

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PATTERNS

Economic, Social and Overall Health Impacts: Patterns of Domestic Violence

King County, WA
March - September, 2020

Domestic violence (DV) patterns need monitoring: available data is limited



Emergency department visits related to DV have **declined**, as did all emergency department (ED) visits

Since June, the rate of DV-related ED visits is comparable 2019 rates



DV-related emergency department visits in 2020 were higher among

Hispanic vs. non-Hispanic

American Indian/Alaskan Native and **Black/African American** vs. white race groups

Other demographics were similar in 2019 and 2020

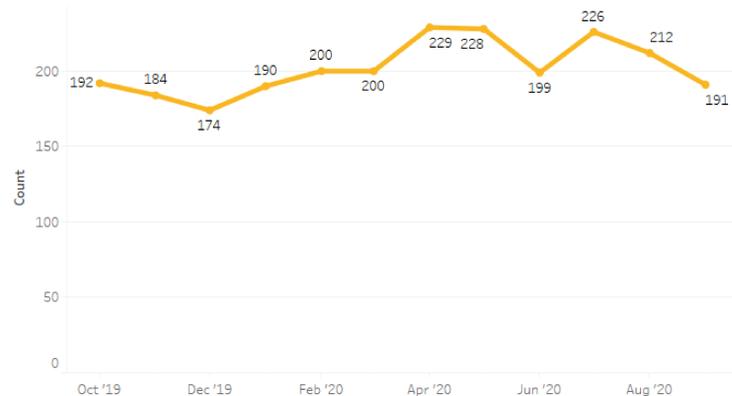
DV-related deaths are up in 2020

in King County, compared to 2019



King County resident calls to National Domestic Violence Hotline

National Domestic Violence Hotline Calls among King County residents



April, May, and July had the highest monthly call volumes

National Domestic Violence Hotline data includes calls related to intimate partner violence, domestic violence, healthy relationships, and others seeking help.
Data Source: National Domestic Violence Hotline

Superior Court began accepting remote protection order filings in April 2020

Number of filings has been increasing since April 2020 and are now back to 2019 levels

Domestic Violence Protection Orders Filed among King County residents, 2020 vs. 2019

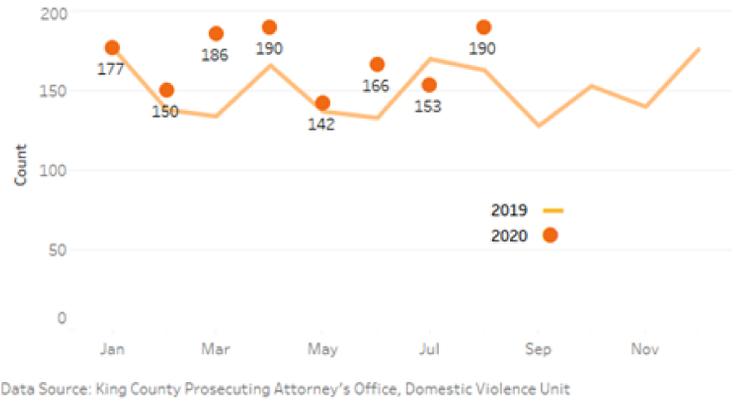


Data Source: King County Department of Judicial Administration

Felony referrals to King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

DV-related felony referrals in 2020 were **significantly higher in March** compared to the same month in 2019

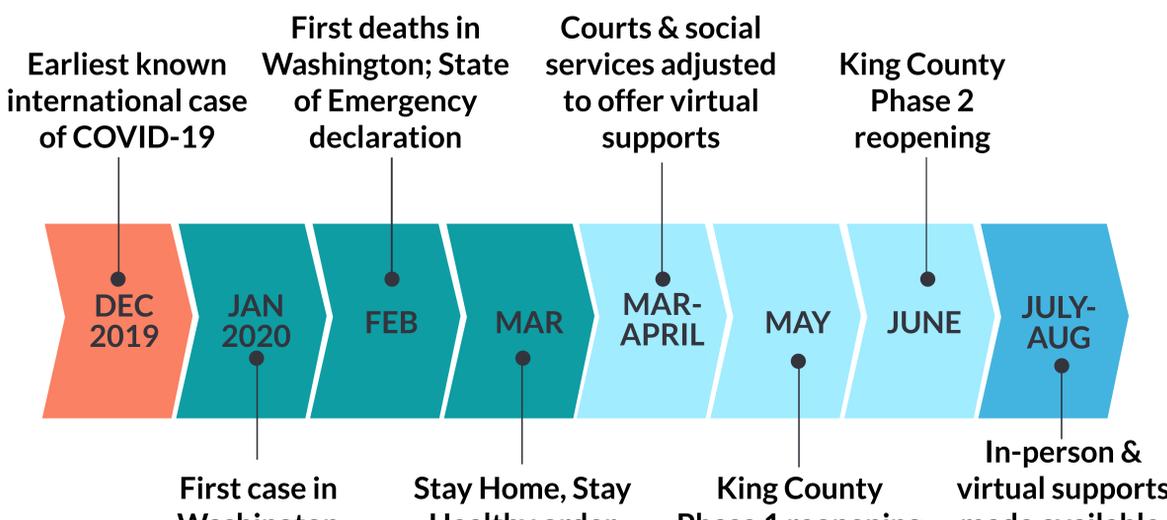
Domestic Violence Related Felony Referrals to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 2020 vs. 2019



Data Source: King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence Unit

- Number of referrals in April and August 2020 are the **highest number in the past five years**
- DV-related felony referrals did not drop off between March and August 2020, as many other care-seeking behaviors did (e.g. emergency department visits).

Pandemic timeline



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Data Sources: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid/impacts/>

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