



Justice Collaboration

Objective:

Keep people safe in their homes and communities

Strategy:

Collaborate with local jurisdictions to define and provide regional law, safety and justice services

Why is this strategy important?

One of the immediate priorities set out in the King County Strategic Plan is to build lasting regional partnerships. Regional partnerships and collaboration for law, safety, and justice services is particularly important both to maximize scarce resources and also to ensure that residents are kept safe across jurisdictional lines. Our services are more efficient and effective when we collaborate.

How is our performance?

The King County Sheriff's Office and the King County District Court are continually seeking new partnership opportunities that benefit the communities we serve and greater King County. These partnerships allow both the county and cities to capture efficiencies of scale and provide high quality service to the residents of King County.

King County and a Joint Cities-County Work Group developed a plan for the continued provision of animal services in King County. The animal services program has three components: Animal Control, Animal Sheltering, and Pet Licensing. By providing these services to unincorporated King County and contract cities, Regional Animal Services of King County ensures the safety of our pets and local animals as well as our families and neighborhoods.

King County supports the Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee (RLSJC), a statutorily created council which seeks to improve coordination and cooperation among criminal justice agencies. RLSJC meets monthly to share information, identify problems and solutions and monitor the progress of innovative programs such as regional jail planning efforts, mental illness and drug dependency within the court system, and impacts of budget cuts to safety. The membership includes representatives from suburban cities, the city of Seattle, King County, and the Department of Corrections. Meetings normally include judges, prosecutors, police chiefs, corrections officials, public defenders, legislators, mayors, city council members and line staff.

Moving forward

King County will continue to work with our city and other jurisdictional partners to identify opportunities to achieve common public safety goals and deliver services that are responsive to community needs, while keeping the cost of doing business down. We will also continue to look for opportunities to collaborate where it makes sense to do so.

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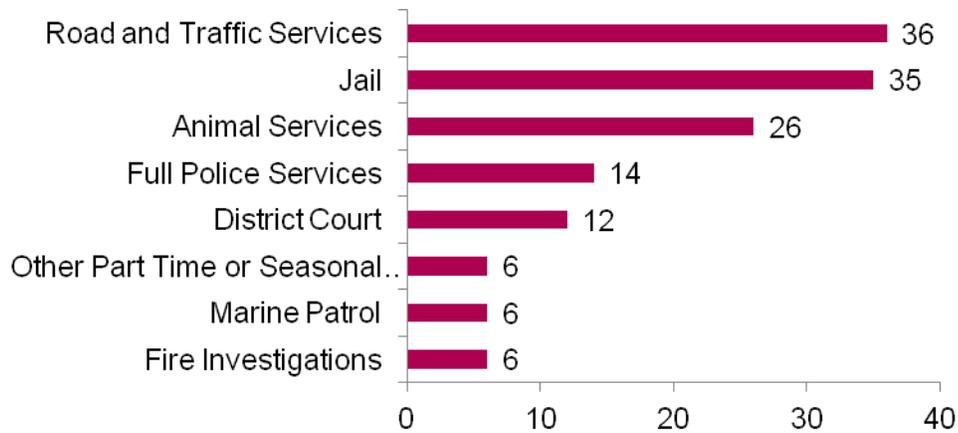
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Number of cities or districts contracting for King County services (2012 data)



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