

# Local Fiscal Effects of Transitions to State Police Coverage

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# Introduction

- About half of PA municipalities use state police for public safety
- State coverage comes at no local cost
- Perennially comes up as topic of reform
- Questions:
  - How many municipalities switch?
  - Effect on local budgets?

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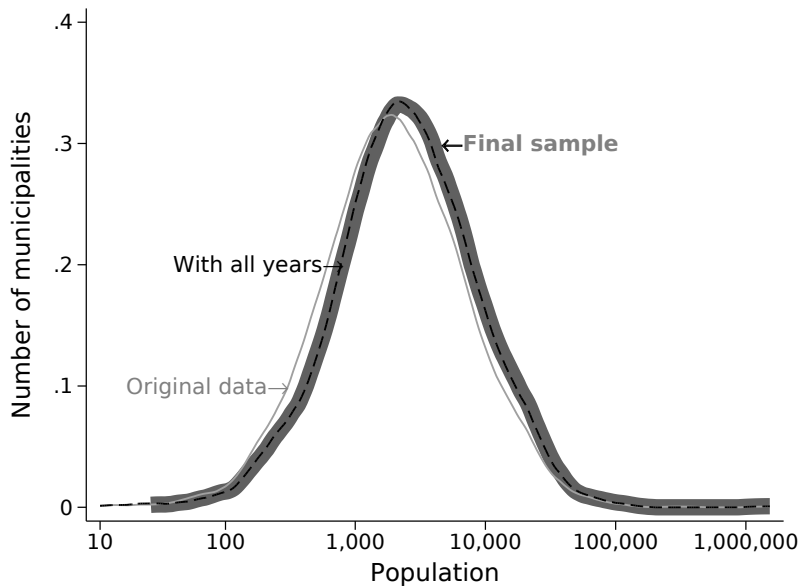
- Measuring local police presence using budget data
  - \$0 police spending → no local police / fully state police coverage
  - > \$0 police spending → *some* local police / *not* fully state police coverage

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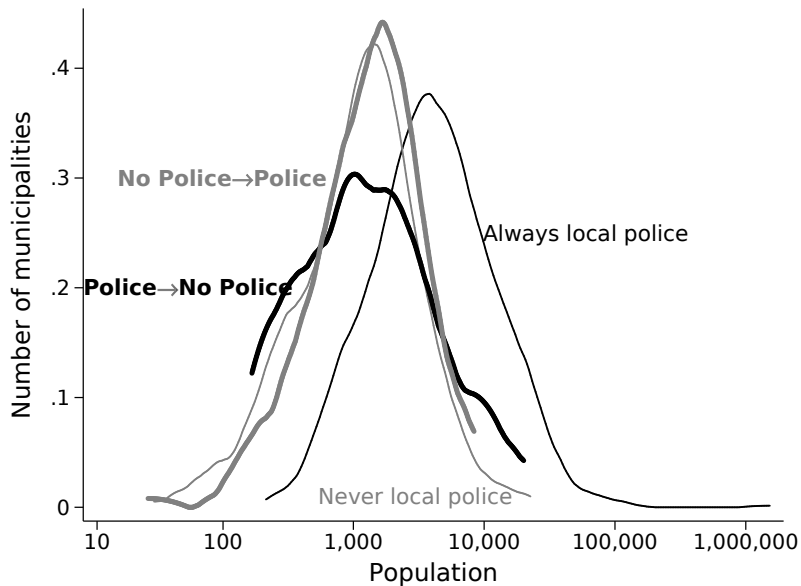
Type of Municipality	Number
Local police to no local police	131
No local police to local police	40
Always local police	964
Never local police	409
(Excluded for data quality	1,016)
Total	2,560

