

Juvenile Detention

Washington has 21 county-operated facilities, which are maintained by the juvenile courts, and one regional center maintained by a consortium of counties. Juveniles from all 39 counties are held in these 22 facilities.

Juveniles are held in local detention facilities to await court hearings or as sentenced offenders. Some facilities also hold juveniles sentenced to the State Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration.

Juvenile detention population figures used in this report were provided by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts. Population figures represent each entry into the detention database (episode), where a juvenile was held for four hours or longer. Juveniles who are over the age of 18 and who are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court or who have been remanded to adult court are also included in the detention population data. A juvenile may be held in detention more than once within a year depending on the number of times the juvenile offends. Changes in the method of tabulation may account for differences in population data from previous years.

The number of admissions of juveniles to detention facilities in 2008 increased slightly, by almost three percent, from the number of juveniles admitted in 2007. From 1999 to 2008, the number of admissions of juveniles to detention facilities decreased by 16 percent.

Facilities that experienced an increase from 2007 to 2008 of over ten percent in the number of juveniles held in detention include: Chelan (13.8), Clallam (14.3) Grant (15.5), Island (24.0), Lewis (33.1), Okanogan (10.6), and Skagit (16.9). One facility experienced a decrease of over ten percent: Medical Lake (-17.8).

Race and Ethnic Distribution

Minority youth, age 10-17, representation in detention increased from 2007 to 2008 by 3.4 percent. Over the past five years, the percentage of minority youth in detention has steadily increased annually, from 33.3 percent in 2004 to 40.9 percent in 2008 (an increase of 22.8 percent). Since 2002, the percentage of minority youth in detention has steadily increased annually, from 30.3 percent in 2000 to 40.9 percent in 2008 (a 35 percent increase from 2002 – 2008).

The race and ethnic distribution of the detention population during 2008 showed that 59 percent were White, 14 percent were Black, six percent were Native American, three percent were Asian/Pacific Islander, and 17 percent were Hispanic. Race or ethnicity was unknown or not reported for two percent of the detention population.

Gender

Females accounted for 28 percent of the detention population in 2008, a slight increase from 27.6 percent of the detention population in 2007. There was a steady increase in the percentage of female admissions to detention facilities from 1992 to 2006 – from 17.6 in 1992 to 29.2 in 2006.

TABLE 72

**JUVENILE ADMISSIONS TO DETENTION FACILITIES
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999 - 2008**

FACILITY (also holds for)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	%	%
											Increase/ Decrease	Increase/ Decrease
BENTON/FRANKLIN (Klickitat, Umatillo, Morrow, OR)	1,692	1,651	1,635	1,554	1,465	1,424	1,452	1,383	1,508	1,355	2.5	24.9
CHELAN	914	803	834	913	796	991	999	859	873	992	13.8	-7.9
CLALLAM (San Juan, Jefferson Point No Point)	776	679	815	573	711	739	858	988	1,026	834	14.3	-7.0
CLARK (Skamania)	2,106	1,929	1,863	2,004	1,778	1,766	1,787	1,766	1,563	1,767	9.2	19.2
COWLITZ (Wahkiakum, Skamania, Columbia, OR.Clatsop, OR)	1,227	1,295	1,427	1,581	1,582	1,772	1,439	1,369	1,422	1,349	-5.3	-9.0
GRANT (Adams, Lincoln, Kittitas)	580	502	571	793	662	699	636	584	538	398	15.5	45.7
GRAYS HARBOR (Pacific, Wahkiakum)	755	775	886	962	1,003	979	947	919	1,015	996	-2.6	-24.2
Island	279	225	180								24.0	
KING **	3,527	3,784	3,833	4,102	3,774	4,077	4,045	4,461	5,220	5,233	-6.8	-32.6
KITSAP (Jefferson, Suquamish Tribe)	1,584	1,577	1,528	1,595	1,648	1,690	1,688	1,748	1,791	1,823	0.4	-13.1
LEWIS (Skamania, Pacific)	555	417	444	518	481	503	477	485	541	549	33.1	1.1
MASON*	511	474	424	424	435	435	471	510	490	439	7.8	16.4
MEDICAL LAKE* (Adams, Asotin, Douglas, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman)	839	1,021	1,021	1,109	1,136	1,185	1,427	1,244	1,224	1,301	-17.8	-35.5
OKANOGAN	396	358	404	490	544	517	585	587	521	537	10.6	-26.3
PIERCE	2,798	2,691	3,000	3,092	3,045	3,659	3,490	3,652	3,966	3,964	4.0	-29.4
SKAGIT (Island, San Juan, Swinomish, Border Control)	642	549	617	798	746	734	829	854	1,104	948	16.9	-32.3
SNOHOMISH (Island)	2,899	2,659	3,088	2,913	3,904	4,054	3,832	4,209	4,029	3,376	9.0	-14.1
SPOKANE	1,900	1,953	2,089	2,225	2,323	2,580	2,689	2,339	2,364	2,350	-2.7	-19.1
THURSTON	1,269	1,260	1,353	1,338	1,315	1,368	1,450	1,341	1,469	1,577	0.7	-19.5
WALLA WALLA (Columbia)	433	455	435	402	358	373	361	403	514	542	-4.8	-20.1
WHATCOM (Island, San Juan, Lummi Indian Res.)	959	922	864	890	1,031	1,041	1,066	1,032	1,133	1,114	4.0	-13.9
YAKIMA (Kittitas, Klickitat, Jefferson, Skamania)	1,553	1,429	1,485	1,509	1,727	1,852	1,856	2,165	2,067	2,085	8.7	-25.5
TOTAL	28,194	27,408	28,796	29,785	30,464	32,438	32,384	32,898	34,378	33,529	2.9	-15.9

