



Democratizing Public Safety Budget Data



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Session Overview

- Why we did this project
- Partner spotlights
 - Indianapolis Police Budget Analysis dashboard (Polis Center)
 - San Antonio Police Department Budget Dashboard (Act 4 SA)
- Discussion

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Rationale for Visualizing Police Budgets



Lack of transparency limits public participation



2020 brought unprecedented attention to police resource allocation



Accessible and usable data empowers informed public engagement

Barriers to Understanding Public Safety Budgets



Information is not user-friendly and can be difficult to access



Fiscal responsibility dispersed across levels of government



Different information available at different times



Multiple forms of information to consider (proposed, enacted, actual)

Engaged Local Partners to Meet These Challenges in Three Communities

- Phase 1
 - Washington, DC (DC Fiscal Policy Institute)
- Phase 2
 - Indianapolis (Polis Center)
 - San Antonio (CI:Now and ACT 4 SA)

Indianapolis Police Budget Analysis Dashboard

Vision

We envision a society where all communities are healthy, accessible, and resilient – and all can use place-based data and research to help achieve and maintain this status.

Mission

We partner to use data and research for community good.

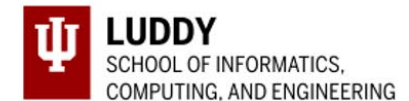
We aim to make place-based information widely accessible and usable by all for informed research, decisions, and actions that will improve the health, well-being, and resiliency of places throughout Indiana and beyond.

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We bring things into perspective.™



San Antonio Police Department Budget Dashboard



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