



District Court I 00100.871.

Mission Statement

Provide the community access to the justice system while ensuring that all actions and rulings of the court are consistent with the established rules and laws of the State of Washington.

Function

- Infractions; Traffic and Non-Traffic
- Misdemeanor and Gross Misdemeanor Offenses
- Probation Supervision Services
- Civil Cases - \$100,000 and Less
- Small Claims Up to \$10,000
- Unlawful Harassment When Adults are the Respondents
- Name Changes
- Felony - Preliminary Appearance before a Judge
- Writs of Replevin
- Assign and supervise case conditions imposed by the court.

Trends/Events

*In 2025, the Administrative Office of the Court will implement significant updates to the case management system used by District and Municipal Courts. These enhancements will focus on three key areas of functionality: eFiling, Supervision, and Case Management, streamlining court operations and improving access to justice.

*In addition to these technological upgrades, recent improvements to the court's audio and video systems now allow both attorneys and members of the public to appear remotely, enhancing accessibility and flexibility in court proceedings.

*District Court continues to expand its specialty court programs aimed at reducing recidivism and promoting public safety. Currently, the court operates a Deferred Prosecution Court and a Mental Health Court, and is in the process of establishing a Veterans Court to provide targeted support to justice-involved veterans.

*Furthermore, the Probation Department has launched a Domestic Violence Moral Reconciliation Therapy (DV-MRT) group. This initiative is designed to support the rehabilitation of domestic violence offenders and enhance community safety through evidence-based practices.

*These combined efforts reflect the court's ongoing commitment to innovation, rehabilitation, and accessible justice for all.

Goals

1. Hold offenders accountable while prioritizing effective therapeutic alternatives to confinement whenever appropriate.
2. Treat all individuals who appear in District Court I with patience and respect, ensuring that the legal process is accessible and understandable—especially for those who are self-represented or face challenges navigating court procedures.
3. Make best use of 24/7 sobriety monitoring program to reduce jail costs and protect the community.
4. Comply with case processing standards adopted by the Washington State Supreme Court.
5. Improve maintenance and preservation of court records as required by applicable law.
6. Provide a customer-service approach to members of the public who require assistance.

Workload Indicators

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual
Infractions	5,114	5,178	2,952
Driving Under the Influence	170	191	84
Criminal Traffic	72	118	57
Criminal Misdemeanors	539	687	238
Civil Suit	909	1,033	671
Small Claims	96	84	61
Civil Anti-Harassment Orders	147	109	59
Caseload Total	7,047	7,400	4,122
Probation Caseload	1,086		

Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue.

Revenues

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	31,434	108,274	28,327	85,125
Charges for Goods and Services	174,294	183,692	87,964	754,678
Fines and Forfeits	521,183	549,872	259,821	590,900
Miscellaneous Revenues	12,840	11,742	4,631	15,600
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	40,000	40,000
General Tax Support	320,446	145,386	79,450	-138,842
Total	1,060,197	998,966	500,193	1,347,461

Expenditures

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Salaries and Wages	671,122	678,415	326,251	918,435
Personnel Benefits	260,095	265,756	124,097	310,827
Supplies	25,534	12,379	6,492	22,110
Other Services and Charges	103,445	42,416	43,354	96,089
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	1,060,197	998,966	500,193	1,347,461

Staffing

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	10.00	9.70	9.70	9.70