

Crime

Mason County Data Series

Total Arrests for Young Children and Youth

On average 116 arrests of young children age 10-14 occur each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). The Mason County arrest rate for children age 10-14 is higher when compared to Washington State. (D1)

Total Arrests of Young Children 10-14, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	34.8	38.2	27.0	27.4	40.2
Washington	36.8	31.7	27.8	27.9	26.6

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

Total Arrests of Youth 17 and Younger, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2003 (D3)

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003
Mason County	66.7	65.7	46.2	45.7
Washington	68.9	62.3	53.8	54.0

Notes:

- May include youth under the age of 10.
- Rate per 1,000.

Property Crime Arrests

On average 112 arrests of youth age 10-17 and 259 arrests of adults age 18+ occur for a property crime each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. (D1-2)

Property Crime Arrests of Youth age 10-17, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	20.5	22.8	19.3	16.1	20.7
Washington	24.9	21.0	19.7	19.1	18.2

Property Crime Arrests of Adults age 18+, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.7	7.2
Washington	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

Arrest: The act of taking a person into custody by authority of law to charge him or her with a criminal offense. (D2)

Offense: Describes the nature and classification of crime. Offenses are determined based on law enforcement investigation and are not based on the findings of a court, medical examiner, jury or other judicial findings. (D1-2)

9% of 8th grade Mason County public school students said they had been arrested. Most 8th grade students are 13 years old. (D4)

12% of 10th grade Mason County public school students said they had been arrested. Most 10th grade students are 15 years old. (D5)

787 burglary offenses were reported by Mason County law enforcement in 2004. An average of 782 burglary offenses are reported each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). (D7)

Burglary is defined as The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. (D2)

1,785 larceny-theft offenses were reported by Mason County law enforcement in 2004. An average of 1,731 larceny-theft offenses are reported each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). (D7)

Larceny is defined as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another or the attempt to do so. (D2)

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Violent Crime Arrests

On average 19 arrests of youth age 10-17 and 88 arrests of adults age 18+ occur for a violent crime each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). Violent crimes include murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. (D1-2)

Violent Crime Arrests of Youth age 10-17, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	5.1	3.7	2.7	2.9	2.3
Washington	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.2

Violent Crime Arrests of Adults age 18+, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	2.5	2.2	2.6	1.9	2.6
Washington	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

Alcohol Related Crime Arrests

On average 37 arrests of youth age 10-17 occur for an alcohol violation each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). Alcohol violation arrests include driving under the influence, liquor law violations/minor in possession and drunkenness. (D1)

Alcohol Violation Arrests of Youth age 10-17, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	8.3	9.9	4.3	5.9	4.6
Washington	9.0	8.1	7.8	7.8	7.4

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

On average 262 arrests of adults age 18+ occur for an alcohol related offense each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). Alcohol related arrests include driving under the influence, liquor law violations and drunkenness. (D1)

Alcohol-Related Arrests of Adults age 18+, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	6.9	8.5	7.9	6.0	5.4
Washington	10.2	9.9	11.3	11.8	11.9

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

56 rape offenses were reported by Mason County law enforcement in 2004. An average of 52 rape offenses are reported each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). (D7)

Rape is defined as the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Attempts accomplished by force or threat of force are classified as forcible regardless of the age of the female victim. (D2)

105 aggravated assault offenses were reported by Mason County law enforcement in 2004. An average of 92 aggravated assault offenses are reported each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). (D7)

Aggravated assault is defined as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. (D2)

19 robbery offenses were reported by Mason County law enforcement in 2004. An average of 19 robbery offenses are reported each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). (D7)

Robbery is defined as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear. (D2)

319 motor vehicle theft offenses were reported by Mason County law enforcement in 2004. An average of 258 motor vehicle theft offenses are reported each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). (D7)

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Drug Related Crime Arrests

On average 19 arrests of youth age 10-17 occur for a drug law violation each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). Drug law violation arrests include the sale, manufacturing and possession of drugs. (D1)

Drug Law Violation Arrests of Youth age 10-17, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	5.3	3.2	2.3	2.5	3.7
Washington	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.2

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

On average 172 arrest of adults age 18+ occur for a drug law violation offense each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). Drug law violation arrests include the sale, manufacturing and possession of drugs. (D1)

Drug Law Violation Arrests of Adults age 18+, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.1	5.1
Washington	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.8	5.4

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

Domestic Violence Arrests

On average 172 arrests for a domestic violence offense occur each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004 data). Domestic violence arrests include any violence of one family member against another family member. Family members include spouses, former spouses, and unmarried adults. (D1)

Domestic Violence Arrests, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	4.9	3.9	4.4	4.0	3.3
Washington	5.6	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.9

Note:

- Rate per 1,000.