2006 and 2007 data obtained from new AOC JCS System. Prior data obtained from Juvis System.

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TABLE 73
MINORITY DETENTION POPULATION
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998 - 2008

FACILITY (also holds for)	Total		PERCENT MINORITY											%	%
	Total Held 2008	Min. Held 2007	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	Change 07-08	Change 99-08
BENTON/FRANKLIN (Klickitat, Umatillo, Morrow, OR)	1,692	1,046	61.8	53.0	55.8	53.5	50.8	44.8	45.3	42.6	39.1	43.5	40.9	16.6	42.1
CHELAN	914	410	44.9	46.0	42.8	33.2	34.3	31.4	35.0	32.2	32.2	28.3	31.1	-2.4	58.5
CLALLAM (San Juan, Jefferson Jefferson, Point No Point)	776	181	23.3	24.2	28.6	17.6	24.5	23.5	23.2	17.9	12.0	14.7	16.9	-3.4	58.7
CLARK (Skamania)	2,106	452	21.5	21.7	22.1	13.8	12.9	15.5	14.5	14.4	17.6	15.6	20.7	-1.2	37.6
COWLITZ (Wahkiakum, Skamania, Columbia, OR.Clatsop, OR)	1,227	304	24.8	24.2	18.8	20.4	19.7	17.3	14.7	13.4	16.0	16.8	18.4	2.5	47.5
GRANT (Adams, Lincoln, Kittitas)	580	300	51.7	53.2	51.3	48.9	47.1	44.3	45.8	46.2	34.8	47.0	39.2	-2.8	10.1
GRAYS HARBOR (Adams, Pacific, Wahkiakum)	755	110	14.6	24.6	23.7	23.3	19.0	25.5	18.0	15.6	14.6	14.9	14.4	-40.9	-2.2
ISLAND	279	83	29.7	32.4	27.8									-8.3	
KING **	3,527	2,343	66.4	62.5	59.6	58.0	53.9	53.8	50.2	50.8	50.3	49.8	52.2	6.2	33.4
KITSAP (Jefferson, Suquamish Tribe)	1,584	481	30.4	30.4	32.3	26.5	23.4	24.5	21.4	20.6	16.5	16.2	21.5	-0.2	87.4
LEWIS (Skamania, Pacific)	555	169	30.5	29.0	25.0	9.7	8.5	11.5	9.0	7.2	9.4	9.3	12.4	4.9	227.4
MASON**	511	82	16.0	14.6	15.6	15.6	13.3	14.9	11.5	10.8	7.8	8.7	13.7	10.2	84.4
MEDICAL LAKE ** (Adams, Asotin, Douglas, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman)	839	316	37.7	29.9	29.9	28.9	32.1	32.8	31.8	34.5	32.3	30.4	30.6	26.1	23.9
OKANOGAN	396	251	63.4	66.8	59.9	68.0	66.5	65.2	63.4	62.5	56.6	54.9	50.9	-5.1	15.5
PIERCE	2,798	1,384	49.5	47.0	47.4	42.2	41.7	42.0	40.1	39.8	39.7	39.7	39.1	5.3	24.6
SKAGIT (Island, San Juan, Swinomish, Border Control)	642	337	52.5	52.8	50.1	39.7	37.8	36.8	33.4	29.5	23.3	27.1	28.0	-0.6	93.7
SNOHOMISH (Island)	2,899	798	27.5	25.6	26.0	20.3	20.5	17.9	17.8	16.6	13.1	15.6	17.2	7.3	76.5
SPOKANE	1,900	495	26.1	23.6	23.8	19.3	19.7	21.0	21.3	20.1	18.2	18.3	15.7	10.4	42.4
THURSTON	1,269	347	27.3	26.7	25.6	23.2	20.0	15.3	16.5	20.7	16.6	15.5	18.9	2.5	76.4
WALLA WALLA (Columbia)	433	195	45.0	52.7	44.4	48.3	36.0	33.5	28.8	17.4	34.6	32.8	27.9	-14.6	37.3
WHATCOM (Island, San Juan, Lummi Indian Res.)	959	352	36.7	33.4	36.2	36.0	33.0	28.4	22.4	18.8	21.4	21.7	20.3	9.9	69.1
YAKIMA (Kittitas, Klickitat, Jefferson, Skamania)	1,553	1,086	69.9	69.7	64.2	63.6	64.5	63.5	61.6	47.5	55.8	55.3	55.5	0.3	26.5
TOTAL	28,194	11,522	40.9	39.5	38.5	35.1	33.3	32.7	30.3	28.7	29.2	29.9	31.1	3.4	36.7

