

Departure Form Data

Please Note: The information contained in this document is based on the departure forms received, maintained, and provided to OFM by DOC. While there has been concern about how these records were maintained, DOC is currently discussing how they can better track departures received in the future.

Year	Total Departures Analyzed*	Level Increased	Level Decreased	Most Common Reasoning**	Number of Jurisdictions
2011	24	21 (88%)	3 (13%)	LE Discretion= 22 (92%)	12
2012	27	18 (67%)	7 (36%)	LE Discretion= 19 (70%)	11
2013	32	23 (72%)	7 (22%)	LE Discretion= 31 (97%)	10
2014	22	15 (68%)	7 (32%)	LE Discretion= 15 (68%) Agg./Mit. Factors= 13 (59%)	9
2015	22	17 (77%)	5 (23%)	LE Discretion= 16 (73%)	11
Total:	127	94 (74%)	29 (23%)	LE Discretion: 81%	23

**Cases were removed if they lacked both an initial level and new level.*

***Reasoning noted here if used more than 50% of the time.*

Takeaways:

1. From 2011 to 2015, the majority of jurisdictions did not submit departure forms to DOC.
2. When departure forms are submitted, they are more likely to have departure reasoning listed as “Law Enforcement Discretion”, and are more likely to be aggravated.
3. Some jurisdictions submitting forms are not completely them in their entirety.

Potential Recommendations:

1. Request clarifying language for RCW 4.24.550:

10) When A law enforcement agency or official classifies an offender differently than the offender is classified by the end of sentence review committee at the time of the offender's release from confinement, the law enforcement agency or official shall notify the end of sentence review committee and the Washington state patrol and submit its reasons supporting the change in classification.

2. Ask WASPC to discuss accurate and consistent use and submission of departure forms with their members.

Submitting Jurisdictions:

*These are jurisdictions which submitted at least ONE departure form between 2011 and 2015.

- Asotin County (8)
- Bellevue Police Department (2)
- Benton County (6)
- Chelan County (1)
- Clark County (10)
- Cowlitz County (17)
- Franklin County (1)
- Grant County (5)
- Kennewick Police Department (1)
- Kent Police Department (2)
- Kitsap County (8)
- Lincoln County (1)
- Marysville/Snohomish Police Department (1)
- Mason County (3)
- Pacific County (1)
- Pierce County (7)
- Puyallup Police Department (1)
- Seattle Police Department (8)
- Skagit County (26)
- Tacoma Police Department (9)
- Thurston County (3)
- Whatcom County (5)