BENTON DIST.CT. #1	39	60	. 66	37	202		86	6	.0	
		KITSAP DIST.CT. #2 KITSAP DIST.CT. #1	41 28	0 36	64 51	27	132 136		75 114	17 2	0	
	28	AIRPORT DIST.CT.	0	21	1	25	47		155	110	2	
	29 30		37 N/A	50 N/A	81 N/A	30 N/A	198 N/A		72 N/A	7 N/A	0 N/A	
	31	ROXBURY DIST.CT.	81	128	260	36	505		222	142	0	
	32 33		48 N/A	43 N/A	3 N/A	27 N/A	121 N/A		79 N/A	17 N/A	0 N/A	
	34	LOWER KITTITAS DIST.CT.	18	3	67	13	101		57	2	1	
	35		N/A 24	N/A 39	N/A 38	N/A O	N/A 101		N/A 57	N/A 12	N/A 2	
		UPPER KITTITAS DIST.CT.	5	2	9	2	18		9	2	Ó	
	38 39		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
	40		67 0	0	48	1	116 0		45	27	0	
		YAKIMA T.V.B.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
		OKANOGAN DIST.CT. WALLA WALLA DIST.CT.	58 90	3 0	34	3 21	98 175		32 78	0	0	
	44	TUKWILA MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A 9	N/A	
	45 46		68	2	49	18	137		49	9	0	
	47		11	Ö	48	3	62 0		36	5	0	
	48 49	FRANKLIN DIST.CT.	2	0	113	6	121		78	0	. 1	
	50	SUNNYSIDE DIST.CT. ISLAND DIST.CT.	5	8 32	5 57	0	18 95		8 60	. 0 1	0	
		WALLA WALLA MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
		ABERDEEN MUNI.CT. STEVENS DIST.CT.	N/A O	N/A 0	N/A 0	N/A 0	N/A Q		N/A O	N/A O	N/A O	
	54	SKAGIT DIST.CT. #2	10	23	29	4	66		40	10	ő	
	55		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
	56 57		N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A		N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	
	58	WENATCHEE MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
	60	MERCER ISLAND DIST.CT. SKAGIT DIST.CT. \$1	9	3	10	10	32 25		44 10	3	0	
-	61	MASON DIST.CT.	34	1	0	.0	35		46	0	. 0	
		LYNNWOOD T.V.B.* DOUGLAS DIST.CT.	N/A 25	N/A 45	N/A 21	N/A 3	N/A 94		N/A 32	N/A 13	N/A 1	
0	64	EAST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	25	21	12	9	67		1	Ū	-0	
	65 66	RITZVILLE DIST.CT. EVERETT' T.V.B.	5 N/A	3 N/A	N/A	0 N/A	8 N/A		0 N/A	1 N/A	0 N/A	
	67	BELLEVUE T.V.B.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
		PORT ANGELES MUNI.CT. OTHELLO DIST.CT.	N/A 6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
		LINCOLN DIST.CT.	3	12	13	0	31		9	4	0	
		PIERCE DIST.CT. #2	29	10	24	5 ~	68		24	4	5	
		OAK HARBOR MUNI.CT. WEST KLICKITAT DIST.CT.	N/A 97	N/A 25	N/A 1	N/A 0	N/A 123		N/A O	N/A O	N/A O	
	74	LAKE FOREST PARK MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
		PIERCE DIST.CT. #3 AUBURN T.V.B.	12	2 N/A	10	1	25		8	0	1	
	77	KIRKLAND T.V.B.	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A		N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	
	78	ANACORTES MUNI.CT.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
		KENT T.V.B. JEFFERSON DIST.CT.	N/A 9	N/A 7	N/A 17	N/A 5	N/A 38	14 .	N/A 14	N/A 2	N/A O	
							a					
		TOTAL: 80 LARGEST COURTS TOTAL: OTHER COURTS	5029 310	4652 143	8408	2214 20	20303 684		9265 202	3395 65	77 2	
		TOTAL STATE	5339	4795	8619	2234	20987		9467	3460	79	

* Figures do not represent total court activity for 1981 because N/A = Not Applicable some monthly caseload

NOTE: Courts are ranked in order of total filings for 1981

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# **EXPENDITURES FOR COURT SERVICES**

Washington's courts are supported by funds appropriated by both state and local governments. This section distinguishes between those expenditures made by the state for the judicial system and those made by cities and counties. State fiscal activities are on a biennial basis; fiscal operations of local governments are based on the calendar year.

