

# crime myth or fact?

- The legal system is fair
- Crime today is worse than 10 years ago
- Extra funding for the police means better community safety and security

FACTS

MYTHS

# Extra funding for the police means better safety and security: myth or fact?



The 2020 Toronto police  
budget is over  
**\$1 billion**

Most calls for service received by the police have nothing to do with crime. In fact, 50% to 80% of all calls police respond to are about

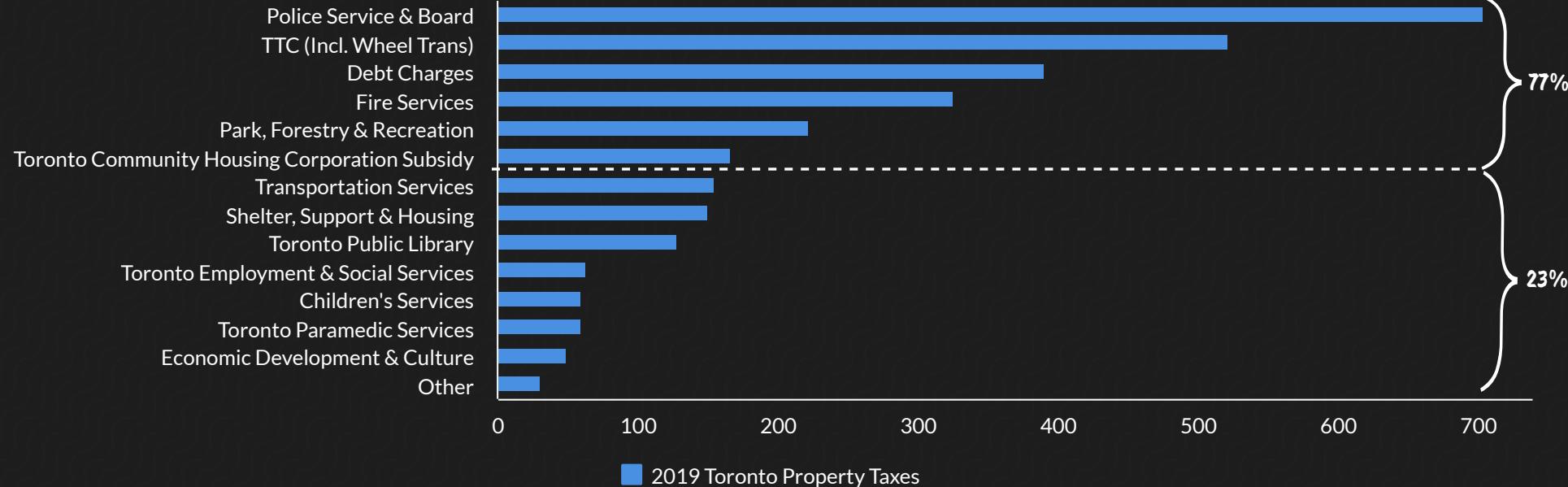
# NON-CRIMINAL MATTERS

e.g. alarms, disturbances, disputes, traffic accidents, sick or injured people, overdoses, wellness checks and quarrelling neighbours.

Source: Police resources in Canada, 2018

**88%** of the money for the Toronto police budget  
comes from the city's property taxes 

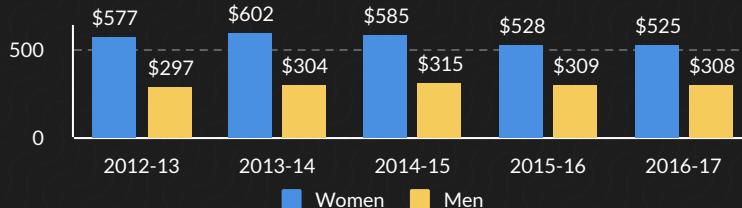
## Where Your 2019 Toronto Property Taxes Went:



From 2008 to 2018, the police-reported crime rate for Toronto has decreased by

↓ 17%

The Federal average daily cost of keeping an adult incarcerated in Canada



Maintaining a convicted person in the community costs

↓ 74%

less than locking that person in prison

In 2016-17, it cost an average of

**\$202 per day**

to keep **1** youth incarcerated in Canada

The equivalent of the annual tuition for

17



students at Ryerson University

In 2017-18, the average yearly cost of locking up 1 person in a federal prison



\$120,571

The equivalent of the annual salary of

2



social and community service professionals in Ontario

The equivalent of social housing for approximately

16



households in Ontario for one year

The equivalent of approximately

6



infants in full-time child care for one year in Toronto