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POLICE DEPARTMENT



2026 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Review

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Police

\$310,135,835

Proposed 2026 Budget

-\$3,869,378

Overall Change from 2025

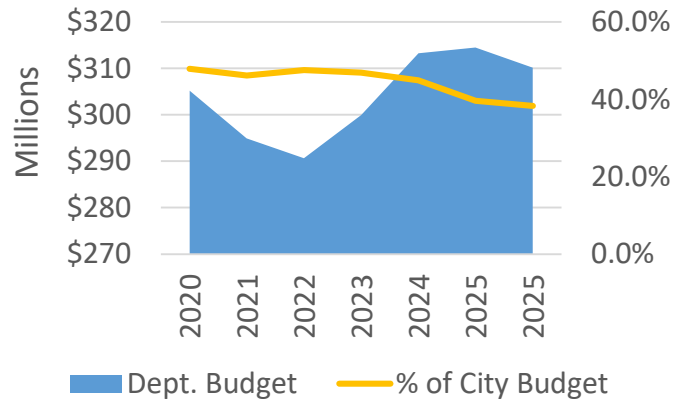
-\$2,811,379

Difference from Requested

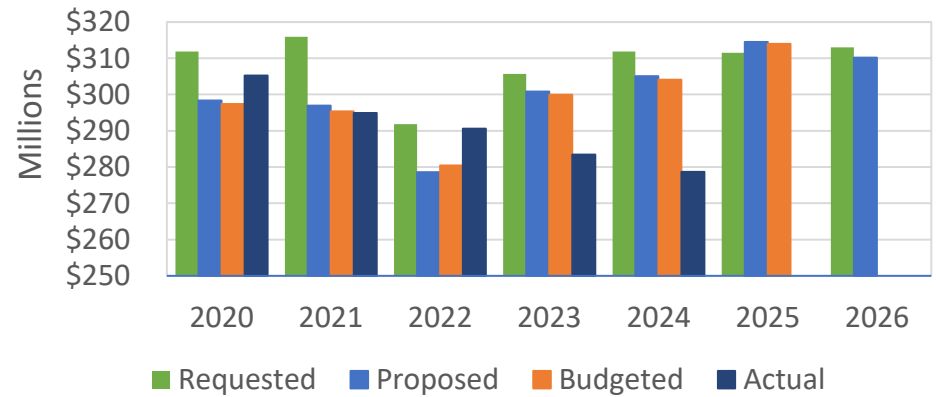
\$312,957,214

Requested 2026 Budget

Total Departmental Budget



Comparative Funding



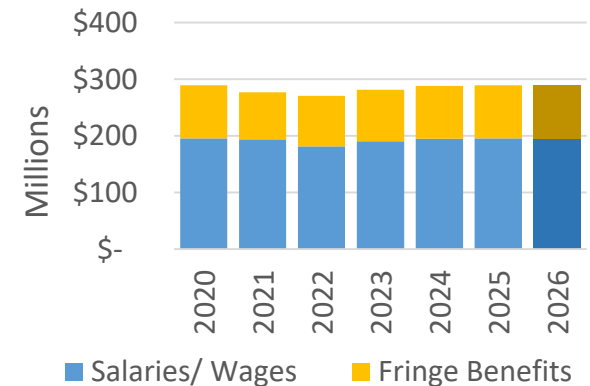
Levy Departmental Budget Appropriation by Category

Salaries/Wages Fringe Benefits Operations Equipment Special Funds

\$190,414,638 \$91,399,026 \$25,055,571 \$2,889,000 \$377,600

62% 30% 7% 1% 0%

Personnel Budget



Police

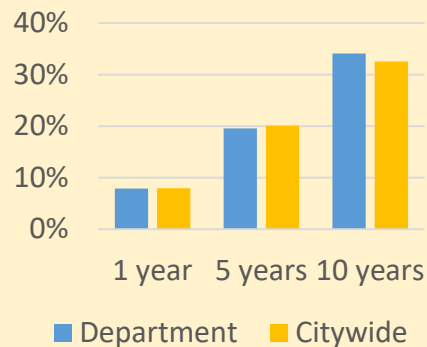
-\$4,771,134

Change in Salaries and Wages
from 2025 Budget.

+\$2,093,901

Change in Operating
Expenditures.