### STATE EXPENDITURES

Court operations funded directly by the state include those of the Supreme Court (including the Supreme Court Clerk's Office and the Reporter of Decisions), the Court of Appeals, half of the salaries and benefits of superior court judges, the State Law Library, the Washington State Judicial Council and the Office of the Administrator for the Courts. Expenditures to support the judiciary comprise a small portion of the total cost of operating state government. During the 1979-81 biennium, state expenditures totaled \$11 billion. Only \$29.4 million, or two-tenths of one percent, was expended on the judiciary. This proportion did not change from the preceding biennium.

During fiscal year 1981, the last half of the preceding biennium, the state expended \$15.3 million for judicial operations and \$15.9 million for judicial retirement. Funds to support court operations are appropriated to and administered by the state judiciary; retirement funds are appropriated and administered by the Department of Retirement Systems, an agency of the state's executive branch.

### Table 103 STATE EXPENDITURES FOR JUDICIAL OPERATIONS AND RETIREMENT

#### State Expenditures for Judicial Operations*

	FY 1979/80	FY 1980/81						
Supreme Court Court of Appeals Superior Court Judges State Law Library Administrator for the Courts Judicial Council Total Operating	\$ 2,456,899 2,804,112 3,197,881 679,631 3,800,655** 108,934	\$ 3,053,939 3,804,422 3,507,704 742,215 * 4,089,385** 128,085	**					
Expenditures	\$13,048,110	\$15,325,750	\$13,048,110	\$15,325,750				
State Expenditures for Judicial Retirement**								
Judges' Retirement Fund Judicial Retirement System Total Retirement	282,000 199,000	282,000 294,000						
Expenditures	\$481,000	\$576,000	481,000	576,000				
TOTAL STATE EXPENDITI OPERATIONS AND RETIR		CIAL	\$13,529,110	\$15,901,750				
*Appropriated to and administered **Appropriated to and administered ***Includes expenditures of federal	l by Department of R		istrator for the Courts.					
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# EXPENDITURES FOR COURT SERVICES

## LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Local governments finance the major portion of the state's judicial system, including the cost of court administration, grand juries, local law libraries, facilities, civil process services, petit juries, and witness expenses.

With the exception of one-half the salaries of superior court judges, the operation of the superior courts and district courts are funded by the counties. Many district courts have municipal departments and receive a portion of their operating costs from the cities. Municipal courts and traffic violations bureaus are funded by the cities they serve.

Projected figures show that cities and counties of Washington expended \$44.6 million during 1980 for judicial services and operations. (Actual figures compiled by the Office of State Auditor were not available for inclusion in this document.) As is the case with state expenditures, the amount spent to support local courts is small relative to the expenditures for other city and county government operations. Projected expenditures for judicial services during 1980 represents only 3.25 percent of the estimated \$1.37 billion spent by all local governments.

## Table 104 EXPENDITURES FOR JUDICIAL SERVICES BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 1979 - 1980

1979 1980

Expenditures for Judicial Services by COUNTIES	\$33.5 million	\$34.4 million*
Expenditures for Judicial Services by CITIES	8.0 million	10.2 million*
Total Expenditures for Judicial Services by OCAL GOVERNMENT	\$41.5 million	\$44.6 million*
Total Expenditures by Local Government	\$1,235.8 million	\$1,369.8 million*
Percent Expended for Judicial Services	3.36%	3.25%

Source: Local Government Comparative Statistics, 1979; Office of the State Auditor, Olympia, WA; 1981 *Projected from data for years 1974-1979; 1980 data not available from the Office of State Auditor.









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# Judicial Administration



The equitable distribution of justice in the face of increasingly crowded dockets and heavier caseloads is accomplished through the efforts of many individuals and groups across the state.

The state's 362 judges join with more than 500 court administrators, county clerks, court reporters and other administrative specialists in the accomplishment of daily administrative tasks. Many of these individuals meet as members of professional associations and special committees to draft proposed standards and rules, design forms and procedures and discuss concepts and techniques that will enhance the judicial process.

Administrative activities initiated by these groups are discussed in the following section. The activities listed are not exhaustive nor are they listed in priority order. They do represent some of the major administrative programs undertaken during 1981.

