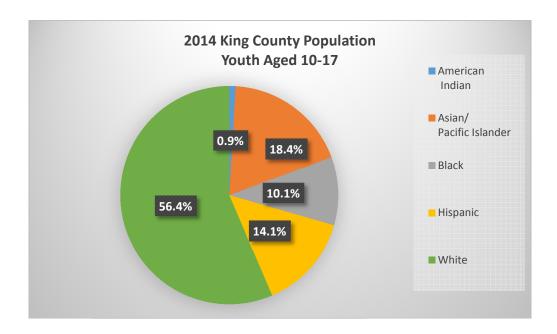
2015 Referrals and Filings Disparity Analysis



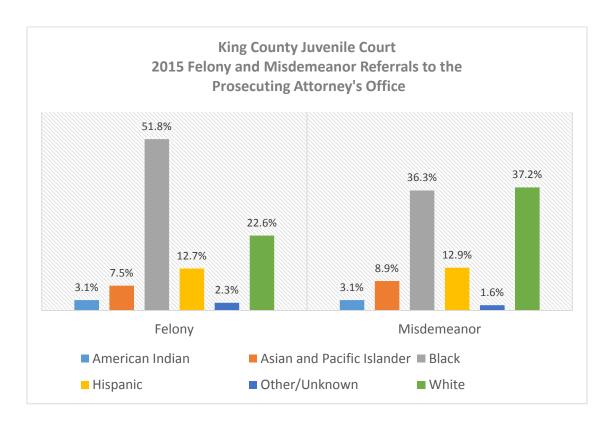
- White youth made up the bulk of the youth population in King County but only 33% of the referrals by law enforcement.
- In contrast, Black youth made up only 10% of the youth population but 42% of referrals.

Referrals & Filings Overall

Table 1. Referrals to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 2015

Referrals to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Grand Total
Felony	34	81	561	137	25	245	1083
Gross Misdemeanor/Misdemeanor	91	260	1058	376	46	1084	2915
Other Violation		13	44	4		13	74
Grand Total	125	354	1663	517	71	1342	4072

- Black youth had the largest portion of referrals in 2015 (42%), followed by White (33%), and Hispanic youth (13%).
- Of those who reported, 96 referrals were of youth who self-identified as of being African (East, West, African), comprising 5.8% of the Black youth referrals.
- <u>Misdemeanor offenses</u> made up the bulk of all referrals to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 2015, accounting for 72% of all referrals from law enforcement.
- Felony referrals to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office made up 26.6% all of referrals in 2015.

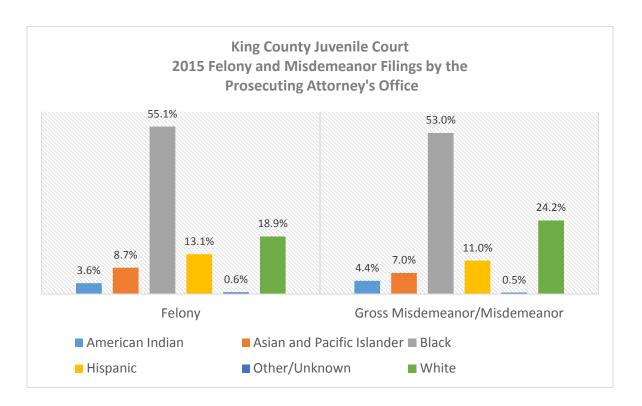


- Black and White youth near equally represented the lion share of misdemeanor referrals (36.3% and 37.2%, respectively).
- Referrals of Black youth accounted more than half of all felony referrals (52%).

Table 2. Filings by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 2015

Filings by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Grand Total
Felony	26	63	399	95	4	137	724
Gross Misdemeanor/Misdemeanor	37	59	449	93	4	205	847
Other Violation			8				8
Grand Total	63	122	856	188	8	342	1579

- Misdemeanor offenses made up the bulk of filings (54%) in 2015, while felony offenses made up approximately 46%.
- Filings on Black youth accounted for 54% of all filings in King County Juvenile Court, while representing only 10% of the county's youth population.



