



**Seattle City Attorney's**  
**Race and Social Justice Initiative**  
**2011 Council Briefing**



# **2011 Achievements**

- **364-day Policy – Statewide**
- **WMBE plan - 12% goal for purchases**
- **RFP and RFQ for police action work**
- **Externship program in the Civil Division**
- **Language Line contract – Trained staff**
- **Task Force on Race and the Criminal Justice System**
- **Racial Equity Toolkit training for Law Dept. Change Team**



# **RSJI Work Plan Highlights**

- **Review Pro Bono Policy**
- **Increase awareness of Racial Equity Toolkit**
- **Task Force on Race and the Criminal Justice System**



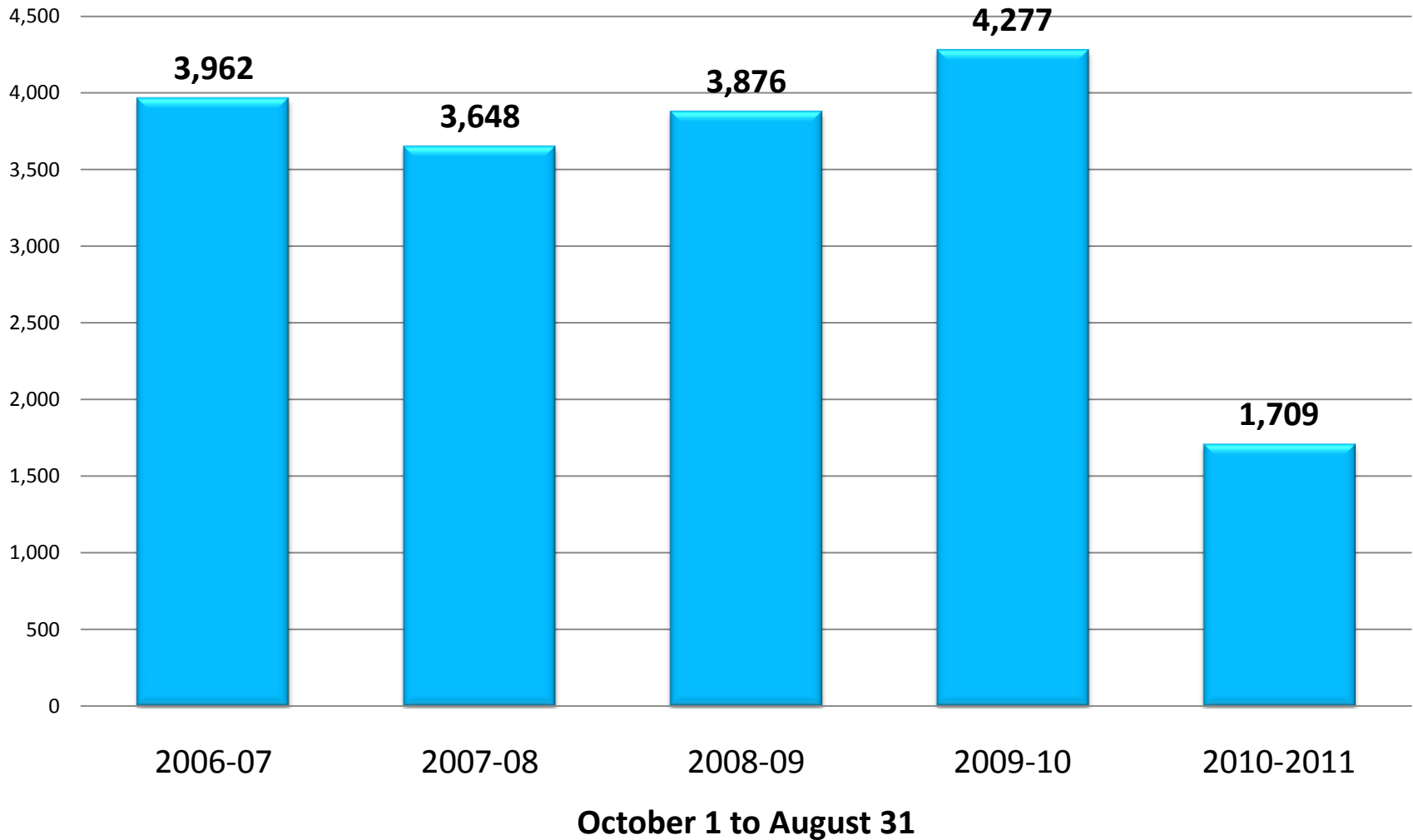
**Driving While Licensed  
Suspended In The Third  
Degree (DWLS 3°)**