# BOARD FOR JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

In an effort to improve communication and coordination between the levels of Washington's court system, Chief Justice Robert F. Brachtenbach established the Board for Judicial Administration in 1981. The Board for Judicial Administration (BJA) is comprised of the chief justice and acting chief justice of the Supreme Court, the presiding chief judge and acting presiding chief judge of the Court of Appeals and the president and president-elect of the Superior Court Judges and Washington State Magistrates Associations. Meeting on a quarterly basis, these key judicial leaders review various issues affecting the administration and operation of Washington's court system. The recommendations of the BJA serve to advise and inform the Supreme Court of issues and concerns common to all court levels.

The 1981 BJA members included: Honorable Robert F. Brachtenbach, Chairman Chief Justice, Washington State Supreme Court Honorable William H. Williams Acting Chief Justice, Washington State Supreme Court Honorable J. Ben McInturff Presiding Chief Judge, Court of Appeals Honorable Frank D. James Acting Presiding Chief Judge, Court of Appeals Honorable Walter J. Deierlein, Jr. President, Superior Court Judges' Association Honorable Warren Chan President-Elect, Superior Court Judges' Association Honorable George H. Mullins President, Washington State Magistrates Association Honorable C. Brent Nevin President-Elect, Washington State Magistrates Association

### BOARD FOR JUDICIARY EDUCATION

The 17-member Board for Judiciary Education (BJE) was appointed in 1981 by Chief Justice Robert F. Brachtenbach. Prior to creation of the BJE, direction for judicial training was set by the Board on Judicial Training Standards and Education, an advisory body of the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Following the recommendation of a Washington State Legislature "sunset audit", the Commission was relieved of its judicial training responsibilities under provisions of RCW Chapter 43.101. Program direction is now determined by the BJE; staff support is provided by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts.

During its first year, the BJE developed by-laws, set goals and objectives and developed policies for in- and out-of-state

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education. Goals, or purposes, of the Board are to:

- Foster professional excellence by providing orientation and continuing education programs and services for all judicial and support personnel in the state.
- Establish standards, long-range goals and comprehensive plans for judiciary education.
- Coordinate judiciary education programs and services within the state as well as with regional and national programs.

A biennial appropriation of \$358,410 was made for judicial education during the 1981 legislative session. Following detailed budget analysis, the Board identified \$179,500 for FY 1981-82 to cover in- and out-of-state training for judges and other judicial employees, faculty development, management seminars and the development of benchbooks and manuals. The remaining \$178,910 will be used during the 1982-83 vear.

Attendees, including judges, administrators, bailiffs and county clerks, totaled 1,246 during 1981. In 1982, 1,432 are expected to take advantage of training programs.

Members of the Board for Judicial Education include: Supreme Court Justice Charles Horowitz Retired, Seattle (Chairman) Kay Anderson, County Clerk Snohomish County Superior Court Theodore Clements, Dean Gonzaga University School of Law Harold F. Delia, Administrator Gravs Harbor Juvenile Court Honorable Robert J. Doran Thurston County Superior Court Malcolm Edwards Edwards and Barbieri, P.S., Seattle Honorable Donald A. Eide Aukeen District Court Honorable Tom Huff Yelm Municipal Court

Kitsap County Superior Court Honorable James M. Murphy Spokane District Court Honorable James A. Noe King County Superior Court James R. Larsen Acting Administrator for the Courts Honorable Willard J. Roe Court of Appeals, Division III George Schatzke, Dean University of Washington School of Law Fredric Tausend, Dean University of Puget Sound School of Law Karen Wick, Administrator Everareen District Court

Myrth Miller, Administrator

#### TASK FORCE ON COURT CONGESTION AND DELAY

The Court Congestion Reduction Act of 1981 was passed during the regular session of the Washington Legislature (Chapter 331, Washington Laws 1981). As a result of that enactment, the chairman of the House Ethics Law and Justice Committee, with the endorsement of key senators and representatives, requested the chief justice appoint a state-wide committee staffed by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts to study congestion of the courts at all levels of the state judicial system. A primary goal of the task force is to combine the efforts of various committees within the legislative, judicial and legal communities. Task force membership reflects representation from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Washington State Bar Association and all four court levels. The task force is charged with developing a report to the legislature by 1983 describing congestion problems and developing recommendations for consideration.

