**Data Diary:**

First, I pulled from pdf police budget data for each of the 5 jurisdictions of focus from 2018 - 2022.

Since I inputted manually, little clean up was necessary for the spreadsheet.

I then found the percent change from year over year, using (second number - old number)/old number.

I also determined the monetary difference from year over year subtracting each previous year from the more recent.

Finally, I compared the ending funding amount to the initial funding amount to find the percent difference over 5 years.

When my story focused on where the increases were for Fairfax County, I broke out in a separate spreadsheet the cited increases year over year. I think totaled up each cited increases to cross-reference my first spreadsheet to confirm no increases were overlooked.