

# DWS-III Criminal Charge City Attorney's Briefing

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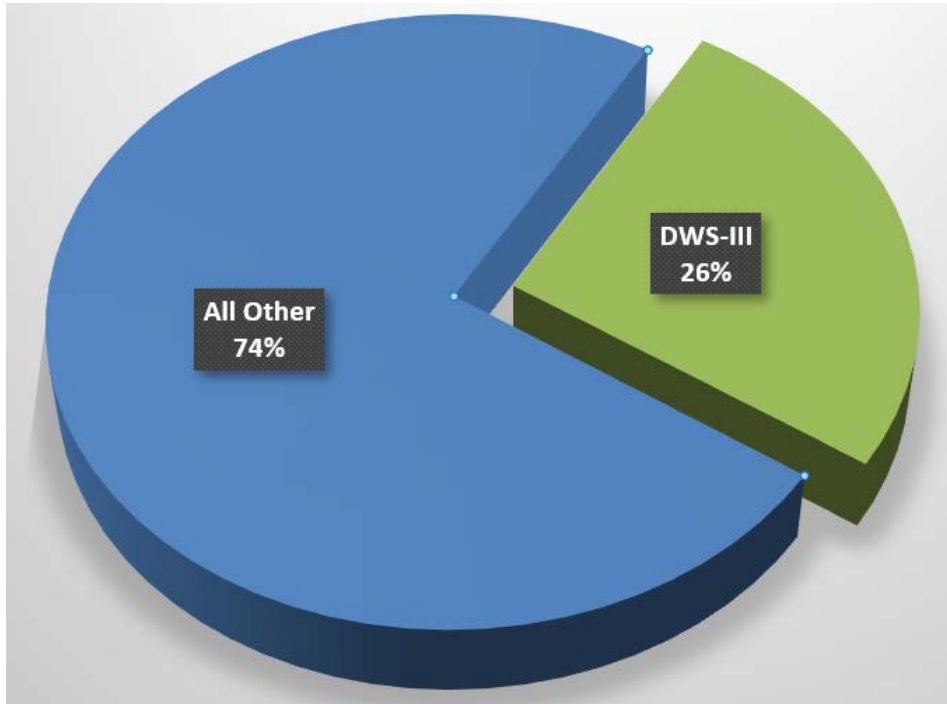
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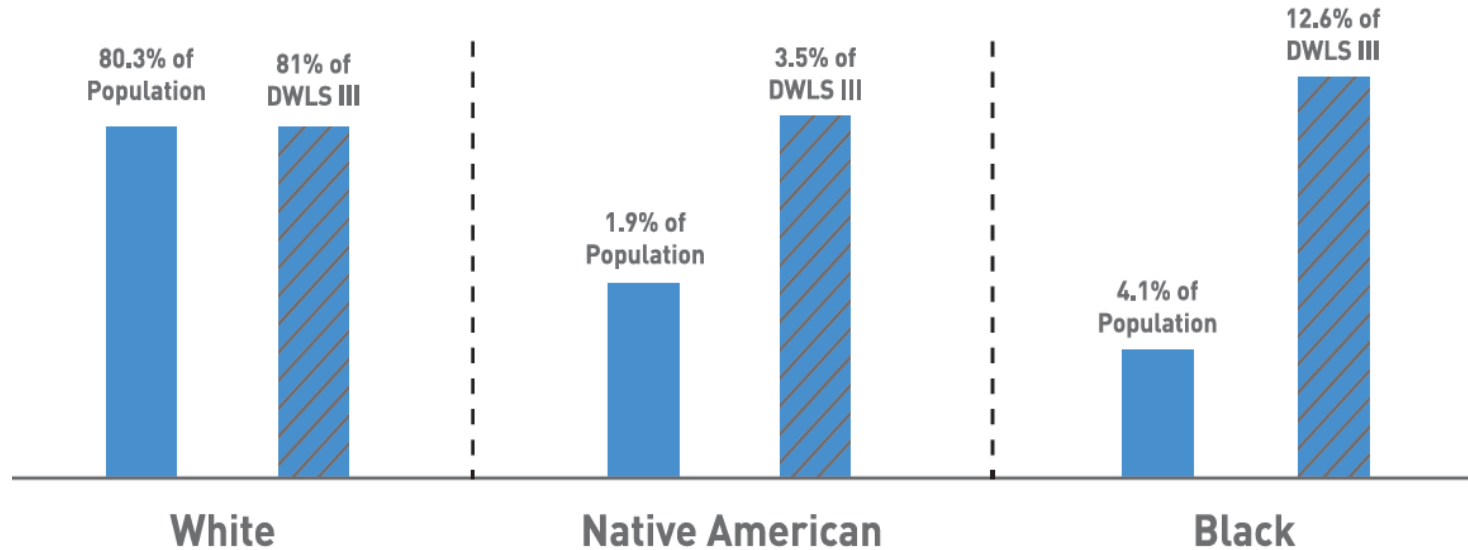
# DWS-III

## 2019 Criminal Filings



- 1200 of the City's total 4500 criminal filings
- Driving after license revoked for non-payment of fines
- Current program charges first, then offers path to dismissal

# Disproportionate Impact



Source – ACLU of Washington analysis of Administrative Office of the Courts Data.



# DWS-III Program Changes

## Effective January 1, 2021

- Revised charging standards
- Pre-Citation Diversion
  - ✓ 6 months
  - ✓ Reinstate License or no new charges



# DWS-III Program Changes



## Projected Benefits:

- Balance inequity
- Prioritize cases drawing on capacity of Courts and Jail
- City Council policy alignment

# QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION

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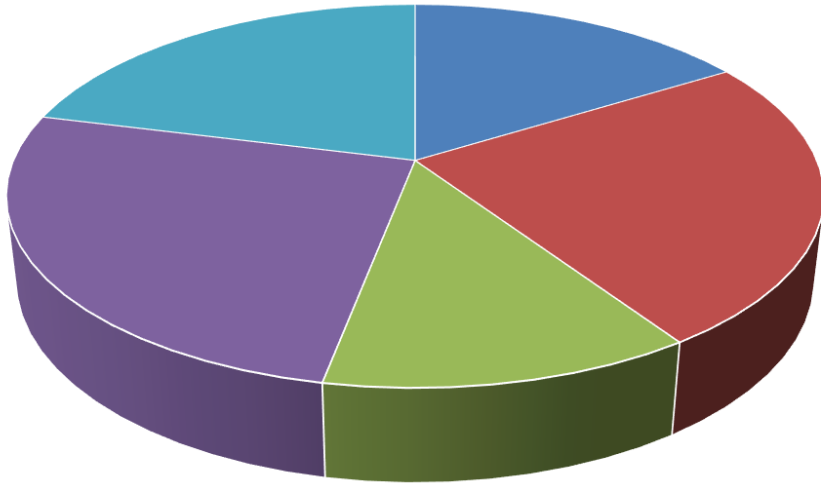
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## 2019 Criminal Filings



Overview of 2019 Criminal Charges:

- Violent
- Property
- Hwy Safety
- DWS-III
- Other