*2006, 2007 and 2008 data obtained from new AOC JCS System. Prior data obtained from Juvis System.

*1999-2005 data do not include Other Category, Unknown Category and Not Reported Category. Previous years data include these categories.

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TABLE 74
DETENTION POPULATION BY ETHNIC GROUP
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008*

FACILITY (also holds for)	Native		Asian &			Not		
	White	Black	American	Hispanic	Pacific Is.	Other	Unknown	Reported
BENTON/FRANKLIN (Klickitat, Umatillo, Morrow, OR)	646	87	9	934	12	0	4	0
CHELAN	504	11	7	336	0	0	56	0
CLALLAM (San Juan, Jefferson Point No Point)	595	25	89	56	3	0	8	0
CLARK (Skamania)	1,654	196	17	134	55	0	50	0
COWLITZ (Wahkiakum, Skamania, Columbia, OR.Clatsop, OR)	923	56	23	202	16	0	7	0
GRANT (Adams, Lincoln, Kittitas)	280	15	12	269	1	0	3	0
GRAYS HARBOR (Adams, Pacific, Wahkiakum)	605	31	44		8	0	27	0
ISLAND	196	5	6	19	31	0	22	0
KING **	1,184	1,526	104	434	270	0	9	0
KITSAP (Jefferson, Suquamish Tribe)	1,103	157	78	140	75	0	31	0
LEWIS (Skamania, Pacific)	386	12	11	53	0	0	93	0
MASON*	429	7	39	30	6	0	0	0
MEDICAL LAKE * (Adams, Asotin, Douglas, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane. Stevens, Whitman)	523	29	104	174	2	0	7	0
OKANOGAN	145	9	177	55	1	0	9	0
PIERCE	1,414	891	107	214	163	0	9	0
SKAGIT (Island, San Juan, Swinomish, Border Control)	305	17	33	254	14	0	19	0
SNOHOMISH (Island)	2,101	255	187	224	84	0	48	0
SPOKANE	1,405	236	178	68	7	0	6	0
THURSTON	922	113	47	116	55	0	16	0
WALLA WALLA (Columbia)	238	7	11	132	0	0	45	0
WHATCOM (Island, San Juan, Lummi Indian Res.)	607	51	118	163	14	0	6	0
YAKIMA (Kittitas, Klickitat, Jefferson, Skamania)	551	66	169	764	3	0	84	0
TOTAL	16,716	3,802	1,570	4,771	820	0	559	0