The Office of the Administrator for the Courts, staff to the task force, completed a preliminary study of appellate processing in 1981. The analysis relied upon information

recorded by the state's Judicial Information System (JIS) to develop a series of tables and charts identifying time lapses between major events in various types of case processing (i.e., civil, criminal, etc.). Dispositions for a twelve-month period were examined to determine the average time required to move cases through selected courts. A similar analysis of the superior court process was initiated for presentation to the task force in 1982.

Members of the Task Force on Court Concestion and Delay include: Honorable Robert F. Brachtenbach, Chairman Chief Justice, Washington State Supreme Court

Honorable James A. Andersen Court of Appeals, Division I Honorable Warren Chan King County Superior Court Representative William H. Ellis House of Representatives, District 46 Frederick B. Haves Attorney at Law James R. Larsen Acting Administrator for the Courts Honorable George H. Mullins Yakima County District Court

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Honorable C. Brent Nevin Clark County District Court Robert R. Redman Attorney

Honorable George T. Shields Spokane County Superior Court Senator Phil Talmadge Washington State Senate, District 34

# JUDICIAL OUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

The Judicial Qualifications Commission became operational during 1981 following voter ratification of a constitutional amendment in November 1980. The Commission was established under Article IV, Section 31 of the state constitution. Implementing legislation was provided with

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the passage, during the 1981 legislative session, of Senate Bill 3071 which became effective May 18, 1981 (Chapter 268, Laws of 1981). The seven member commission took office on June 17, 1981.

The Commission is authorized to recommend to the Supreme Court the censure, suspension or removal of a judge or justice for violating a rule of judicial conduct, or the retirement of a judge or justice for a disability which is, or is likely to become, permanent and which interferes with the performance of judicial duties.

As provided by law, the Commission consists of seven members:

F. Lee Campbell, Seattle (chairman)

William W. Baker, Everett

Greta Bryan, Yakima

Honorable Robert J. Bryan, Kitsap County Superior Court

Honorable Ray E. Munson, Court of Appeals, Division III

Ann Sandstrom, Seattle

Honorable W. Laurence Wilson, Snohomish County District Court

Esther Garner is the Commission's executive director.

# **1981 FALL CONFERENCE**

For a quarter of a century, the Annual Fall Judicial Conference has served as a vehicle for communication between members of the state's judicial community, continuing the judiciary's commitment to stay abreast of new processes and procedures and to develop individual knowledge and skills. A total of 160 judges, both active and retired, attended the 25th Annual Fall Judicial Conference, held August 31 - September 2 in Olympia.

Judges participated in business and committee sessions and in discussions on rule making procedures, court congestion, legislative/judicial concerns and the role of the annual judicial conference. They also heard a report from the newly-formed

Iudicial Oualifications Commission and a panel discussion of the increasing conflicts between the First and Sixth Amendments.

The 1982 Annual Fall Judicial Conference will be held in Spokane, August 30-September 1, 1982.

#### LAY JUDGE/COMMISSIONER **EXAMINATIONS**

In 1980, RCW 3.42.010, relating to justice court commissioners, was amended by the legislature to require all non-attorney commissioners in courts of limited jurisdiction to pass the qualifying examination for lay judges. Court rule JAR 1 was developed to clarify testing procedures. JAR 1 was replaced in January, 1981 by General Rule 8 which requires non-attorney "judicial officers" in the courts of limited jurisdiction pass a qualifying exam before appointment or election.

The examination for non-attorney judges and commissioners is given every six months. Topics include traffic infractions, criminal evidence and judicial conduct. District court judges are also tested on civil matters.

Combined 1981 testing scores show that of 54 total examination candidates, 28 (52%) passed. Of 28 judge candidates, 12 (43%) passed and 16 of 26 (62%) commissioner candidates passed the exam.

Development of the examinations and their administration, grading and review is performed by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts with the advice and counsel of a committee composed of members from district and municipal courts. An "examination committee" provides oversight of examination administration and grading.

Members of the District Court Advisory Committee are:

Honorable Thomas E. Kelly Everett District Court Honorable H. E. Wilkes Quincy Municipal Court

Honorable Donald A. Eide Aukeen District Court Honorable Gary N. Utigard Airport (King County) District Court Honorable James M. Murphy Spokane District Court Honorable Alva Lightbody (Retired) Ritzville District Court

The examination committee consists of Honorable George H. Mullins, Yakima District Court: Luvern V. Rieke, Washington State Judicial Council; James R. Larsen, Acting Administrator for the Courts.

