

Site	Description	What you'll get	Search tips
Washington Superior, District and Municipal Courts Name search http://dw.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm?fa=home.home Fee: none	State-run court search allows you to search system-wide on a person's name to find court cases that go back as far as 1977, depending on the court.	Court, case number, date, case type and a summary for some cases. Felony charges and civil suits over \$50,000 are generally filed in state superior courts; criminal misdemeanors, domestic violence and traffic infractions are handled by district and municipal courts.	Go to the "Search for a person" heading, click on "Name search," then accept the disclaimer. You must have first and last names of your subject, but partial names are allowed. You won't be able to see all the related documents online, but you can visit the county courthouse or district court in person to view them.
Case number/case name search http://dw.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm?fa=home.fmcd Fee: none	Search specific courts with a person's name, or use this search for a business name, a case number or an appellate court case.	Court, case number, date, case type and a summary for some cases.	Go to the "Search for a case" heading, click on "Case Number/Case Name Search," then accept the disclaimer. You'll need to pick the court and county in which it was filed. Use the tabs to switch your search to a business name.
Washington State Patrol Criminal History Record Information Check https://watch.wsp.wa.gov/ Fee: \$10	A Washington State Patrol-run database that includes felony and gross misdemeanor convictions in Washington state since 1974. But not all courts and counties report into this system, and some counties are not up-to-date.	A physical description of the person and aliases used. The results include details on all convictions, including charges and sentence, pending cases less than one year old, and a Department of Corrections custody history report.	In order to search, you'll need the person's complete first and last name and a date of birth. You'll also need to set up an account and pay for the search with a credit card.
Washington state sex offenders http://ml.waspc.org/index.aspx Fee: none	The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs keeps this database of level II and III sex offenders in Washington.	A coded map, a partial street address for the offender, a physical description and color photograph, and information about the conviction.	From the pull-down menu running along the top bar, select search type: county, city, zip code, street, offender's last name, or type of conviction.
Seattle Municipal Courts http://publicinformation.seattle.gov/cpi/smc.publicInformation.def Fee: none	The city of Seattle's municipal court case records are not available in detail in the state court search. Use this site instead.	The charges, plea and disposition of each case.	To search for a person, select the "Defendant name" search. You can enter full or partial names, or leave the first name blank. When the results come up, click on the subject's name.
Pierce County Superior Court (LINX) http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/linx/Search.cfm Fee: none	Pierce County Superior Court cases are in the statewide database, but the court also has its own separate system.	More detailed information on Pierce County cases than the statewide system provides.	Names are entered in "Last name, first name" format, but you can just use a last name or part of a name.
PACER http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/ Fee: \$.08 per page	Federal criminal, civil, bankruptcy and appeals courts.	You can view the court, citation, counts and offense level, custody status and attorneys. In some cases, scanned images of court documents are available online.	You'll need to register and use a credit card. To do a federal criminal check, select the "US Party Index" from the main menu. Under the "Search" heading, select "criminal." Enter the person's name as "Last name, First name." You can also search a business. Note that most crimes are prosecuted at the state level, not the federal level.
Search Systems Premium http://premium.searchsystems.net/index.php Fee: \$9-29	A private backgrounding company that offers a range of regional or nationwide criminal conviction reports. This is a good choice if the person you are investigating lived in other states.	Different courts provide varying degrees of information — some may include charges and other case information, and some may not. You can also search nationwide for bankruptcies, judgments and liens.	You'll need to set up an account with a credit card. To search for a person, you'll need their name and date of birth.
King County Jail http://www.metrokc.gov/dad/inmatelookup/startpage.aspx Fee: none	Search by name for people who have been in jail over the past 365 days.	Custody status, booking date, release date and charges.	You can search using just the person's last name.
Pierce County Corrections Jail Register http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/linx/Search.cfm Fee: none	Search by name for current inmates.	Charge, jurisdiction, booking agency, sentence date and bail.	Scroll to the bottom of the page for a jail inmate search box. Only the last name is required.
VinELINK National Inmate Search http://www.vinelink.com/index.jsp Fee: none	A private company that provides a free search of recently released inmates of jails in all 50 states.	Date of birth, gender, race, offender ID, booking agency and custody status.	The last name is the only required field. For King and Pierce counties, it's better to use their jail lookup because it provides more information.
Federal Bureau of Prisons Inmate Locator http://www.bop.gov/iloc2/LocateInmate.jsp Fee: none	Search for all inmates of federal prisons from 1982 to present. Note that most felons convicted of state or local crimes are sentenced to state or county prisons, and are not in this database.	Age, race, sex and release date. For current inmates, you'll also get the name of the prison.	First and last full names are required.
King County Auditor http://www.metrokc.gov/recelec/records/ Fee: none	Search by name for public documents filed with the county recorder's office. Some are available in PDF or TIFF format.	Liens, oaths, deeds, mortgages, marriages, affidavits and various other documents.	You can search by all or part of the last name.
Snohomish County Auditor http://198.238.192.100/search.asp?cabinet=opr Fee: none			
Pierce County Auditor http://hartweb.co.pierce.wa.us Fee: none			
King County Parcel Viewer http://www5.metrokc.gov/parcelviewer/Viewer/KingCounty/Viewer.asp?App=Parcels&SearchFor=Pstart Fee: none	These county-run Web sites allow you to confirm property ownership.	Sales history, assessed value, description of physical characteristics, tax information.	You'll need the parcel number or the street address. The King County system also allows you to search the intersection of two streets.
Snohomish County Assessor property information http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Assessor Then click "property information" under Assessor links Fee: none			
Pierce County Parcel Viewer http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/atr/epip/search.cfm Fee: none			