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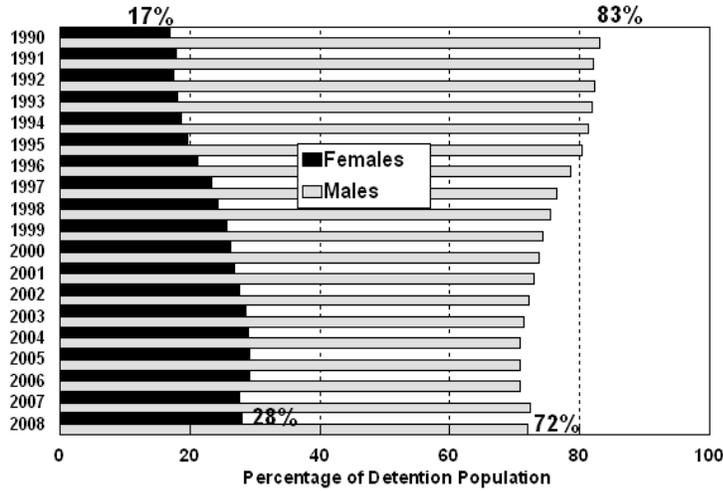
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TABLE 75

**ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION OF DETENTION POPULATION
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999-2008**

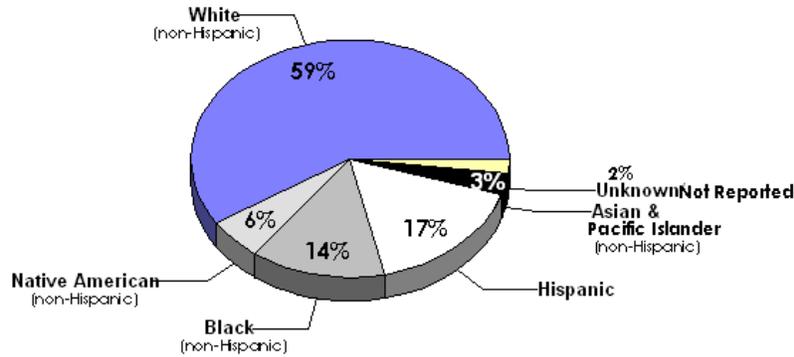
	White	Black	Native American	Asian & Pacific Is.	Hispanic	Unknown/ Other of Reported		TOTAL
2008	16,716	3,862	1,601	788	4,779	12	540	28,298
	59%	14%	6%	3%	17%	0%	2%	100%
2007	16,487	3,797	1,611	767	4,129	12	605	27,408
	60%	14%	6%	3%	15%	0%	2%	100%
2006	17,722	3,790	1,727	817	4,047	10	683	28,796
	62%	13%	6%	3%	14%	0%	2%	100%
2005	18,472	3,729	1,876	848	3,992	20	848	29,785
	62%	13%	6%	3%	13%	0%	3%	100%
2004	19,505	3,481	1,935	811	3,894	31	807	30,464
	64%	11%	6%	3%	13%	0%	3%	100%
2003	20,801	3,748	1,724	869	3,782	478	1,036	32,438
	64%	12%	5%	3%	12%	1%	3%	100%
2002	21,452	3,698	1,779	903	3,541	29	1,398	32,800
	65%	11%	5%	3%	11%	<1%	4%	100%
2001	21,866	3,642	1,541	955	3,292	32	1,570	32,898
	66%	11%	5%	3%	10%	<1%	5%	100%
2000	23,132	3,966	1,741	3,446	1,049	58	990	34,382
	67%	12%	5%	3%	10%	<1%	3%	100%
1999	22,061	3,957	1,607	1,048	3,420	308	1,147	33,548
	66%	12%	5%	3%	10%	1%	3%	100%

Graph 39
Detention Population by Gender
 1990 - 2008



Source: AOC and county detention data sources; 2004 - 2008 Administrative Office of the Courts data obtained from new JCS system, prior data obtained from JUVIS; the AOC makes no representation as to the accuracy of the data except for court business purposes.

