

PUBLIC RECORDS METRIC GUIDANCE

METRIC 12

Total number of cases filed alleging a violation of Chapter 42.56 or other public records statutes during the reporting period, categorized by type and exemption at issue (if applicable)

[RCW 42.14.026\(5\)\(I\)](#)

To respond to this metric, an agency will need to provide the number of cases filed in court during the reporting period that allege a violation of chapter 42.56 RCW or other public records statutes in the reporting period involving the agency, categorized by type and exemption at issue.

- A **violation type** may include violations such as the agency did not provide a timely response, the agency failed to complete a thorough search, failure to produce an exemption log, unreasonable charges, etc. The system will present a list of typical violation types from which to select. You may select multiple alleged violations for each case.
- An **exemption** refers to a statutory exemption. The system will present a list of exemption types from which to select (if applicable). A complete list of statutory exemptions to the public records act is provided by the Washington Code Reviser. Code Reviser's List of Statutory Exemptions can be found on the Office of the Attorney General's [website](#).

Cases should only be included if they were filed during the reporting period. Do not include on-going cases that were opened prior to the reporting period.

Cases that are filed and subsequently withdrawn should be included in this number.