

Spokane Valley Public Safety Sales Tax Ballot Measure



During the August 5 primary election, voters may have the opportunity to vote on a public safety ballot measure that would raise sales tax by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%).

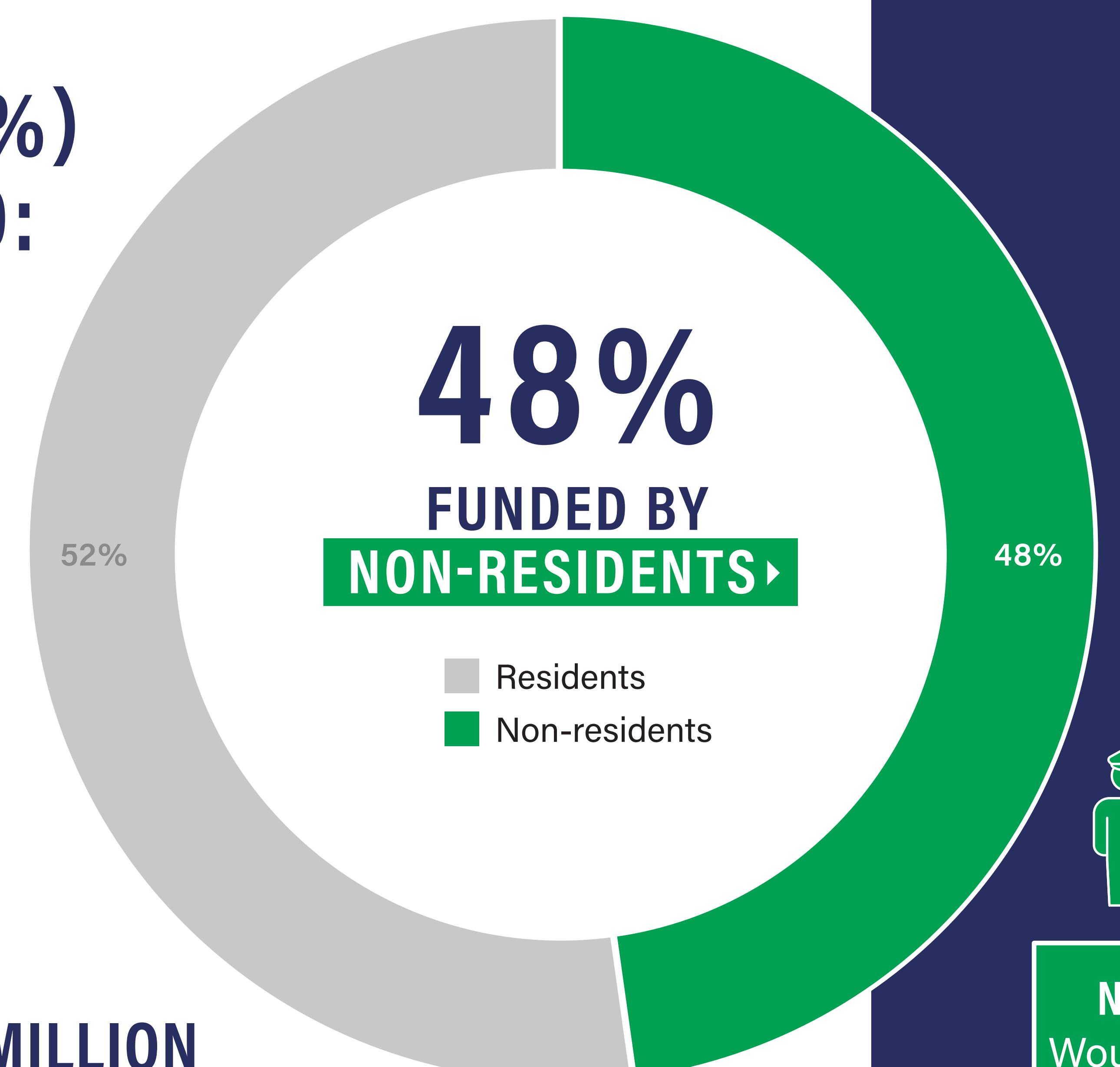
WHAT WILL THE NEW REVENUE FUND?