## JURY MANAGEMENT

A special jury management program was offered to five counties in the state during 1981. The program resulted from requests by counties for technical assistance in the area of jury management.

Recent legislation requiring courts of limited jurisdiction to select and impanel jurors in the same manner as superior courts, plus the 1981 implementation of electronic recording which resulted in the virtual elimination of de novo appeals. increased the need for courts to use the latest jury management techniques. The program was financed by a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and is staffed by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts.

Major elements of the program include development of county-wide jury management plans, purchase of telephone answering equipment, design of new forms (summons, qualification forms, data forms, badges, certificates, etc.), and revision of the Jurors' Handbook.

A manual entitled, Introduction to Jury Management in Washington State will also be developed. Training and technical assistance will be available in 1982. Counties currently participating in the program include Clark, Whitman, Skagit, Thurston and Pacific.

# JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Judicial Information System (JIS) was initiated in 1973 with establishment by the Supreme Court, of a committee to study the potential use of automation in the judicial branch of government. Beginning in the superior courts, computer system development was made possible by a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration in 1976. That year, Supreme Court rules (JISCR) formally established the IIS Committee and controlling policy environment. Additional grants were obtained to initiate computer systems for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, juvenile courts and courts of limited jurisdiction. In 1981, under the direction of the committee and its chairman, Chief Justice Robert F. Brachtenbach, a recommendation was made to the Legislature to provide funding support for JIS via penalty assessments on "users" of the judicial system. The Legislature approved the measure and collection of the assessments was begun later in the year. More than half of the planned functions of the appellate and superior court systems have been implemented. All have provided extensive new services and efficiencies in the state's courts.

The 22-member Judicial Information Systems Committee provides administrative and policy direction to the JIS effort. Members include:

Honorable Robert F. Brachtenbach, Chairman Supreme Court

Mr. Claire Abel, Vice-Chairman, JUVIS Committee Chairman

Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators

Mr. Robert Beezer

Washington State Bar Association Mr. James Boldt

Association of Washington Superior Court

Administrators

Ms. Bea Boone

Washington State Association for Court Administration

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Mr. Robert Cannon Association of Washington Superior Court Administrators Mr. John J. Champagne, Clerk Supreme Court Mr. Richard P. Guy Lay citizen Mr. James R. Larsen Acting Administrator for the Courts Honorable Ray E. Munson, ACORDS Committee Chairman Court of Appeals Honorable John N. Skimas, Washington State Superior Court Judges Association Honorable Walter Stauffacher, SCOMIS Committee Chairman Washington State Superior Court Judges Association Honorable Frank L. Sullivan Washington State Superior Court Judges Association Mr. Tony Susinski Washington State Association for Court Administration Ms. Beverly Whitsell Washington Association of County Clerks Mr. Henry R. Dunn Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Mr. Miles P. Eslick Washington Association of County Clerks Mr. Vernon Fishback Washington State Association for Court Administration Honorable Robert E. Graham, DISCIS Committee Chairman Washington State Magistrates Association Honorable W. Laurence Wilson Washington State Magistrates Association Mr. Terrence Wold Washington State Data Processing Authority Honorable Barbara Yanick Washington State Magistrates Association

## ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS OF COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

As a result of statutory and court rule changes enacted in January 1981, all district and municipal courts with attorney judges in jurisdictions with 5,000 or more population, began electronically recording court proceedings. This change caused a heavy reduction in the number of costly de novo appeals and resulted in a significant reduction of appeals generally from the courts of limited jurisdiction to the superior courts.

Courts of limited jurisdiction purchased dual cassette, four track recording equipment during the latter part of 1980. A state contract was secured, enabling counties to purchase equipment at a substantially less-than-retail cost. Currently, 108 district and 32 municipal courtrooms are recording proceedings.

Superior courts have purchased transcribing (listening) equipment to review the tapes on appeal. District court clerks maintain a log of significant events as they are recorded, thus allowing superior court judges to listen only to that portion of the tape containing the claimed errors of law.

