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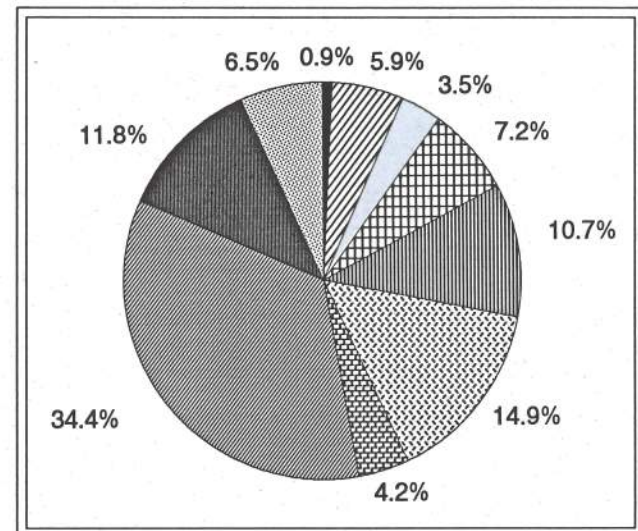


**1990 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Criminal Caseload**

Distribution of 1990 Filings

**FIGURE 5**



- Homicide
- Sex Crimes
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Theft/Larceny
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Controlled Substances
- Other Felonies
- Lower Court Appeals

**DISPOSITIONS**

A total of 7,439 criminal cases (counted by defendant) were disposed of in 1990. The majority of the defendants (72.7%) entered guilty pleas; another 18.9% represented dispositions of both lower court appeals and dismissals. 7.8% of the cases were disposed of by either a court decision or a jury verdict. The remaining defendants were acquitted.

**Table 6, 1990 Criminal Dispositions by Type**

Appeals	525	7.1%
Dismissal / Deferred Prosecution	879	11.8%
Acquittal	50	.7%
NG-Insanity	0	0.0%
Guilty Plea	5,405	72.7%
Court Decision	101	1.4%
Jury Verdict	479	6.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>100.0%*</b>

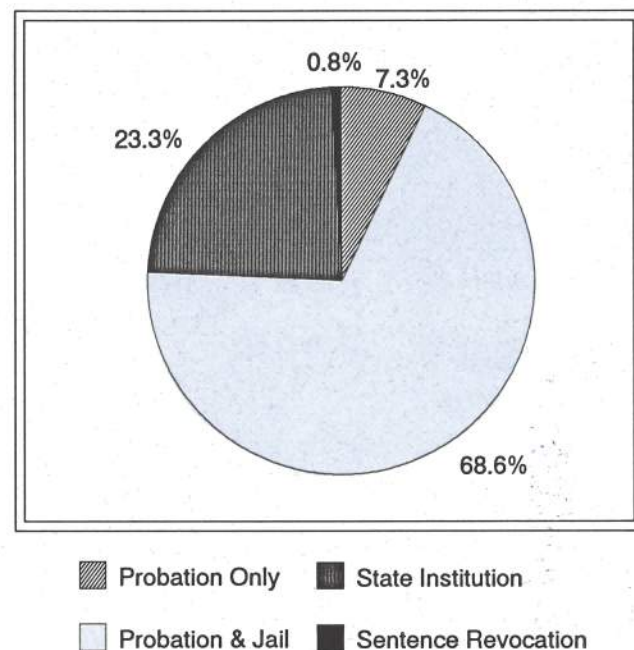
\*Percentages have slight error due to rounding.

**SENTENCINGS**

In 1990, King County Superior Court handled 6,027 sentencing. 5,977 defendants were sentenced for criminal activity and an additional 50 defendants had previous sentences revoked. Of this total, 68.6% were given sentences which included probation and jail time. Approximately 7.3% received probation only, and 23.3% were imprisoned at a state institution. The 50 defendants receiving sentencing revocations comprised .8% of the total sentencing.

**1990 Sentencing by Type**

**FIGURE 6**



**JUVENILE CASELOAD**

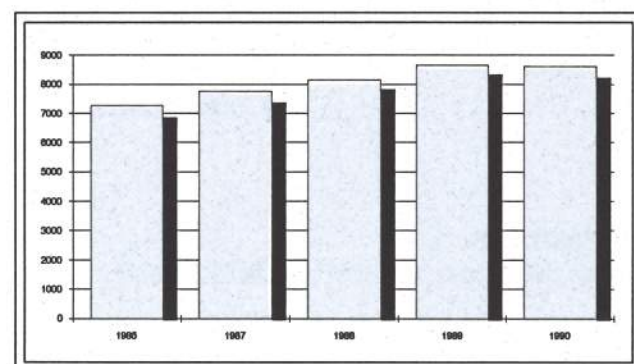
**FILINGS**

In 1990, there were 8,617 cases filed involving juveniles under 18 years of age in King County. Juvenile filings decreased by .5%, relative to 1989 totals.