If the ballot passes, the funding will be dedicated to hiring additional police officers and funding public safety in Spokane Valley.

ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) SALES TAX INCREASE EQUATES TO:

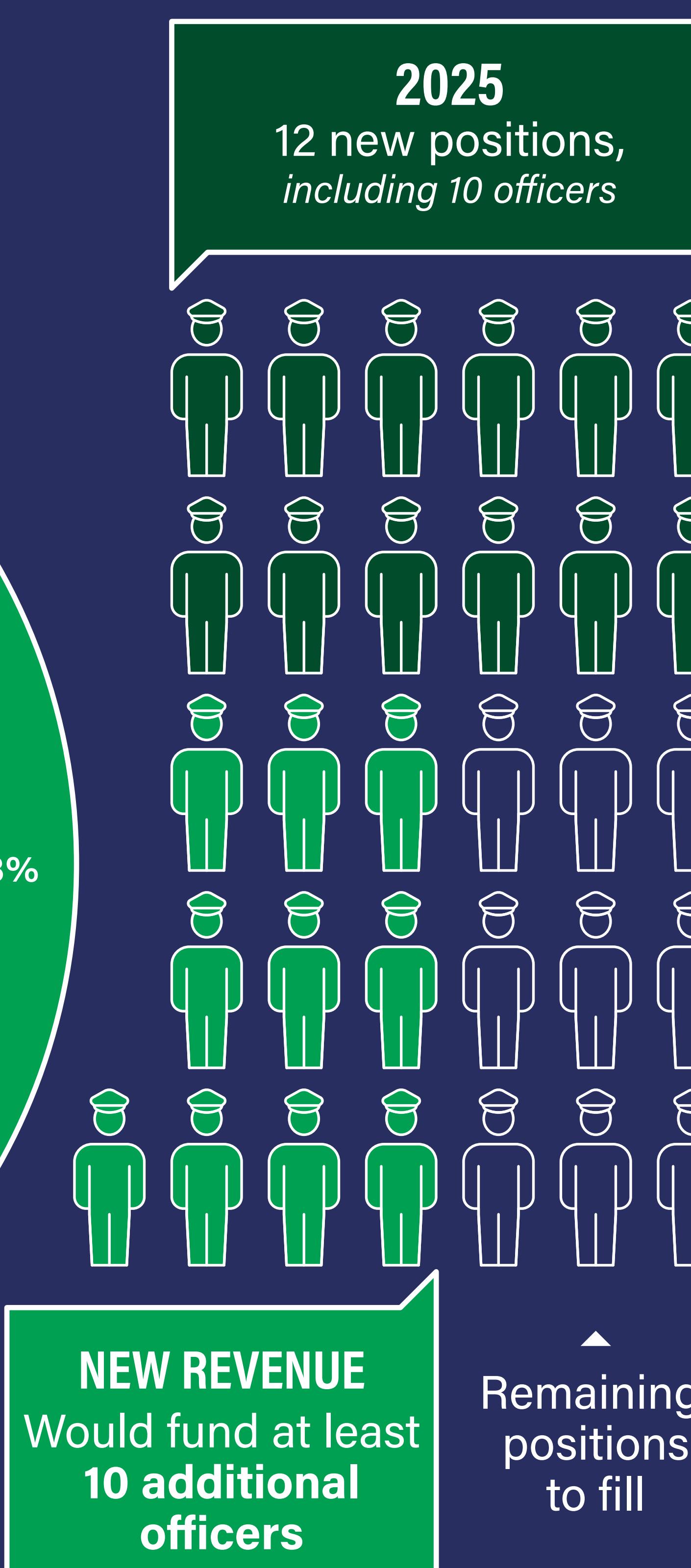


$$\begin{array}{l|l|l} \text{AVERAGE} & \$12.43 \text{ PER SHOPPER} & \$2.6 \text{ MILLION} \\ \text{YEARLY} & \text{COST} & \text{ANNUALLY} \\ \hline & \$28.48 \text{ PER HOUSEHOLD} & \text{FOR PUBLIC SAFETY} \end{array} =$$