Retirement Eligible



-142

Change in Positions

-5.47%

% Change in Positions

657

Current Vacancies

95

Voluntary Separations
In 2025

Staffing Update By Division

Net decrease of 142 positions.

Positions	Division
-1	Office of the Chief
+1	Public Relations
-1	Executive Protection Unit
+3	Budget and Finance
-7	District 1
-16	District 2
-19	District 3
-12	District 4
-20	District 5
-7	District 6
-21	District 7
+29	School Resources (New)
-1	Specialized Patrol Division
-3	Fugitive Apprehension Unit
-3	Marine Unit
-6	Motorcycle Unit

Positions	Division
-5	Tactical Enforcement
-3	Homicide Division
+43	Gun Violence (New)
+55	Major Crimes (New)
-3	Special Investigations
-2	Intelligence Fusion Center
-7	Forensics
-1	Narcotics
-4	Sensitive Crimes
-7	Central Booking
-4	Court Administration
-2	Property Control
-3	Police Academy
+1	Facilities Services
-1	Internal Affairs
-1	Open Records
+1	Information Technology
-1	Records Management
+19	Assigned as Needed
-133	Removed Divisions (Robbery, Violent + Property CrimesTech Comms, Print, AV)

Police

Staffing Update

Net decrease of 142 positions.

Change	Position	Change	Position	Change	Position
-1	Accounting Coordinator I	-1	Media Producer	-18	Police Serv. Spec. (0.5 FTE) (C.)
+1	Accounting Coordinator II	-1	Municipal Services Electrician	+1	Staff Assistant - Police
-3	Administrative Assistant III	+1	Painter 4	-1	Staff Assistant - Senior
+3	Administrative Assistant IV	+30	Police Aide		
+1	Budget Manager - Police	+3	Police Facilities Laborer		Subtotals
-3	City Laborer	-1	Police Identification Admin.	0	Captain
-30	Community Service Officer	-134	Police Officer	0	Lieutenant
-1	Court Liaison Officer	-1	Police Officer (CC)	+1	Sergeant
-15	Detective	50	Police Officer (EE)	-120	Police Officer
-1	Detective (K)	-1	Police Officer (K)	-142	TOTAL
+1	Detective (N)	-1	Police Officer (N)	*(C.) – Administrative Positions for Sworn Reallocation (CC) – Homeland Security STAC Grant (EE) – COPS Grant (K) – HIDTA Grant (N) – Milwaukee Metro Drug Enforcement Grant (V) Cops Hiring Program Grant	
+1	Document Technician III	-33	Police Officer (V)		
-4	Forensic Investigator	-1	Police Records Director		
-1	Forensic Video Specialist	-1	Police Records Specialist III		
+1	HVAC Maintenance Tech 4	+1	Police Sergeant (N)		
-1	Latent Print Examiner	+18	Police Serv. Invest (0.5 FTE) (C.)		

Police

Vacancies

657 Total Vacancies.

Vacant	Position (Total Authorized)	Vacant	Position	Vacant	Position
3	Captain of Police (21)	1	Helpdesk Specialist II (10)	115	School Crossing Guard (235)
36	Detective (181)	1	Inventory Control Asst. 3 (2)	1	S. Crossing Guard Operator (3)
202	Police Officer (1349)	1	Administrative Asst. I (2)	3	S. Crossing Guard Dispatcher (3)
16	Police Sergeant (217)	1	Administrative Asst. III (4)	16	Police Services Specialist (22)
4	Forensic Investigator (16)	29	Office Assistant II (43)	3	Police Services Spec.-Invest (50)
5	Police Lieutenant (57)	5	Office Assistant III (21)	24	Police Aide (30)
2	Court Liaison Officer (2)	2	Office Assistant IV (8)	55	Community Service Officer (60)
1	Latent Print Examiner (4)	29	Police District Admin Asst. (54)	1	Intelligence Analyst (1)
268	Subtotal Sworn	19	Custodial Worker 1/2/3 (39)	2	Safety Specialist Sr. (2)
2	Police Facilities Laborer (3)	3	HVAC Maint. Tech 1-4 (10)	1	Electronic Technician Super. (1)
1	Systems Analyst Sr. (1)	4	Maintenance Assistant (8)	1	Police Records Director (1)
1	Syst. Analyst Project Leader (1)	1	Public Health and Cyber Security Analyst (1)	1	CR Engage. And Recruit. Dir. (1)
2	Victims Witness Specialist (2)	9	Crime Scene Invest. I/II (32)	1	Crime Scene Supervisor (1)
1	Forensics Services Man. (1)	5	Crime Analyst I/II/III (29)	1	Building Maint. Super. (4)
1	Forensic Video Specialist (1)	7	Police Records Special. I-III (17)	1	Carpenter 4 (1)
1	Fusion Center Director (1)	1	Intel. & Cyber Sec. Manager (1)	389	Subtotal Civilian