# DWLS 3°

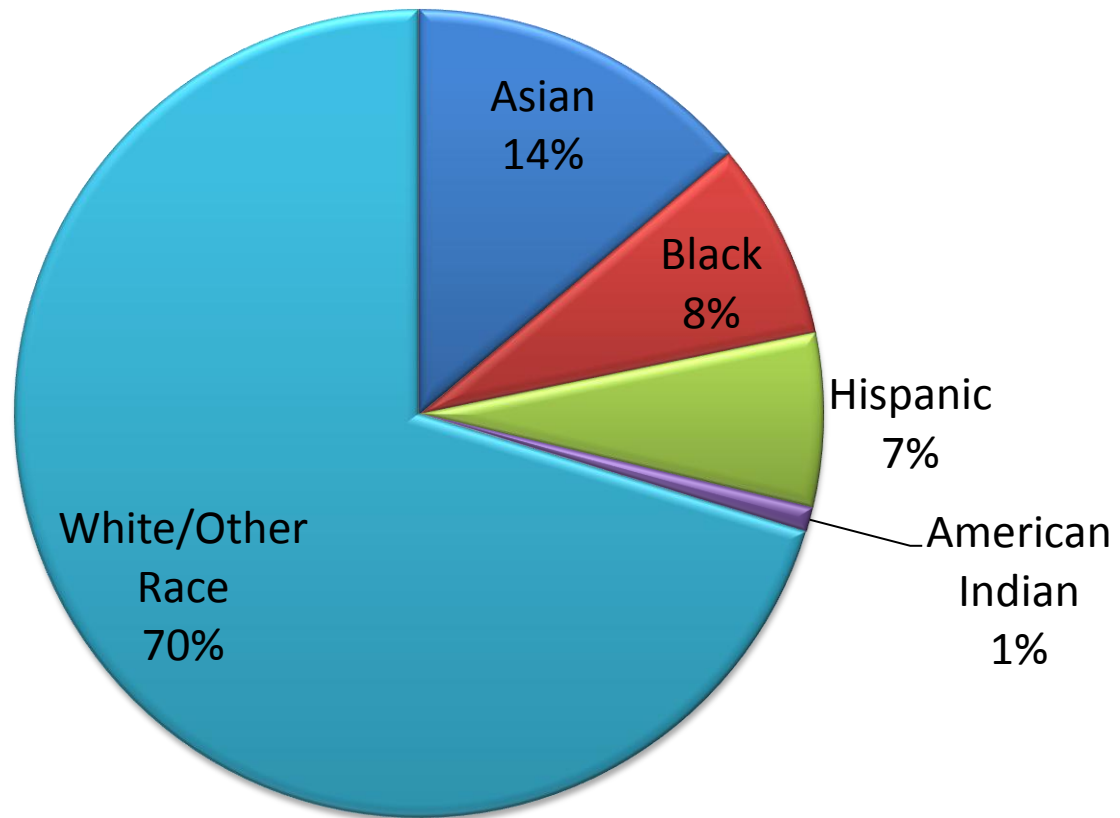
**The most common reason for DWLS 3° filings is the failure of offenders to pay traffic infraction fines.**