2023 MATRIX STUDY IDENTIFIED A NEED FOR 31 NEW POSITIONS

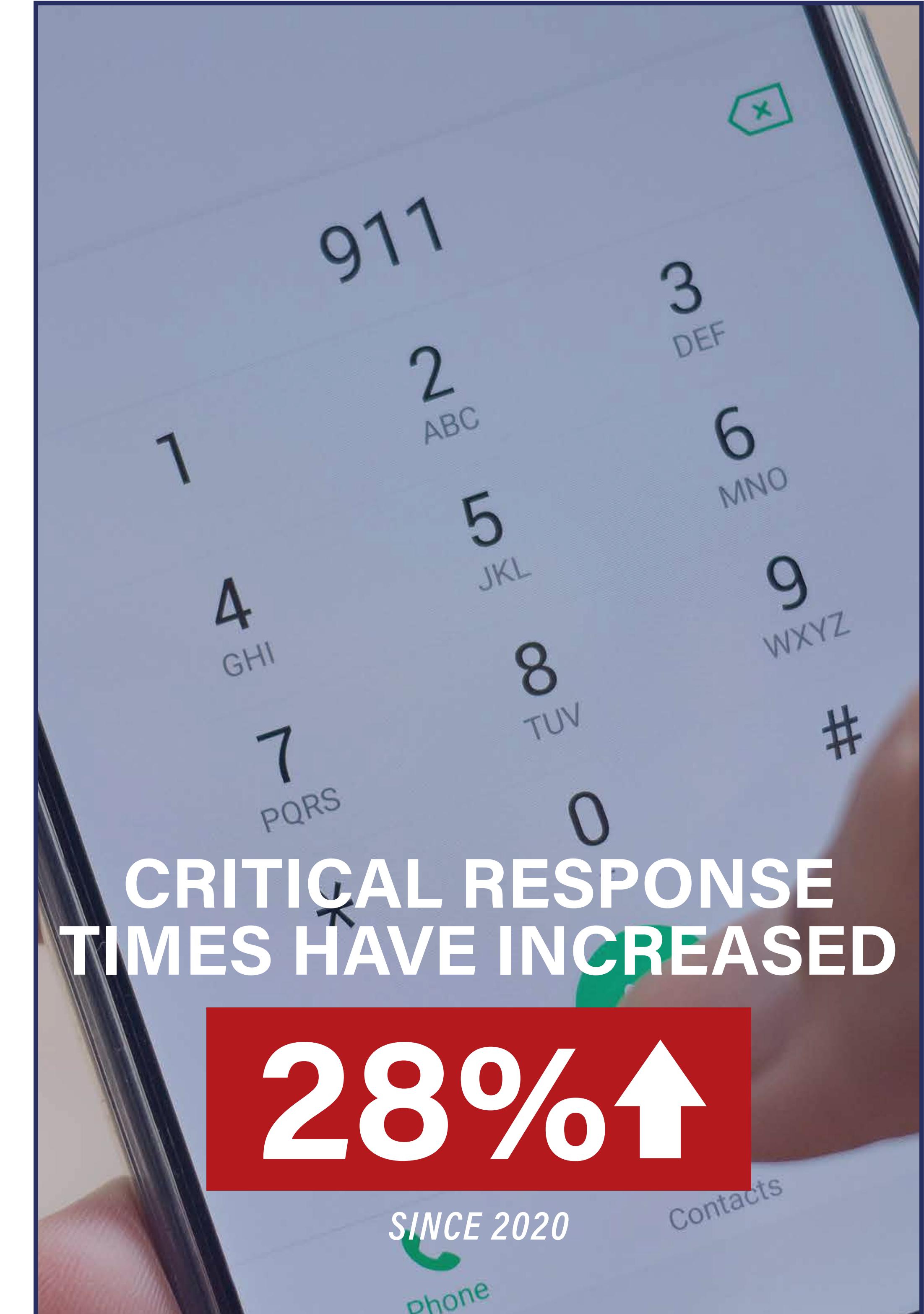