Prior to January 1981, eight training programs were conducted by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts to acquaint court clerks and court administrators with the operation of recording equipment and procedures for preparing an appeal on the record. Two programs were conducted for judges of courts of limited jurisdiction to acquaint them with the judge's role in recording proceedings, including the preparation of findings of fact and conclusions of law. A total of 374 judges, court administrators, and court clerks attended the one-day training programs.

An electronic recording equipment procedures manual was designed for use during the training programs and as a permanent court reference. The manual was developed by the Office of the Administrator

for the Courts staff with the cooperation of recording industry representatives and a district court advisory committee.

#### WASHINGTON PATTERN FORMS AND BENCHBOOK COMMITTEES

Benchbooks and pattern forms serve as desk references for judges and judicial staff in superior courts and courts of limited jurisdiction. The books contain forms, checklists and scripts to be used in connection with judicial and administrative procedures.

The Washington State Judges Benchbook, Criminal Procedure — Courts of Limited Jurisdiction was completed in August 1981 under the editorial supervision of the Washington State Magistrates Association. The book was designed to give judges a single-source access to pertinent court rules and statutes. An update of the superior court judges criminal procedures benchbook was also initiated during 1981 to reflect recent legal and statutory changes.

Major tasks accomplished by the Washington Pattern Forms Committee during 1981 included update of juvenile forms, in response to the revision of RCW Title 13 and corresponding court rules; an update of criminal forms to coincide with the publication of the revised criminal benchbook; a survey of forms in use by all district and municipal courts; the development and testing of forms used in implementing traffic decriminalization and electronic recording of proceedings in courts of limited jurisdiction; and the revision of the Pattern Forms Style Manual outlining format conventions.

Members of the Washington Pattern Forms Committee include representatives of all levels of the state judiciary as well as prosecutors, private practitioners and the Washington State Judicial Council. The committee is chaired by Honorable George T. Shields of Spokane County Superior Court.

## TASK FORCE ON RULE MAKING PROCEDURES

In an effort to streamline procedures for the promulgation of court rules and to improve the content of adopted rules, Chief Justice Robert F. Brachtenbach appointed a representative committee in July 1981 to review the current process. Chaired by Justice James M. Dolliver, the Rule Making Procedures Task Force was charged with reviewing procedures by which rules are made, considering suggested changes and making recommendations to the Supreme Court for possible revisions. Staff to the task force, the Office of the Administrator for the Courts, prepared materials which described the present process, analyzed procedures utilized by other states, then drafted model procedures for task force consideration.

Topics reviewed in 1981 included assessment of appropriate subjects for inclusion in court rules, and procedures the Supreme Court should follow in rule adoption including appropriate notice to interested parties and adoption of an annual calendar to be followed in promulgating and updating rules. The task force's final recommendation was submitted to the Supreme Court in November 1981, in the form of a "rule on rules." The proposed General Rule 9 would govern the process for receipt of rules by the Supreme Court, publication of proposed rules for comment, submission and review of comments, publication of adopted rules and designation of an annual effective date.

Members of the Task Force on Rule Making Procedures are:

Honorable James M. Dolliver, Chairman, Justice, Washington State Supreme Court

Honorable Robert F. Brachtenbach, Chief Justice, Washington State Supreme Court

Honorable Marshall Forrest, Whatcom County Superior Court

Honorable Dale M. Green, Court of Appeals, Division III

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Edward M. Lane, Esg., Tacoma

- Professor Luvern V. Rieke, Washington State Iudicial Council
- Honorable Joel A. C. Rindal, Bellevue District Court
- Jeffrey C. Sullivan, Prosecutor, Yakima County.

James R. Larsen, Acting Administrator for the Courts

## STATE LAW LIBRARY

The primary function of the State Law Library is to develop and maintain a legal research facility for the judicial, executive and legislative branches of state government. Statewide service is also provided to the state bar, local governments, other libraries and the general public. Its 225,578 volumes make it one of the most extensive legal research collections in the state.

During 1981, the Library circulated more than 10,000 books. Interlibrary requests from Pacific Northwest libraries totaled 1,525, compared with 1,225 in 1980.

The library has automated search capability, with access to computerized lists and bibliographies (WESTLAW, ORBIT, DIALOG, WLN, LIS). These yield information on state and federal codes plus citations from a broad range of other publications including newspapers, technical journals, government documents, dissertations and legal periodicals. In 1981, the library performed 3,669 computer searches; 3,476 were conducted in 1980. The law library's 2,000-title legal periodical collection, was added to the WLN data base during 1981. This collection now provides instant access to each of the 134 libraries participating in the network. Other facilities may access the collection through microfiche catalogs.