# DWLS 3<sup>o</sup> REPORTS RECEIVED



\*Includes companion and stand alone cases

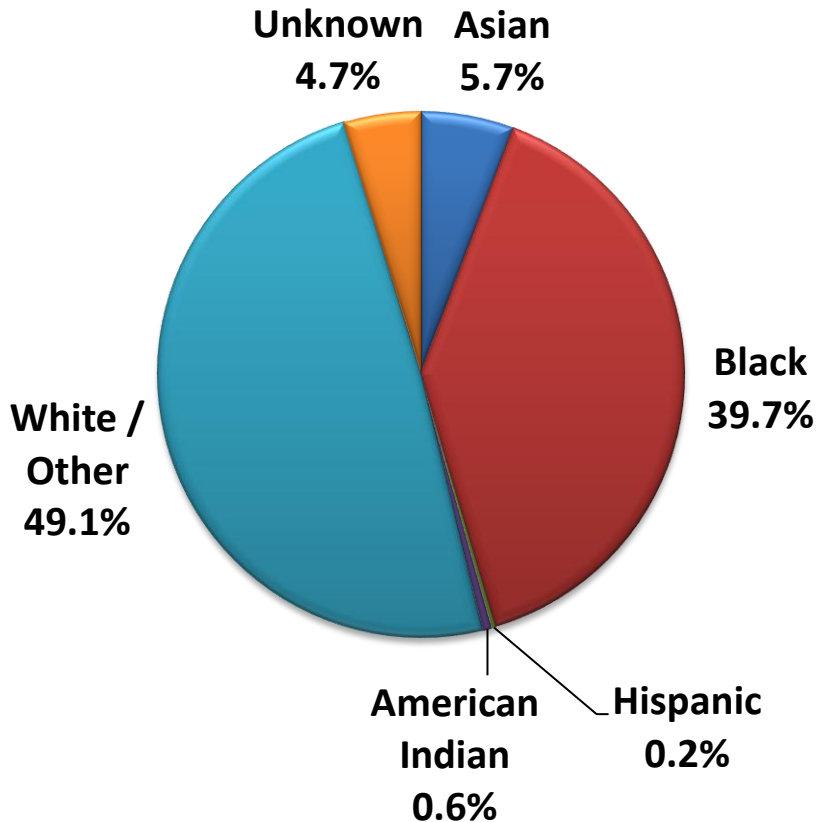
# Seattle Population by Race



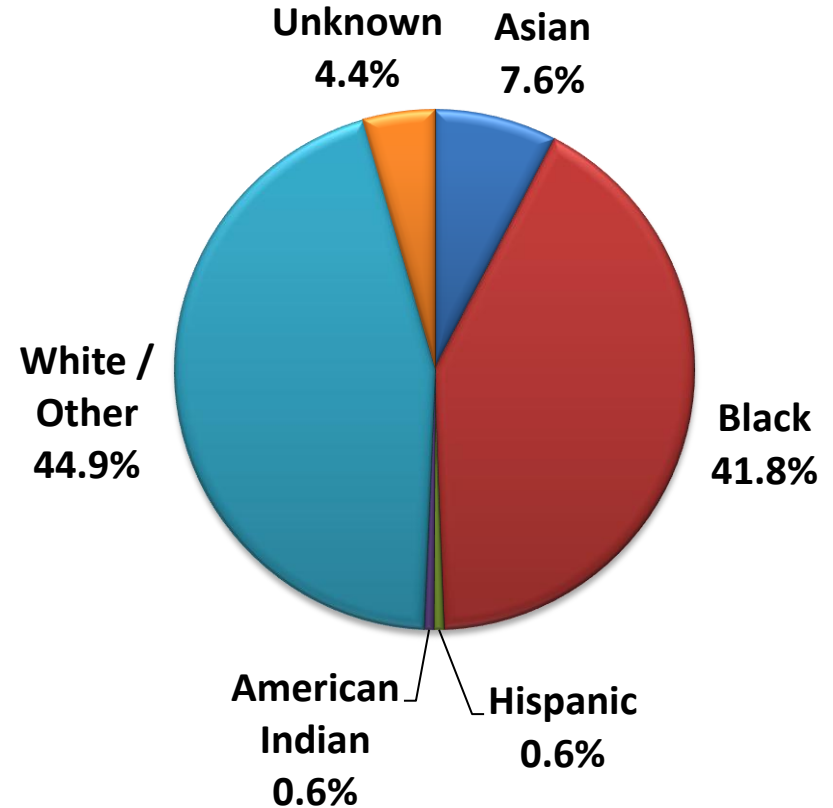
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# DWLS 3° CASES FILED – BY RACE