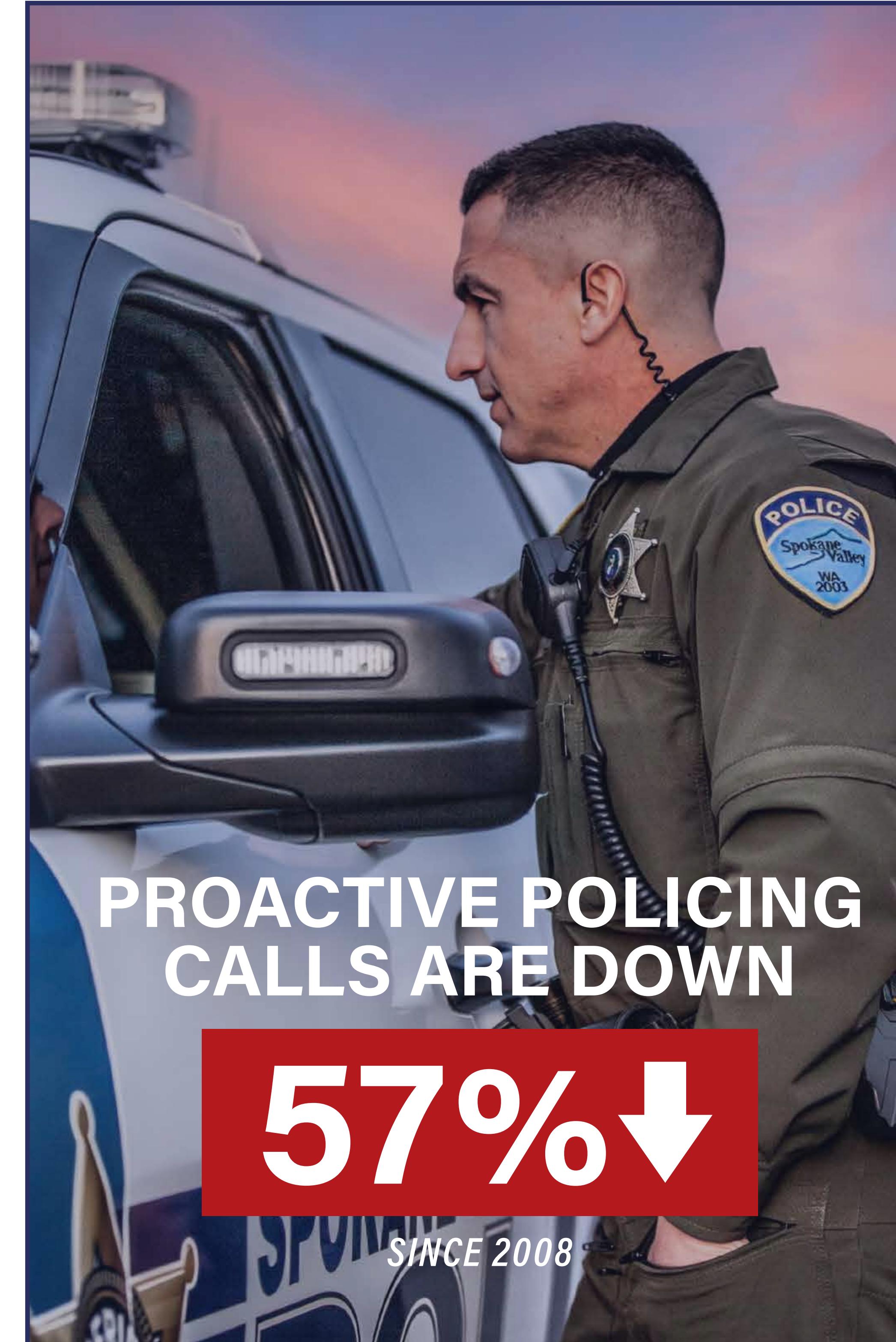
In addition to the existing 91 dedicated officers and 37 shared positions.



