



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: Peer City Police Expenditures

The following is a budget response providing details about expenditures on policing and crime control activities in Fort Worth’s peer cities across Texas. Fort Worth’s budgets for policing (both overall and per capita) are larger than many of its peer cities due to its size, but not the maximum in either category. Fort Worth is compared to the nine other largest cities in both the Fort Worth-Dallas metroplex and across the state of Texas.

Top 10 cities in DFW Metroplex

City	Population	FY2023 Adopted	FY2024 Proposed	YoY Change	General Fund % to Police	Crime Control Fund % dedicated to PD	Total PD budget Per capita
Dallas	1,299,544	\$612,748,297	\$661,989,893	8.0%	34.4%		\$ 509.40
Fort Worth*	956,709	\$410,271,959	\$446,071,255	8.7%			\$ 466.26
General Fund		\$298,551,538	\$321,340,689	7.6%	31.7%		
Crime Control Dist.		\$111,720,421	\$124,730,566	11.6%		95.40%	
Grand Prairie*	201,843	\$70,977,700	\$78,325,622	10.4%			\$ 388.05
General Fund		\$59,998,710	\$65,134,776	8.6%	34.2%		
Crime Control Dist.		\$10,978,990	\$13,190,846	20.1%		100%	
Irving	254,715	\$78,040,878	\$86,391,978	10.7%	29.8%		\$ 339.17
Arlington	394,602	\$121,264,509	\$131,909,089	8.8%	40.9%		\$ 334.28
Denton	150,353	\$43,960,932	\$49,903,383	13.5%	26.4%		\$ 331.91
Plano	289,547	\$88,433,859	\$92,885,956	5.0%	25.6%		\$ 320.80
Frisco	219,587	\$58,624,333	\$66,751,455	13.9%	25.0%		\$ 303.99
Garland	240,854	\$67,443,182	\$71,707,888	6.3%	22.0%		\$ 297.72
McKinney	207,507	\$47,445,155	\$51,803,084	9.2%	25.6%		\$ 249.64

Top 10 cities in Texas

City	Population	FY2023 Adopted	FY2024 Proposed	YoY Change	General Fund % to Police	Crime Control Fund % dedicated to PD	Total PD budget Per capita
Dallas	1,299,544	\$612,748,297	\$661,989,893	8.0%	34.4%		\$ 509.40
Austin	974,447	\$444,854,289	\$476,508,288	7.1%	35.4%		\$ 489.00
Fort Worth*	956,709	\$410,271,959	\$446,071,255	8.7%			\$ 466.26
General Fund		\$298,551,538	\$321,340,689	7.6%	31.7%		
Crime Control Dist.		\$111,720,421	\$124,730,566	11.6%		95.40%	
Houston	2,302,878	\$990,451,446	\$1,011,272,522	2.1%	30.7%		\$ 439.13
San Antonio	1,472,909	\$530,342,680	\$570,638,270	7.6%	35.9%		\$ 387.42
Lubbock	263,930	\$85,471,359	\$90,134,863	5.5%	31.4%		\$ 341.51
Arlington	394,602	\$121,264,509	\$131,909,089	8.8%	40.9%		\$ 334.28
Plano	289,547	\$88,433,859	\$92,885,956	5.0%	25.6%		\$ 320.80
Corpus Christi*	316,239	\$89,457,979	\$94,821,169	6.0%			\$ 299.84
General Fund		\$79,872,832	\$83,558,819	4.6%	24.4%		
Crime Control Dist.		\$9,585,147	\$11,262,350	17.5%		100%	
El Paso	677,456	\$166,295,705	\$181,655,781	9.2%	32.5%		\$ 268.14

*Combined budgets of general fund and crime control district
Source: FY2024 Proposed Budget books of above listed cities

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact Clay Pearson, Interim Chief Transformation Officer, at 817-392-6222.

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