October 1, 2009 through  
August 31, 2010



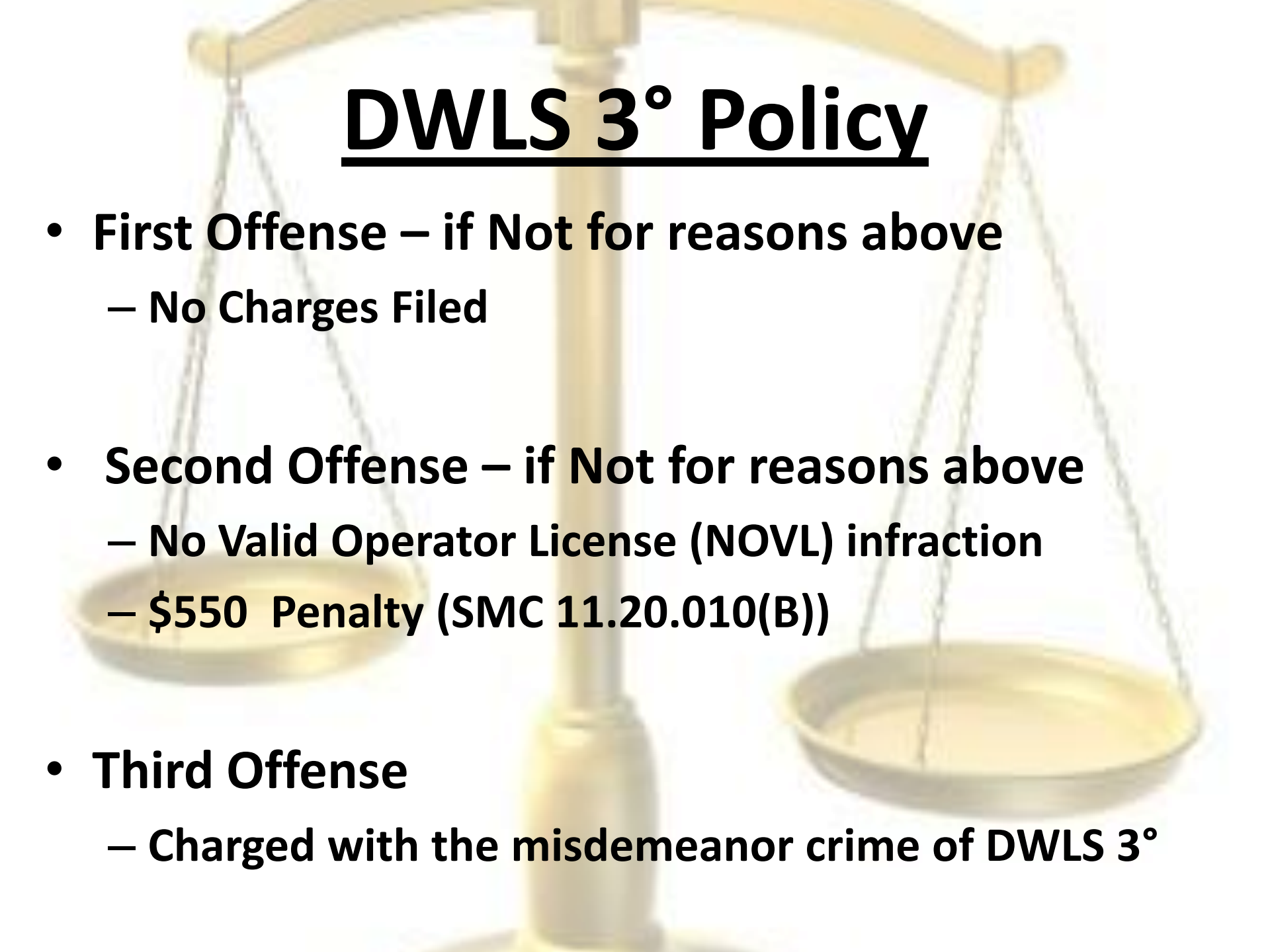
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# DWLS 3° Charges Will Be Filed When:

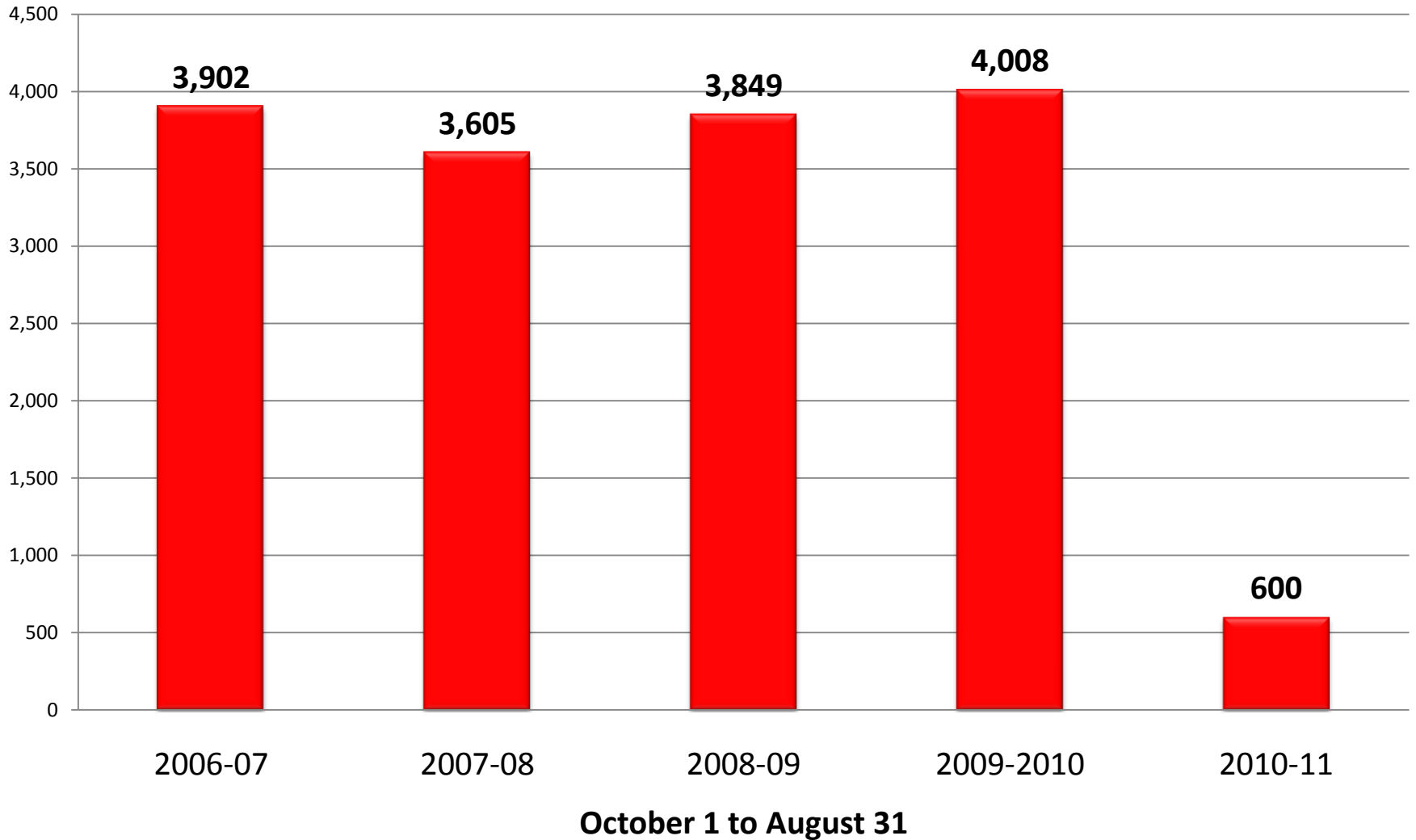
- Offender needed to furnish proof of treatment of progress in a chemical dependency program (RCW 46.20.342(1)(c)(i))
- Offender failed to comply with provisions in RCW 46.29 regarding uninsured accidents (RCW 46.20.342(1)(c)(iii))
- A suspension due to DWLS-2 that was then eligible to have license re-instated, but did not (RCW 46.20.342(1)(c)(vi))
- The charge was received in connection with a traffic accident
- The charge is a companion to another criminal charge such as hit and run or DUI