Offenses involving Violation of Protection/No Contact Orders, Mason County 2000-2004 (D2, 8-11)

Area	# in 2000	# in 2001	# in 2002	# in 2003	# in 2004
Mason County	275	214	193	248	207
Washington	12,110	11,762	11,928	12,526	13,034

21% of 8th grade Mason County public school students had attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting at some point in their lifetime. (D4)

15% of 10th grade Mason County public school students had attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting at some point in their lifetime. (D5)

17% of 8th grade and 10th grade Mason County public school students thought it was 'not wrong' or only 'a little bit wrong' to steal something worth more than \$5. (D4-5)

8% of 10th grade Mason County public school students said they had driven a car or other vehicle after they had been drinking in the past 30 days. (D5)

6% of 8th grade Mason County public school students said they had carried a weapon (such as a gun, knife or club) on to school property in the past 30 days. (D4)

10% of 10th grade Mason County public school students said they had carried a weapon (such as a gun, knife or club) on to school property in the past 30 days. (D5)

On average 7 domestic violence related 'rape offenses' occur each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004). (D2, 8-11)

On average 29 domestic violence related 'aggravated assault offenses' occur each year in Mason County (based on 2000-2004). (D2, 8-11)

Data from the Skokomish and Squaxin Tribal Police Departments are not included in county crime figures.

Meth Use and Labs

About 6% of Mason County adults have tried Meth at some point in their lifetime. About 4% of Mason County 8th and 10th grade public school students have tried Meth at some point in their lifetime. (D4-5,12-18)

Meth Lab Incidents, Mason County 2000-2005

Area	# in 2000	# in 2001	# in 2002	# in 2003	# in 2004	# in 2005
Mason County	26	30	22	15	31	32

Note:

- Incidents = include active lab sites and dump sites.

Prisoners in State System

An average of 142 prison admissions or re-admissions occurred as a result of a conviction in Mason County (based on 2003-2004 data). (D19-21)

Prisoners age 18+ in State Correctional Systems, Mason County & Washington State 2003-2004

Area	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	257.0	308.8
Washington	198.1	295.2

Notes:

- Rate per 100,000. Based on county of conviction and not county of residence.
- Includes incarcerated individuals and individuals being electronically monitored.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Each year, an average of 677 alleged victims of child abuse and neglect are identified in Mason County CPS accepted referrals (based on 2000-2004 data). (D20-21)

Alleged Victims of Child Abuse & Neglect in Accepted CPS Referrals, Mason County & Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004
Mason County	66.5	53.3	49.3	66.1	59.8
Washington	40.6	39.4	37.6	40.9	38.1

Notes:

- CPS = Washington State Department of Social & Health Service's Child Protective Services.
- A child can be included in an accepted referral more than once during the year.
- Rate per 1,000.

Founded Victims of Child Abuse & Neglect in Investigated CPS Referrals, Mason County 2000-2004

Area	# in 2000	# in 2001	# in 2002	# in 2003	# in 2004
Mason County	98	61	46	59	48

237 offenders were released in to Mason County during the 2004/2005 state fiscal year. Offenders were released after having served their prison sentence or after serving time for violating conditions of supervision. (D19)

In 2003, the average Mason County prison sentence for a sex crime was 134 months. (D6)

In 2003, the average Mason County prison sentence for robbery was 48 months. (D6)

In 2003, the average Mason County prison sentence for assault was 36 months. (D6)

In 2003, the average Mason County prison sentence for drug crimes was 21 months. (D6)

Reports of child abuse and neglect are called referrals. Referrals are classified as unaccepted or accepted. Referrals that meet established criteria for risk of abuse are 'accepted' for further action or review.

All 'accepted' referrals are placed on a 5 tier, Low-High risk scale for abuse/neglect. Referrals classified as Moderate-High risk are investigated. Investigations result in the allegation being founded, inconclusive, unfounded.

Each year, investigations into alleged child abuse yield an average of: 62 victims for whom abuse/neglect was founded, 115 victims for which abuse/neglect was inconclusive and 266 victims for whom abuse/neglect was considered unfounded based on the information available at the time of investigation (based on 2000-2004 data). Some investigation findings were unreported. (D21)

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