Public Safety for a Growing Community

Since incorporation 22 years ago, the City of Spokane Valley's population has outpaced the Spokane Valley Police Department's (SVPD) staffing levels — stretching public safety resources thin. There are many factors overburdening SVPD.

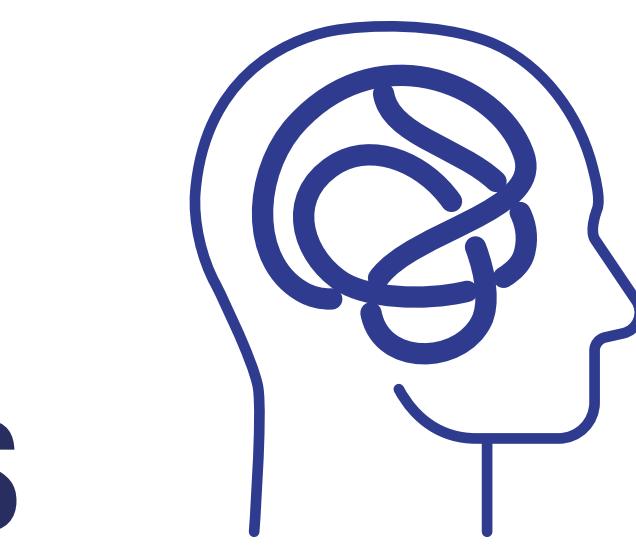
SVPD RESPONDS TO 50,000 CALLS ANNUALLY



HIGHER POPULATION



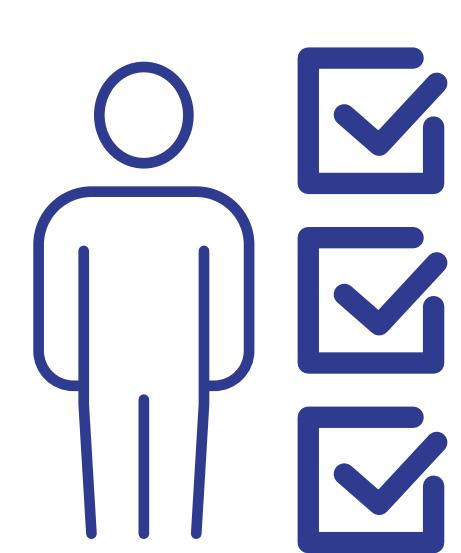
RISING DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS



MORE CALLS FOR SERVICE



INCREASED COSTS TO RECRUIT, HIRE, TRAIN AND EMPLOY OFFICERS



If Voters APPROVE the POTENTIAL Public Safety Sales Tax Ballot Measure



✓ THE NEW REVENUE WILL BE USED TO HIRE AT LEAST 10 MORE OFFICERS AND FUND PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES, RESULTING IN:



FASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES



MORE NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS



ENHANCED DRUG AND PROPERTY CRIME INVESTIGATIVE CAPABILITIES



SAFER ROADS



BETTER HOMELESS RESPONSE



ENHANCED SCHOOL SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN

✗ IF VOTERS DO NOT APPROVE THE BALLOT MEASURE, SVPD WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE CURRENT NUMBERS OF OFFICERS, WHICH COULD LEAD TO:



BURNOUT AMONG OUR POLICE FORCE



SLOWER RESPONSE TIMES



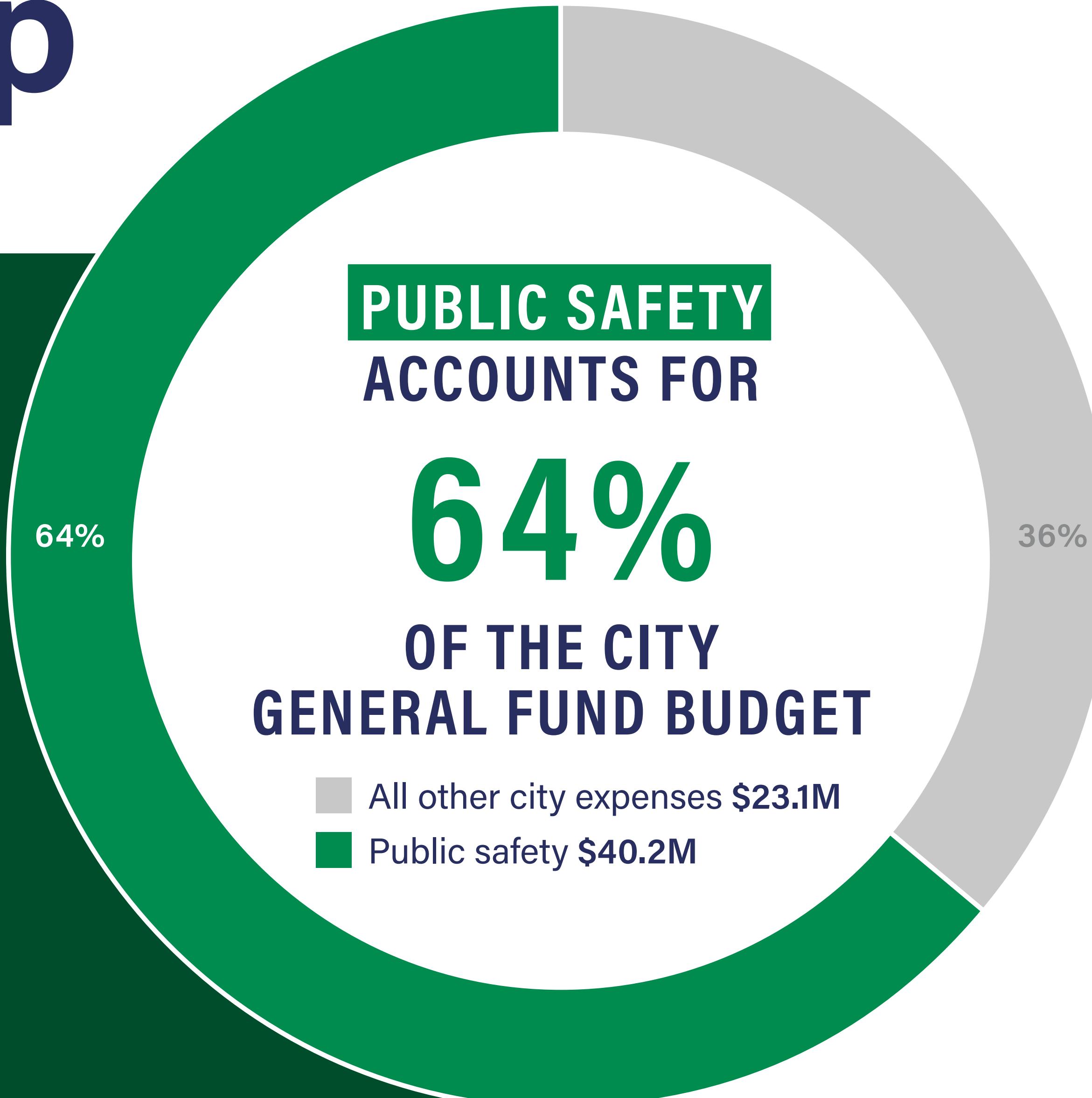
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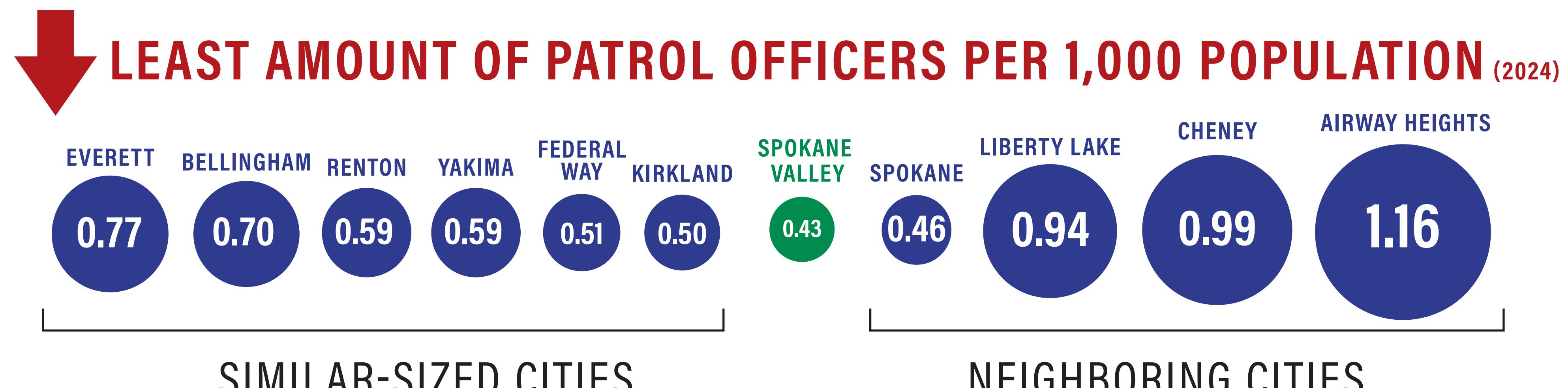
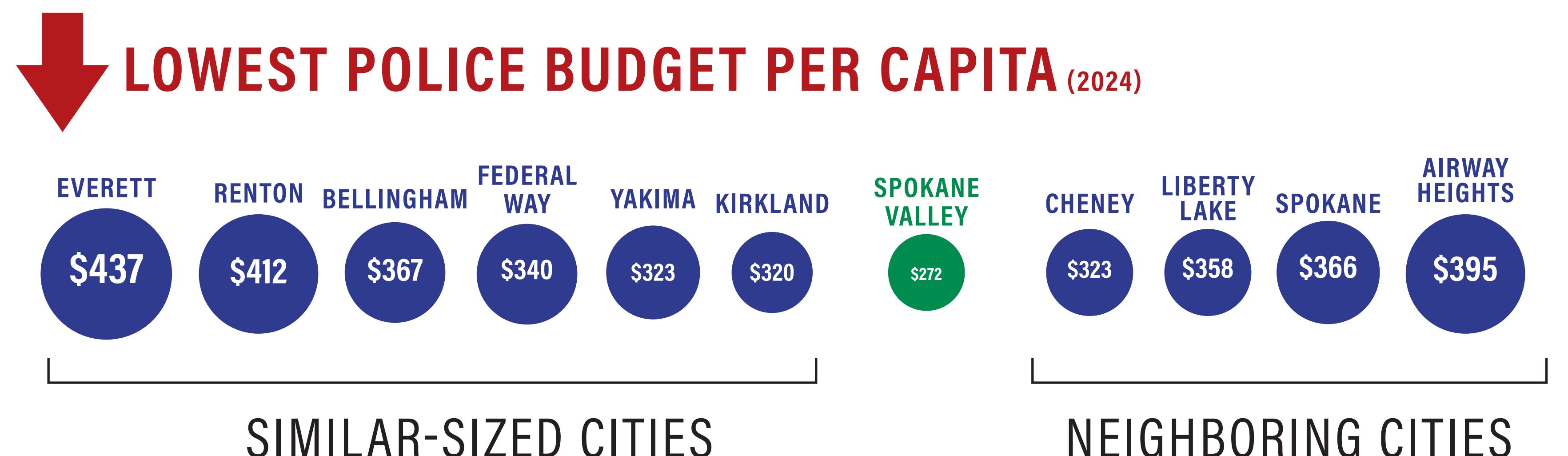
HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK TO OUR CITIZENS

Responsible Financial Stewardship

We've cut as much as we can out of the city budget, increasing efficiencies and making reductions — most recently in 2025 to fund 10 additional police officers.



When compared to similar-sized cities throughout Washington state and neighboring cities, Spokane Valley has the:



WHERE DOES THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND COME FROM?

The two largest revenue sources are \$14.1M property tax and \$52.2M sales tax, which are collectively estimated to account for 81% of 2025 General Fund recurring revenues.