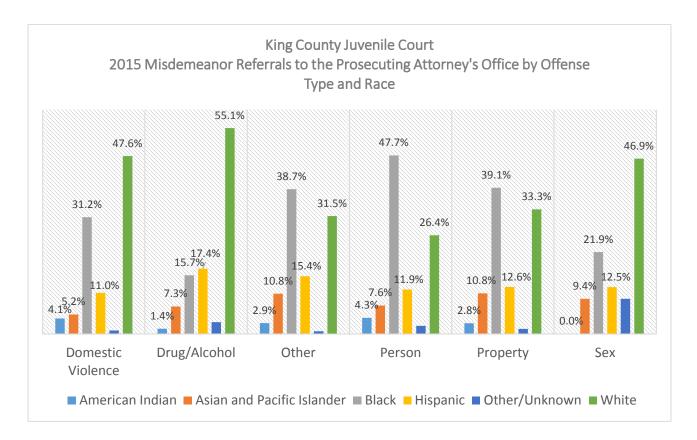
- Black youth represented the large majority of filings of both misdemeanor and felony offenses in 2015.
- Of those who self-identified, 6.4% of the filings on Black youth were those of East African or African ethnicity.
- All other racial/ethnic groups represented a substantially smaller number of filings.

Referrals by Race and Offense Type

Table 3. Misdemeanor Referrals to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office by Race and Offense Type in 2015

Referral-Misdemeanor Offense	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Total
Domestic Violence	23	29	174	61	5	265	557
Drug/Alcohol	4	21	45	50	9	158	287
Other	8	30	108	43	2	88	279
Person	18	32	201	50	9	111	421
Property	38	145	523	168	18	446	1338
Sex		3	7	4	3	15	32
Unknown						1	1
Totals	91	260	1058	376	46	1084	2915

- Property offenses made up the bulk (45%) of misdemeanor referrals in 2015, followed by Domestic Violence (19%) and Person crimes (14%).
- Sex offenses made up the smallest category of misdemeanor referrals (1%).



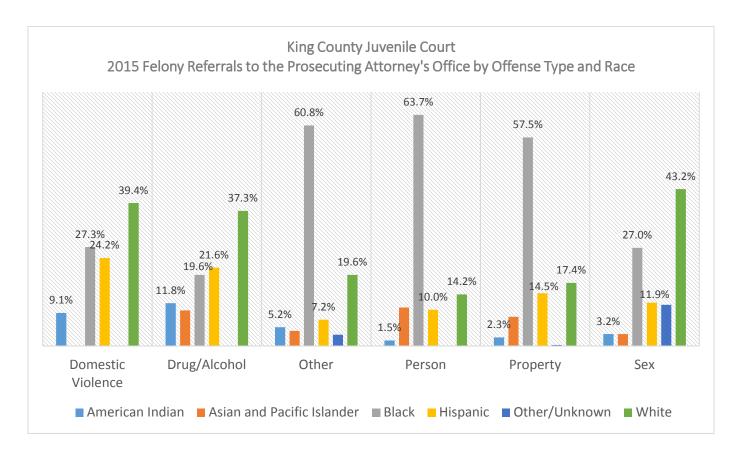
- White youth made up the greatest proportion of misdemeanor referrals for Domestic Violence, Drug/Alcohol, and Sex offenses.
- Black youth had the bulk of misdemeanor referrals for Person, Property, and Other offenses¹.

Table 4. Felony Referrals to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office by Race and Offense Type in 2015

Referral-Felony Offense	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Total
Domestic Violence	3		9	8		13	33
Drug/Alcohol	6	5	10	11		19	51
Other	5	4	59	7	3	19	97
Person	5	35	211	33		47	331
Property	9	31	222	56	1	67	386
Sex	6	6	50	22	21	80	185
Totals	34	81	561	137	25	245	1083

• Property offenses made up the largest portion (36%) of felony referrals in 2015, followed directly by Person (31%). Domestic Violence made up the smallest category of felony referrals (3%).

¹ The majority of these offenses were: Obstructing a Public Servant, False Statement, and Weapon at School. Prepared by: Elizabeth Haumann, Juvenile Justice Research and Evaluation Analyst King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget



- White youth made up the largest portion of the following felony referral categories in 2015: Domestic Violence, Drug/Alcohol, and Sex offenses.
- Black youth accounted for the largest portion of all Person, Property, and Other² offenses.
- Hispanic youth had a similar amount of felony referrals for Drug/Alcohol and Domestic Violence as their Black youth counterparts.