# **DWLS 3° Policy**

- **First Offense – if Not for reasons above**
  - No Charges Filed
- **Second Offense – if Not for reasons above**
  - No Valid Operator License (NOVL) infraction
  - \$550 Penalty (SMC 11.20.010(B))
- **Third Offense**
  - Charged with the misdemeanor crime of DWLS 3°

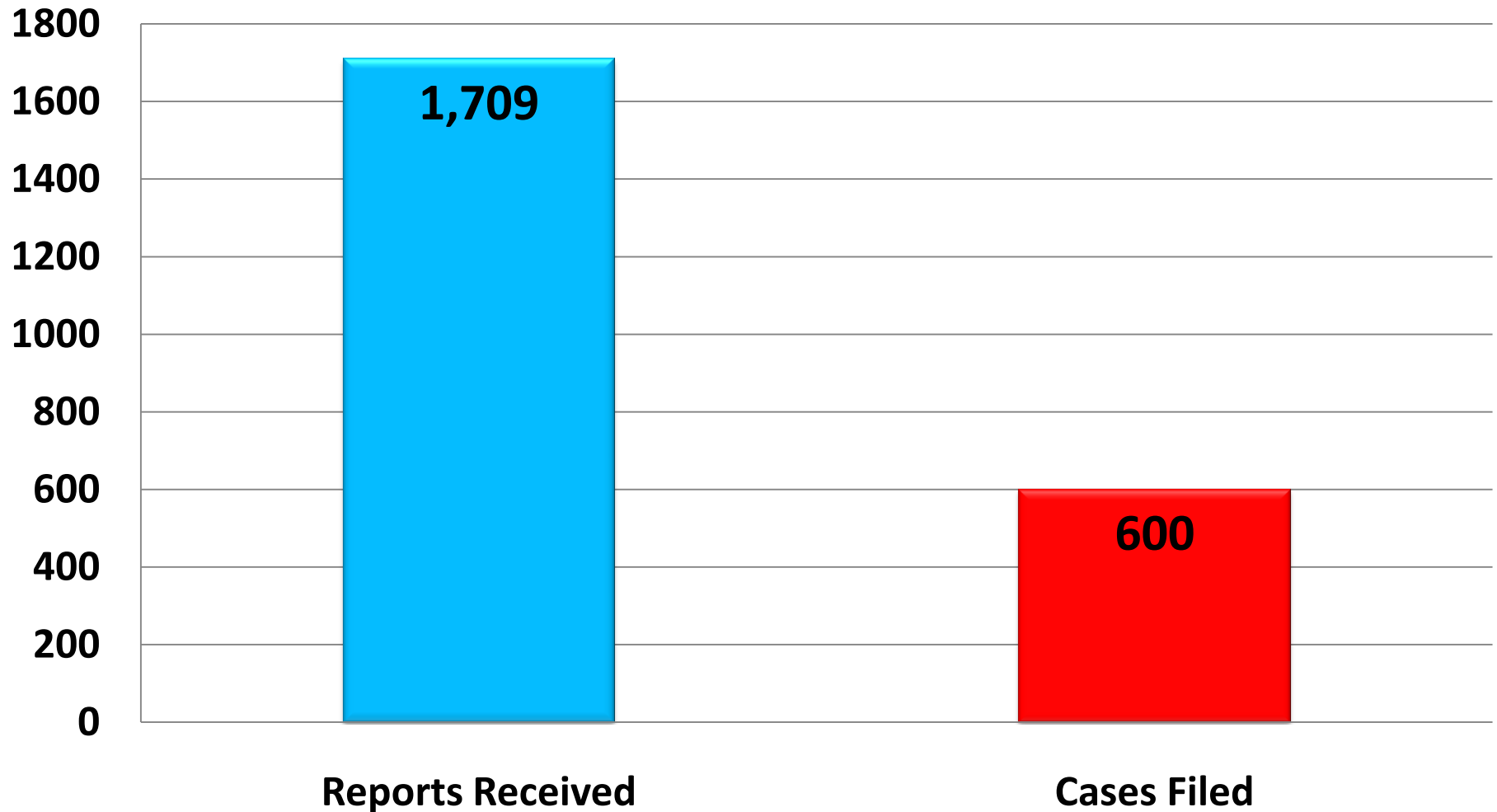
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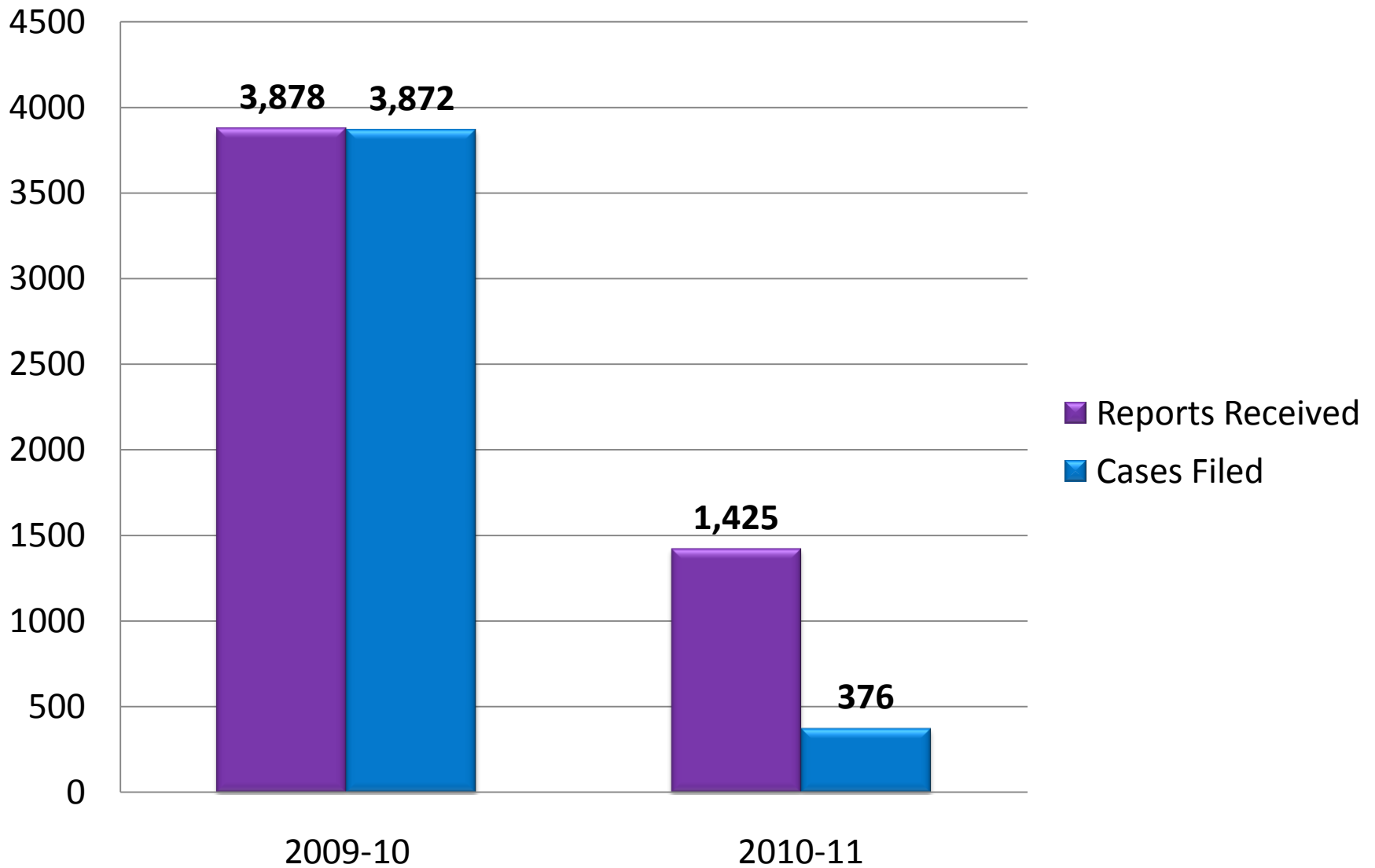
# NEW DWLS 3° POLICY