Graph 40
2008 Detention Population
 By Race and Ethnicity



* Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

TABLE 76
DETENTION POPULATION BY GENDER
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999 - 2008

FACILITY (Also Holds For)	Male 2008	Female 2008	TOTAL* 2008	Percent Female										% Change	
				2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	Female 07-08	Female 99-08
BENTON/FRANKLIN (Klickitat, Umatillo, Morrow, OR)	1,298	394	1,692	23.29	24.9	25.7	26.9	23.3	25.9	20.1	22.6	23.1	30.2	-6.5	-22.9
CHELAN	663	251	914	27.46	27.6	28.9	31.9	30.4	27.6	24.8	27.6	26.1	28.5	-0.3	-3.6
CLALLAM (San Juan, Jefferson Jefferson, Point No Point)	493	283	776	36.47	32.3	35.5	35.8	34.7	40.6	39.7	35.0	29.2	35.0	13.1	4.2
CLARK (Skamania)	1,567	539	2,106	25.59	23.4	27.3	25.2	23.9	26.0	22.3	19.1	21.9	32.5	9.2	-21.3
COWLITZ (Wahkiakum, Skamania, Columbia, OR.Clatsop, OR)	873	354	1,227	28.85	31.2	28.8	36.0	33.5	31.9	32.5	33.5	31.9	38.2	-7.5	-24.5
GRANT (Adams, Lincoln, Kittitas)	406	174	580	30.00	25.5	31.4	26.9	25.4	28.0	24.4	26.0	19.7	19.9	17.7	50.8
GRAYS HARBOR (Adams, Pacific, Wahkiakum)	510	245	755	32.45	31.1	34.4	29.3	34.4	30.9	35.9	32.8	34.4	51.1	4.4	-36.5
ISLAND	202	77	279	27.60	26.7	30.0									
KING **	2,560	967	3,527	27.42	28.4	28.4	27.3	28.3	28.6	26.2	25.5	22.4	26.4	-3.5	3.9
KITSAP (Jefferson, Suquamish Tribe)	1,133	450	1,583	28.43	25.8	27.0	26.1	26.1	27.5	25.0	28.0	22.4	30.7	10.1	-7.4
LEWIS (Skamania, Pacific)	387	168	555	30.27	28.8	34.5	35.3	32.4	25.2	27.0	29.7	29.2	35.2	5.2	-14.0
MASON	378	133	511	26.03	36.9	36.1	36.1	35.4	35.4	29.3	30.2	34.5	37.2	-29.5	-30.0
MEDICAL LAKE (Adams, Asotin, Douglas, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman)	599	240	839	28.61	21.0	26.1	23.3	22.1	22.1	21.4	20.7	21.2	23.6	36.5	21.2
OKANOGAN	281	115	396	29.04	29.3	28.2	31.6	33.8	35.4	29.4	27.9	29.0	36.3	-1.0	-20.0
PIERCE	2,046	752	2,798	26.88	28.8	30.6	31.3	28.2	28.0	26.5	24.3	24.9	34.7	-6.7	-22.5
SKAGIT (Island, San Juan, Swinomish, Border Control)	498	144	642	22.43	23.9	27.4	31.4	22.7	24.0	27.4	26.8	31.2	27.9	-6.0	-19.6
SNOHOMISH (Island)	1,949	947	2,896	32.70	29.0	32.6	29.9	33.5	31.1	32.6	29.2	27.9	43.4	12.8	-24.7
SPOKANE	1,426	474	1,900	24.95	25.7	24.7	25.9	26.8	26.9	29.5	30.4	25.2	33.4	-2.8	-25.3
THURSTON	838	427	1,265	33.75	29.4	30.0	33.6	32.5	30.9	31.2	26.7	29.1	39.2	14.7	-13.9
WALLA WALLA (Columbia)	325	108	433	24.94	35.4	32.9	29.2	33.8	31.4	26.5	21.8	25.1	34.8	-29.5	-28.3
WHATCOM (Island, San Juan, Lummi Indian Res.)	679	280	959	29.20	30.8	33.1	38.0	33.9	28.4	30.5	29.2	27.4	26.0	-5.2	12.3
YAKIMA (Kittitas, Klickitat, Jefferson, Skamania)	1,189	363	1,552	23.39	24.3	24.3	23.8	25.6	25.3	26.4	25.5	24.7	33.9	-3.7	-31.0
TOTAL	20,300	7,885	28,185	27.98	27.6	29.2	29.2	29.0	28.6	27.7	26.9	26.3	25.7	1.2	8.9

*2006 and 2007 data obtained from new AOC JCS System. Prior data obtained from Juvis System.