-10%

Reduction in Part 1 Crime
(January to June 2024 to 2025
comparison).

-17%

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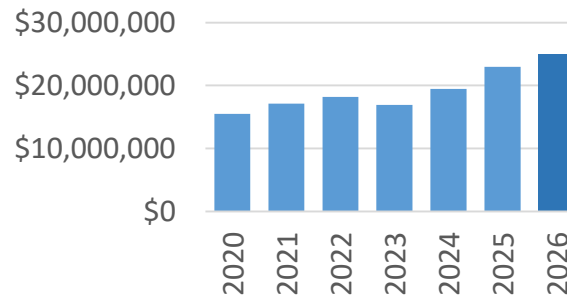
+\$1.1 million

Change in equipment funding,
relative to 2025 Adopted Budget.

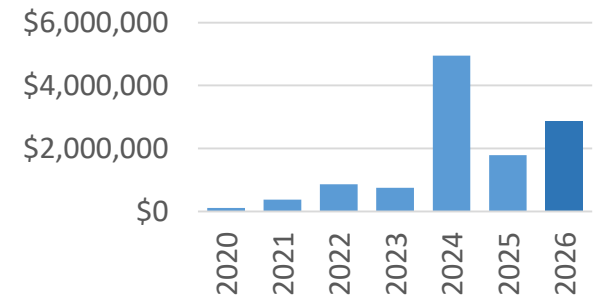
\$5.0 million

Total 2026 capital appropriation,
(not including Joint Public Safety
Radios, which will be funded from
2025 carryover).

Operating Expenditures Budget



Equipment Budget



Revenue

The Proposed Budget estimates that \$7,674,000 of total revenue will be generated by the Department, \$6,638,000 in charges for services and \$1,036,000 in state payments.

The Department anticipates the estimated revenue will come from charges for services, primarily through contract-reimbursed overtime for the Brewers and the Bucks.

Special Purpose Accounts

There are no special purpose accounts for the Police Department in 2025.

Grants

STAC (positions)	\$ 292,283
MMDEG Grant	\$ 180,264
OWI Enforcement	\$ 93,960
WEM Grant	\$ 232,000
Gunshot Location Tech	\$ 175,000
Other	\$4,021,565

Total **\$620,835**

Capital Projects

Facilities Maintenance	\$3,000,000
Police Vehicles	\$2,000,000
Joint Public Safety Radio	(Carryover)

Total **\$5,000,000**

Police

Staffing Vacancies

There are currently 1,856 authorized sworn law enforcement positions, with 1,588 filled and 268 vacancies.

There are 827 authorized civilian positions, with 438 filled and 389 vacancies.

Total current authorized positions are 2,683 with 2,026 filled and 657 vacancies.

The 2026 Proposed Budget funds the maximum number of annual classes (3) each at the maximum level of recruits per class (65).

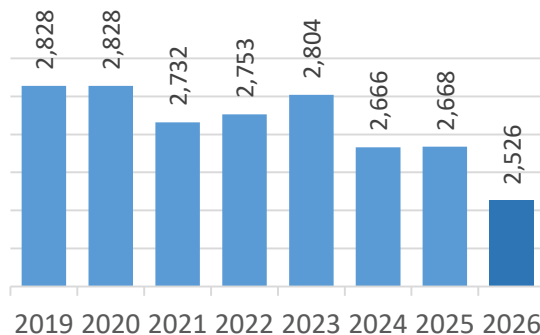
Service Provision

- Add 30 Police Aide positions and work with Milwaukee Public Schools to recruit youth leaders into the program.
- Continue on-scene response pilot program in District 4.
- Expand the Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT)
- Prioritize community engagement with Department-funded events like National Night Out and Coffee with Cops.