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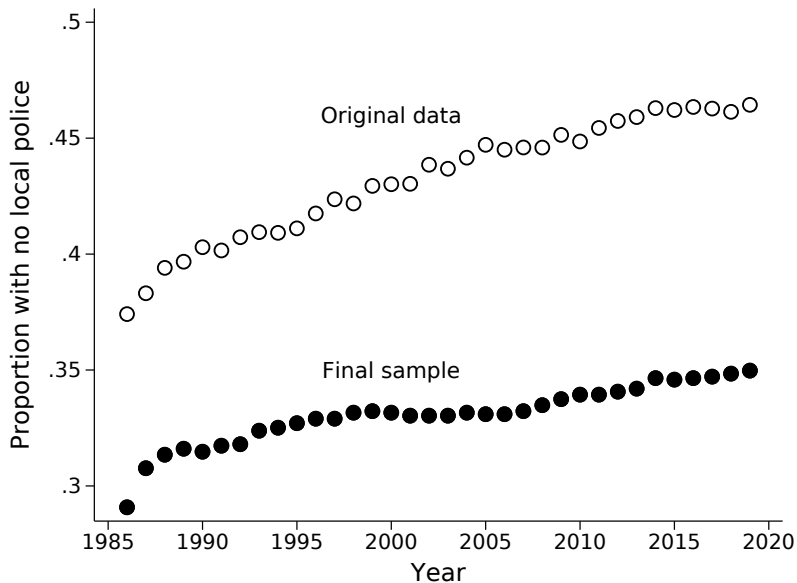
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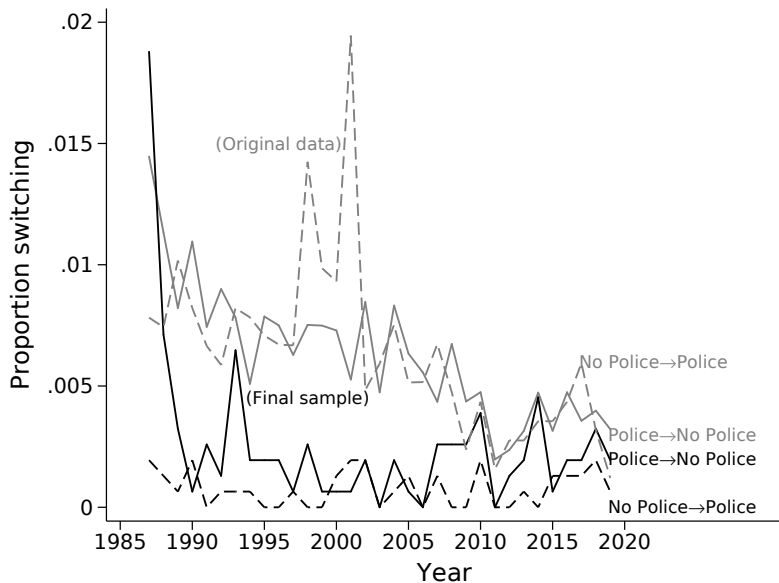
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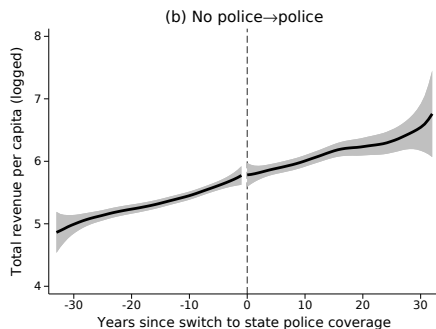
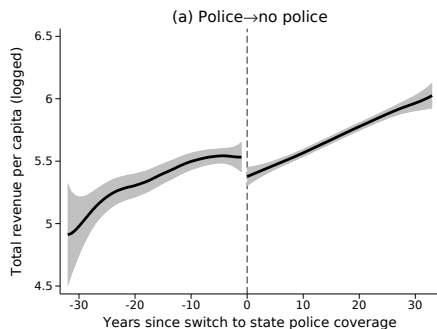
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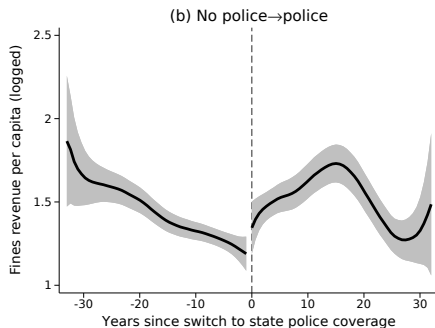
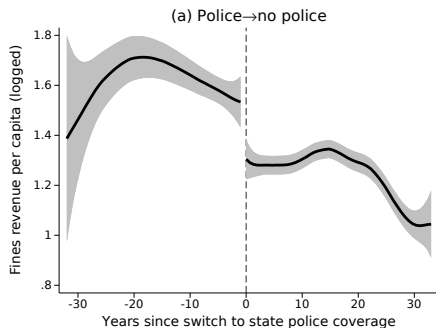
# Fiscal Effects of Transitions

- Effect on total revenues



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- Effect on revenue from fines and fees



# Preliminary Conclusions

- Evidence suggests no impact on total revenues when municipalities voluntarily switch
  - Obviously does not imply local police is costless
- Some impact on revenue from fines and fees
  - Any lost fines/fees revenue likely offset by other sources