October 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011

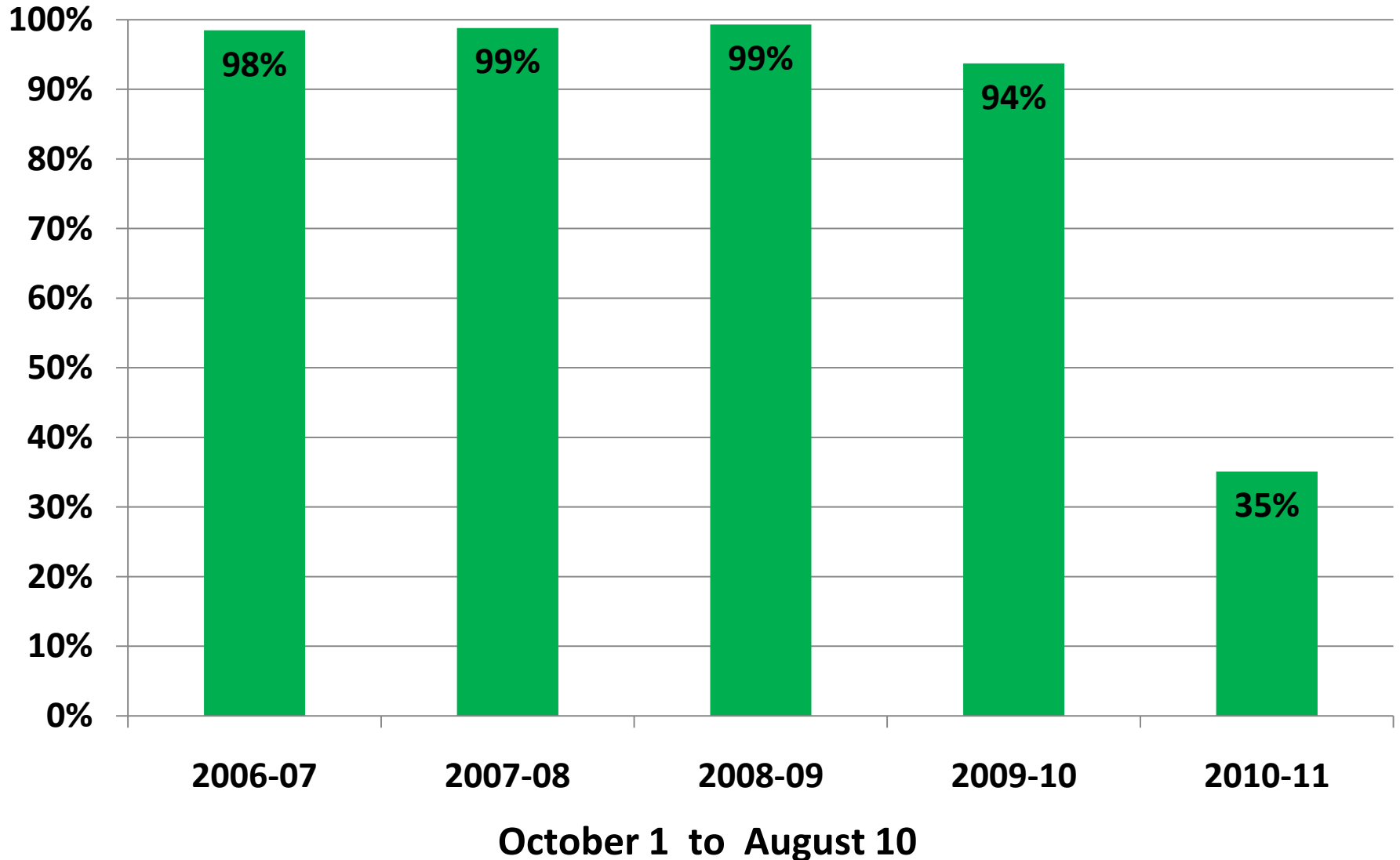


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# DWLS 3° Stand Alone



# Percentage of DWLS 3° Cases Received That Result in DWLS 3° Charges Filed



# Top Ten Offender Profiles

Name	Race	Age	Primary Amount Owed	Collection Fees	Interest Fees	Total Amount Owed
T.S.	B	53	\$ 16,710	\$ 3,513	\$ 10,197	\$ 30,421
C.S.	B	63	\$ 10,478	\$ 2,261	\$ 9,114	\$ 21,853
S.J.	B	35	\$ 10,256	\$ 2,118	\$ 8,452	\$ 20,826
D.J.	B	30	\$ 10,953	\$ 2,245	\$ 6,223	\$ 19,421
L.P.	A	43	\$ 9,268	\$ 1,867	\$ 6,524	\$ 17,659
V.C.	B	43	\$ 8,690	\$ 1,752	\$ 5,981	\$ 16,424
T.F.	W	53	\$ 7,942	\$ 1,691	\$ 6,133	\$ 15,766
W.F.	B	56	\$ 8,991	\$ 1,790	\$ 3,759	\$ 14,539
N.S.	W	55	\$ 7,175	\$ 1,545	\$ 5,751	\$ 14,471
C.D.	B	27	\$ 6,836	\$ 1,453	\$ 5,774	\$ 14,063