The library began compilation of a checklist of current state, federal and Canadian primary legal publications for inclusion in a biannual publication of the American Association of Law Libraries. These

will be distributed to 480 law libraries in the U.S., Canada and Great Britain.

During 1981, the law librarian taught courses in legal research to court personnel and to applicants taking the lay judge examination. Similar programs will be provided in 1982.

### CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

Established under Article IV, Section 22 of the Washington Constitution, the Clerk of the Supreme Court maintains the court's records, files and documents. The clerk is also responsible for managing the court's caseflow, including the preparation of its calendars, arranging for *pro tem* judges and docketing all cases and papers filed.

The clerk arranges for reproduction and service of all Supreme Court briefs. Attorneys, opposing council and other appropriate parties are supplied with copies reducing to one, the number of copies needed for filing. As a result of this service, cost savings in the reproduction of briefs average better than 90 percent. During 1981, the clerk's office processed nearly 1,600 separate briefs.

A variety of records, including those of legal interns or "Rule 9 attorneys", and processing orders for visiting superior court judges are maintained by the clerk. The clerk also records attorney admissions to the practice of law in the state; nearly 800 admissions were documented in 1981.

The clerk rules on costs in each case decided by the Supreme Court and may also rule on various other, procedural motions. Indigent appeal cost bills for the Supreme Court and the three divisions of the Court of Appeals are also approved for payment by the clerk. Through the use of a high-speed duplicator, counsel and the general public can be provided, at slight cost, with tape recordings of Supreme Court proceedings.

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#### BENCH-BAR-PRESS COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON

The Washington State Bench-Bar-Press Committee of Washington was formed in 1963 to enhance communications and understanding between judges, lawyers, news media representatives and law enforcement officers in an effort to reconcile constitutional guarantees of a free press and the right to a fair, impartial trial. Guidelines were subsequently developed addressing general principles, and the reporting of grand jury, juvenile court, criminal and civil proceedings.

At its annual meeting in November 1981, the committee adopted and forwarded to the Supreme Court, criminal rules procedures covering pre-trial closures and the use of cameras in the courtroom.

The committee recommended a rule similar to the federal court's "Rule 53(b)", requiring the press be given advance notice of any intention to close a court and the right of media representatives to be heard regarding such closures. The committee also recommended an amendment to Canon 3 A(7) which would allow general broadcast coverage of a trial even though objections, raised by witnesses, jurors or other parties, to being personally photographed had already been sustained.

# **REPORTER OF DECISIONS**

The Reporter of Decisions is responsible for publishing written opinions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. These appear in official law reports, including *The Washington Reports* and *The Washington Appellate Reports*. Opinions from both courts are published weekly in advance sheets and later in hard-cover volumes. These serve as one of the state's basic legal resource tools.

During 1981, the Commission on State Law Reports, the body which governs publication of state law reports, gave the Reporter of Decisions responsibility for distributing the reports, a task previously performed by a private firm. Computerized subscription and billing systems, provided by the ACORDS component of the Judicial Information System, and the establishment of a revolving fund in the State Treasurer's Office will result in substantial costsavings for report consumers. The change from private to state distribution will be implemented in April 1982.

#### JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The 29-member Judicial Council is a statefunded organization created in 1925 by RCW 2.52. It is given broad statutory responsibility to survey and study all aspects of the judicial system.

The council is directed by statute to advise the Supreme Court concerning the need for new, and amendments to existing, procedural rules. It also frequently recommends legislative proposals designed to strengthen and improve the structure of the judicial system.

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During 1981, the council developed 14 rule changes for Supreme Court consideration. Of these, one was adopted, six were pending consideration, four were approved by the council but not transmitted, two were not adopted and one was withdrawn.

Four pieces of council-approved legislation were enacted by the 1981 Legislature; another five were proposed for the 1982 session.

Officers of the council include:

Honorable Robert F. Brachtenbach, Chairman

Chief Justice, Supreme Court

Honorable William H. Williams, Vice Chairman

Acting Chief Justice, Supreme Court Luvern V. Rieke, Executive Secretary Professor of Law, University of Washington