Total percentages for 1995 through 1997 have been revised from previous reports.

† These data do not include unknown/not reported categories (+5).

** King County data has been revised to reflect 2002 data that had not been reported in the prior year.

TABLE 77
Admissions to Juvenile Detention Facilities: *
Top 5 Detention Reasons by Gender, 2005 - 2009

	Detention Reason Description	Male	Detention Reason Description	Female
2009	Assault-4	2,494	Assault-4	1,292
	Probation Violation	1,460	Theft-3	607
	Theft-3	1,404	Probation Violation	522
	Minor Possess/Consume Liquor	838	***At-Risk Youth	453
	Residential Burglary	750	***Truancy	273
2008	Assault-4	2,832	Assault-4	1,554
	Probation Violation	1,572	Theft-3	766
	Theft-3	1,444	***Truancy	734
	Residential Burglary	1,012	***At-Risk Youth	637
	***Truancy	949	Probation Violation	573
2007	Assault-4	2,054	Assault-4	1,157
	Probation Violation	1,601	***Truancy	727
	Theft-3	1,200	***At-Risk Youth	677
	***Truancy	990	Theft-3	549
	Residential Burglary	738	Probation Violation	527
** 2006	Assault-4	2,012	Assault-4	1,234
	Probation Violation	1,497	***Truancy	797
	Theft-3	1,227	***At-Risk Youth	676
	***Truancy	1,057	Theft-3	631
	***At-Risk Youth	858	Probation Violation	562
** 2005	Assault-4	1,014	Assault-4	597
	Theft-3	584	***Truancy	437
	***Truancy	541	***At-Risk Youth	351
	Residential Burglary	393	Theft-3	272
	***At-Risk Youth	354	Take Vehicle w/o Permission-2	116

Detention admission = A detention stay/hold of 4 hours or longer.

Note: There may be more than one reason/offense related to a detention admission/episode; the above data includes all reasons related to each detention episode. For example, a single detention episode could have a Probation Violation, Theft-3 and Malicious Mischief charge -- all of these reasons were included, and sorted in providing the top offense/reasons for detention listed above.

* Does not include King, Mason, and Martin Hall juvenile detention facilities, or admissions to out-of-state juvenile facilities (in Oregon and Idaho).

** Washington State's Superior Court Juvenile Departments converted from the Juvenile Court Information System (JUVIS) to the Juvenile & Corrections System (JCS) between May 2005 and June 2006. Detention data from JUVIS was converted to conform to the JCS business rules, but fundamental differences exist between the two systems. The method for entering Detention Reasons and the overall but fundamental differences exist between the two systems. The method for entering Detention Reasons and the overall counts of Detention Reasons varies between systems.

*** The juvenile departments statewide have different data entry practices when it comes to how they track "Becca Bill" law cases (At-Risk Youth or Truancy Cases). If a youth is held in Detention on a Becca Bill law, it would be because of a violation against the original petition. The Truancy Detention Reason count is a total count of the following reasons: Truancy, Contempt - Truancy Juvenile, Truancy Petition - Juvenile, Punitive Contempt-Truancy and Punitive (Criminal) Contempt - Truancy. The At-Risk Youth Detention Reason is a total count of the following reasons: At-Risk Youth, At Risk Youth Petition, Contempt - At-Risk Youth, Punitive Contempt - At-Risk Youth and Punitive (Criminal) Contempt - At-Risk Youth. Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, updated February 2010. The Administrative Office of the Courts, the Washington Courts, and the Washington State County Clerks: 1) Do not warrant that the data or information is accurate or complete; 2) Make no representations regarding the identity of any persons whose names appear in data or information; and 3) Do not assume any liability whatsoever resulting from the release or use of the data or information. The user should verify the information by personally consulting the "official" record reposing at the court of record.