Special Funds

The Proposed Budget includes \$27,600 for the Sojourner Family Peace Center, \$50,000 for Training and Certification, and \$300,000 for the American Civil Liberties Union Settlement.

Department Positions

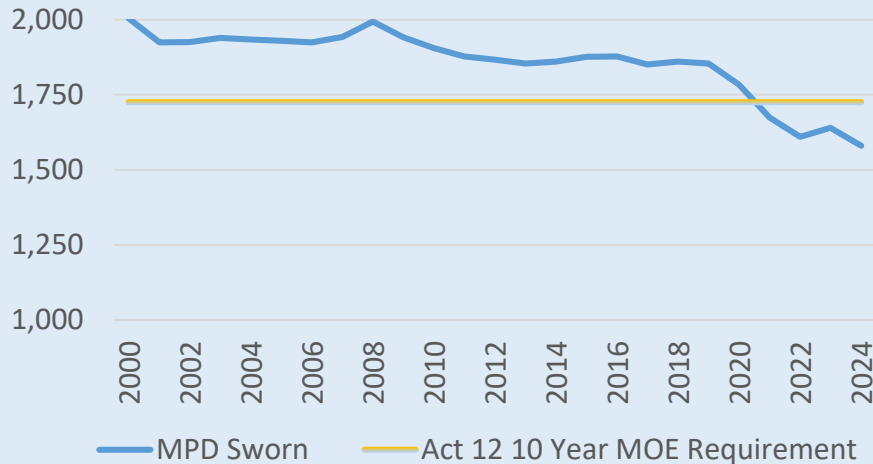


Key Performance Measures

Key Performance Measure	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Planned
Decrease Part One Crime 10%	-3%	-10%	-10%
70% Homicide Clearance	78%	78%	75%
Guns seized	2,899	3,300	3,300

Police

MPD Sworn Strength Over Time



Act 12 Obligations

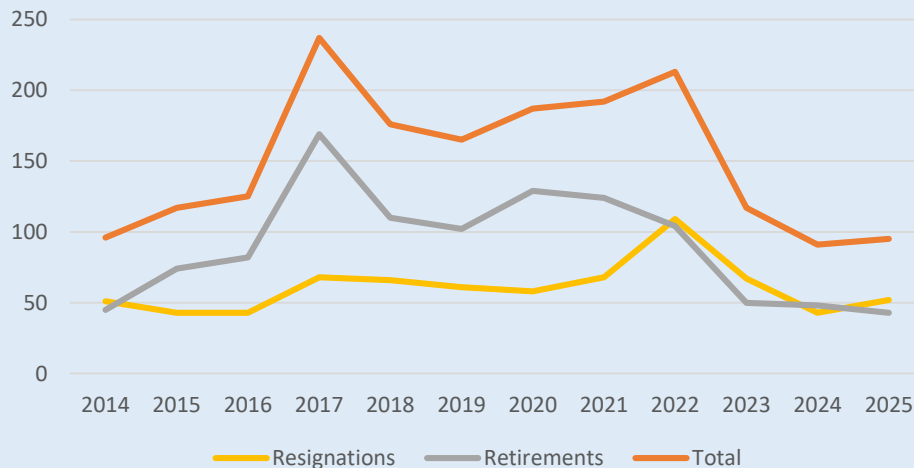
- Maintain a level of sworn staff equivalent to the previous year.
- Attain a total sworn staff level of 1,725 by December 31st of the 10th year after the Sales Tax is introduced, including 175 detectives.
- MPS is required to ensure a presence of 25 School Resource Officers.

Lease Information

\$20,000 Lease with Irgens Partners at 790. N. Water St. to accommodate Joint Radio Tower Space. Funded by operating funds.

\$100,800 lease for space at Milwaukee Urban Stables for Mounted Patrol Program. Funded by asset forfeiture funds.

MPD Attrition Rates



Steady Decreases in Part 1 Crime

Part 1 Crime (the most serious categories of violent and property crimes) has continued to decline year over year from its peak in 2021. In 2021, a total of 34,117 Part 1 Crimes were committed in the city, compared to 25,703 in 2024. In 2025 (January to June), Total Part 1 Crime has declined by 17% relative to 2023 and 10% relative to 2024. The sole category of Part 1 Crime that has not decreased so far this year is homicide – which is up 15% this year (but still down 4% from the same period in 2023).