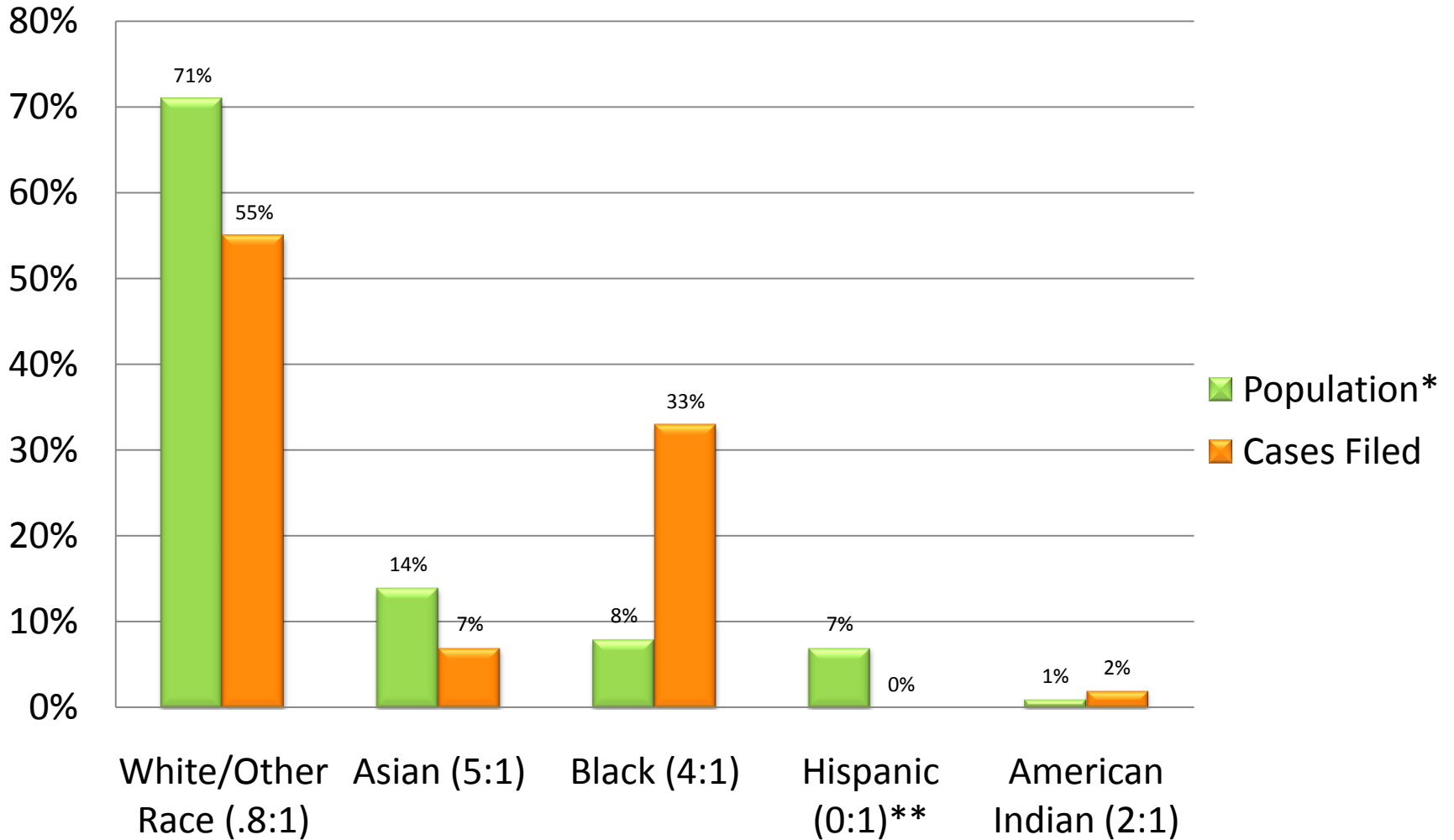


# DWLS 3° Next Steps

- **Relicensing Program**
- **Top Offender Initiative**



# Race of Seattle Population Compared to Race of All Charges Filed



\*Population obtained from 2010 U.S. Census Data

\*\*The percentage for Hispanic cases filed is less than .5%