**Total Juvenile Filings**

1986-1990

**FIGURE 7**



Misdemeanor filings continued to grow in 1990, while dependency cases dropped 8.0%.

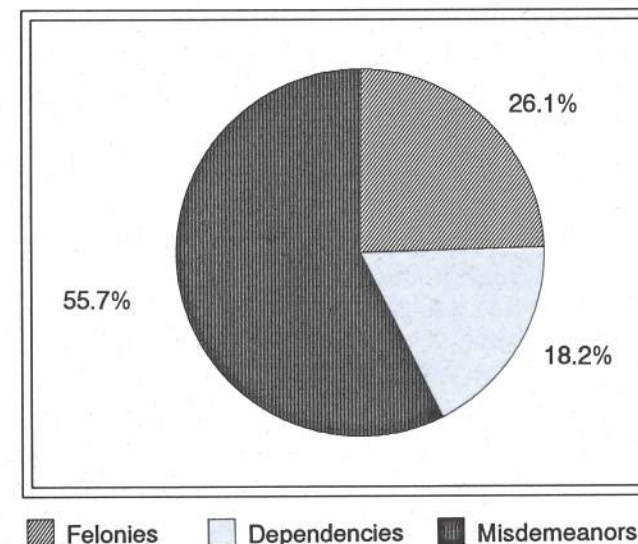
**Table 7, Total Juvenile Filings, 1989 and 1990**

Type of Charge	1989	1990	Percent Change
Dependency	1,708	1,572	- 8.0%
Felony	2,196	2,249	+ 2.4%
Misdemeanor	4,755	4,796	+ 0.9%
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE CASES FILED</b>	<b>8,659</b>	<b>8,617</b>	<b>- .5%</b>

**Juvenile Caseload**

Distribution of 1990 Filings

**FIGURE 8**



**DISPOSITIONS**

6,599 juvenile offender cases (both felony and misdemeanor) were disposed of during 1990. In these cases, 3,697 (56%) defendants were convicted. The remaining defendants were either dismissed, acquitted or represented declines of jurisdiction. Of the 3,697 juveniles convicted, only 13.7 percent received sentences to state institutions. The vast majority (86.3%) were assigned to complete some form of community service.

In this same time frame, 1,783 juvenile dependency cases were disposed of. Many of these cases were dismissed, and 56.1 percent of all petitions were approved.

**Table 8, Juvenile Offender Dispositions 1990**

Disposition	Count	Percent
Decline	26	.4%
Dismissal	2,756	41.8%
Acquittal	120	1.8%
Conv./Guilty Plea	3,136	47.5%
Court Decision	561	8.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 9, Juvenile Dependency Dispositions 1990**

Disposition	Count	Percent
Change of Venue	54	3.0%
Dismissal	729	40.9%
Petition Approved	1,000	56.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

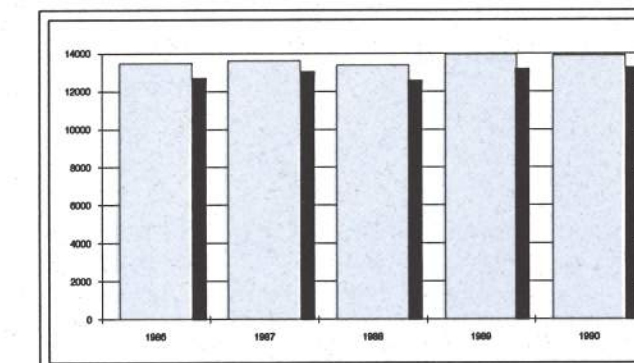
**FAMILY LAW CASELOAD**

A total of 13,888 cases involving domestic relations, domestic violence, and paternity disputes were filed in 1990. This was .06% lower than the 13,969 cases filed in 1989.

**Total Family Law Filings**

1986-1990

**FIGURE 9**



**FAMILY LAW DISPOSITIONS**

In 1990, there were 15,656 family law dispositions. Of this total, 2,126 were domestic violence cases.

**MENTAL ILLNESS CASELOAD**

In 1990, there were 2,315 petitions for involuntary treatment in King County. This reflects a 11.4 percent decrease in the annual mental illness caseload relative to 1989. Involuntary commitment hearings were conducted at Harborview Hospital in Seattle. Mental illness dispositions totaled 2,243.

**Total Mental Illness Filings**

1986-1990

**FIGURE 10**