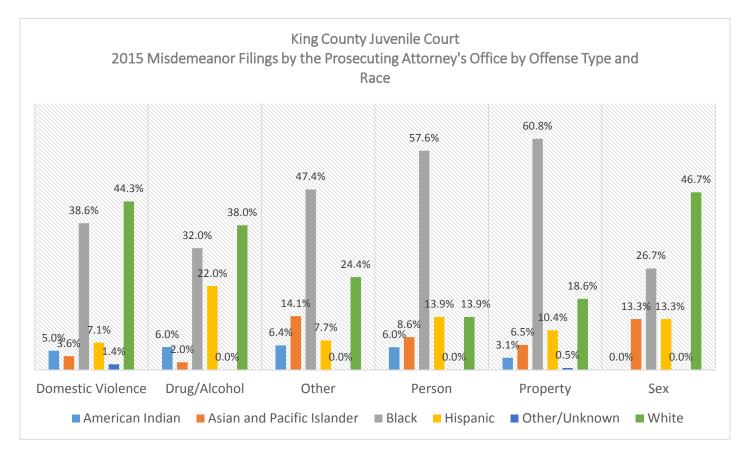
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Table 5. Misdemeanor Filings by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office by Race and Offense Type in 2015

Filing-Misdemeanor Offense	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Total
Domestic Violence	7	5	54	10	2	62	140
Drug/Alcohol	3	1	16	11		19	50
Other	5	11	37	6		19	78
Person	9	13	87	21		21	151
Property	13	27	251	43	2	77	413
Sex		2	4	2		7	15
Totals	37	59	449	93	4	205	847

• Property offenses accounted for 49% of the misdemeanor filings in 2015.

² The majority of these offenses were: Escape 2 and VUFA-2 Firearm.



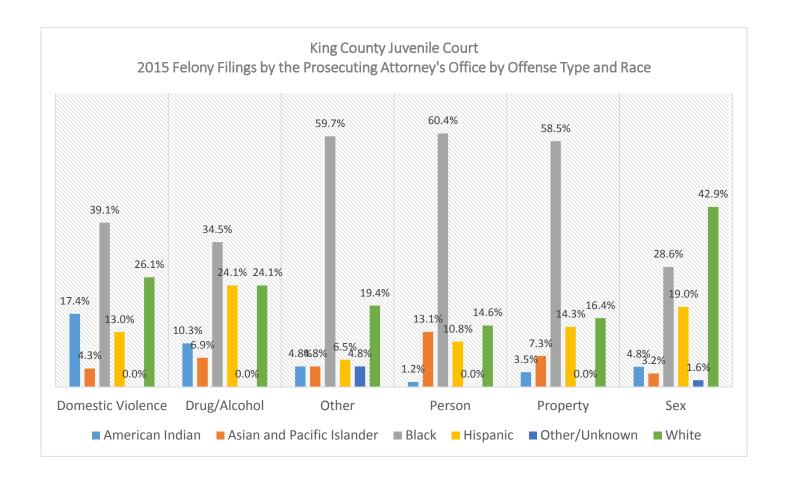
- Black youth comprised the largest chunk of filings of misdemeanor offenses overall (53%) and the largest within the following offense types: Person, Property, and Other³ Offenses.
- White youth made up the great proportion of misdemeanor filings in Domestic Violence, Drug/Alcohol, and Sex offenses.
- Hispanic and White youth had same number of misdemeanor referrals ($\underline{n} = 21$) for Person offenses.

Table 6. Felony Filings by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office by Race and Offense Type in 2015

Filing-Felony Offense	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Total
Domestic Violence	4	1	9	3		6	23
Drug/Alcohol	3	2	10	7		7	29
Other	3	3	37	4	3	12	62
Person	3	34	157	28		38	260
Property	10	21	168	41		47	287
Sex	3	2	18	12	1	27	63
Totals	26	63	399	95	4	137	724

- Person offenses and Property offenses made up the bulk of felony filings in 2015, representing 40% and 36%, respectively.
- Domestic Violence offenses contributed 3.2% of the total felony filings in 2015.

³ 50% of the "Other" offenses were for Obstructing a Public Servant.



- Black youth made up the largest portion of felony filings overall (55%) and in nearly every offense category.
- White youth surpassed Black youth in felony filings of Sex offenses only.
- For Felony Person filings, Asian/Pacific Islander and White youth had similar offender filings.
- Hispanic youth had similar felony filing patterns as White youth in Drug/Alcohol, Person, and Property categories.