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# **Overview: High Utilizer Initiative**

**March 2025**

## The *Why* Behind HUI

Core belief – our laws matter and must be respected.

An alarming lack of accountability in our community.

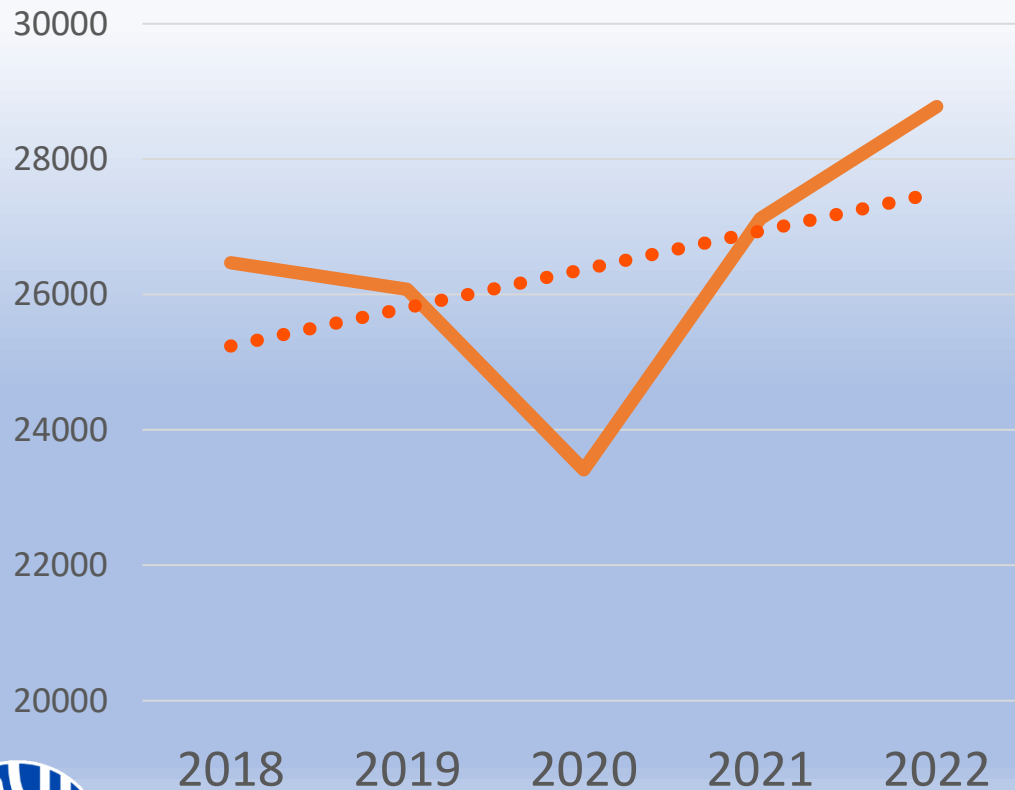
Misdemeanor crime is 80-percent of all crime in Seattle.

Use DATA to discover tools for solutions.

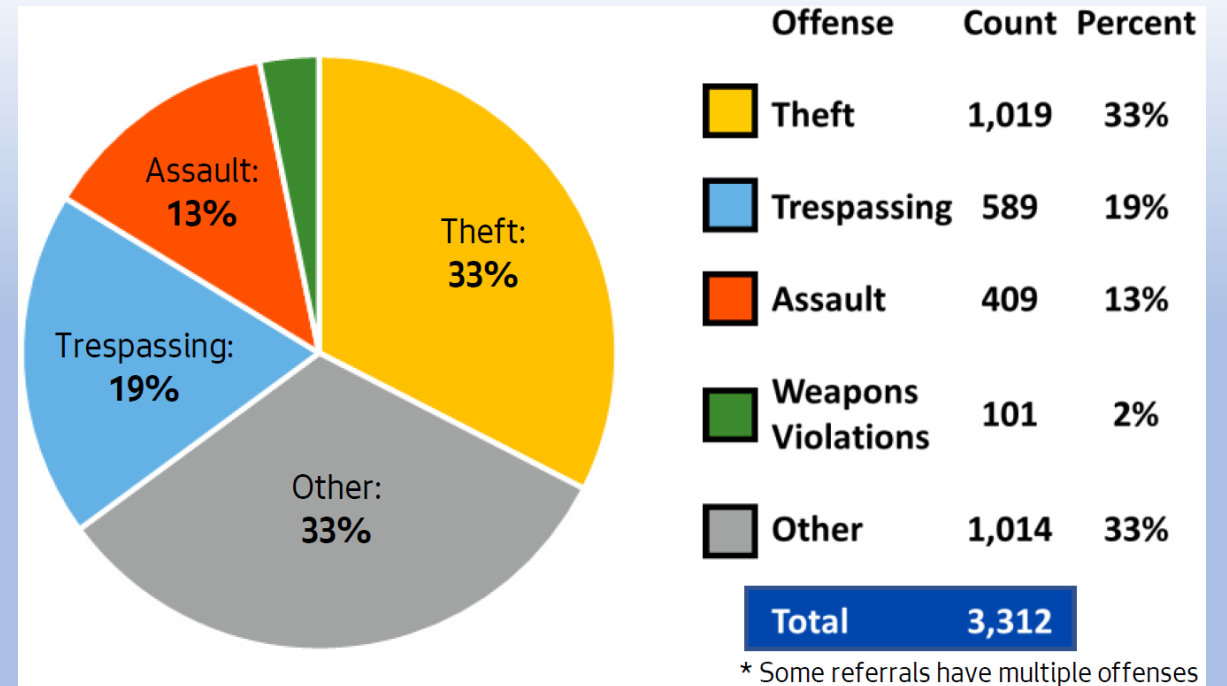


Property crime way up.

### Larceny-Theft



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We identified 118 individuals

Responsible for 2,400 misdemeanor referrals

**2022**



**Strategic Priority:**  
**High Utilizers**

**Identify people responsible for repeat criminal activity.**

**Hold them accountable for their criminal conduct.**

**Stop their repeat offenses.**

**Reduce their impact on our city.**



## Criteria for HUI Focus

- 12 misdemeanor referrals over past five years.
- At least one referral in the past eight months.
- Analysis of criminal history, etc.



## HUI Tactics

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Faster case review, charging decisions.

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Coordination with police on active warrants.

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Coordination with felony prosecutors.

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Collaboration with service providers.

## An Intensive, Collaborative Effort



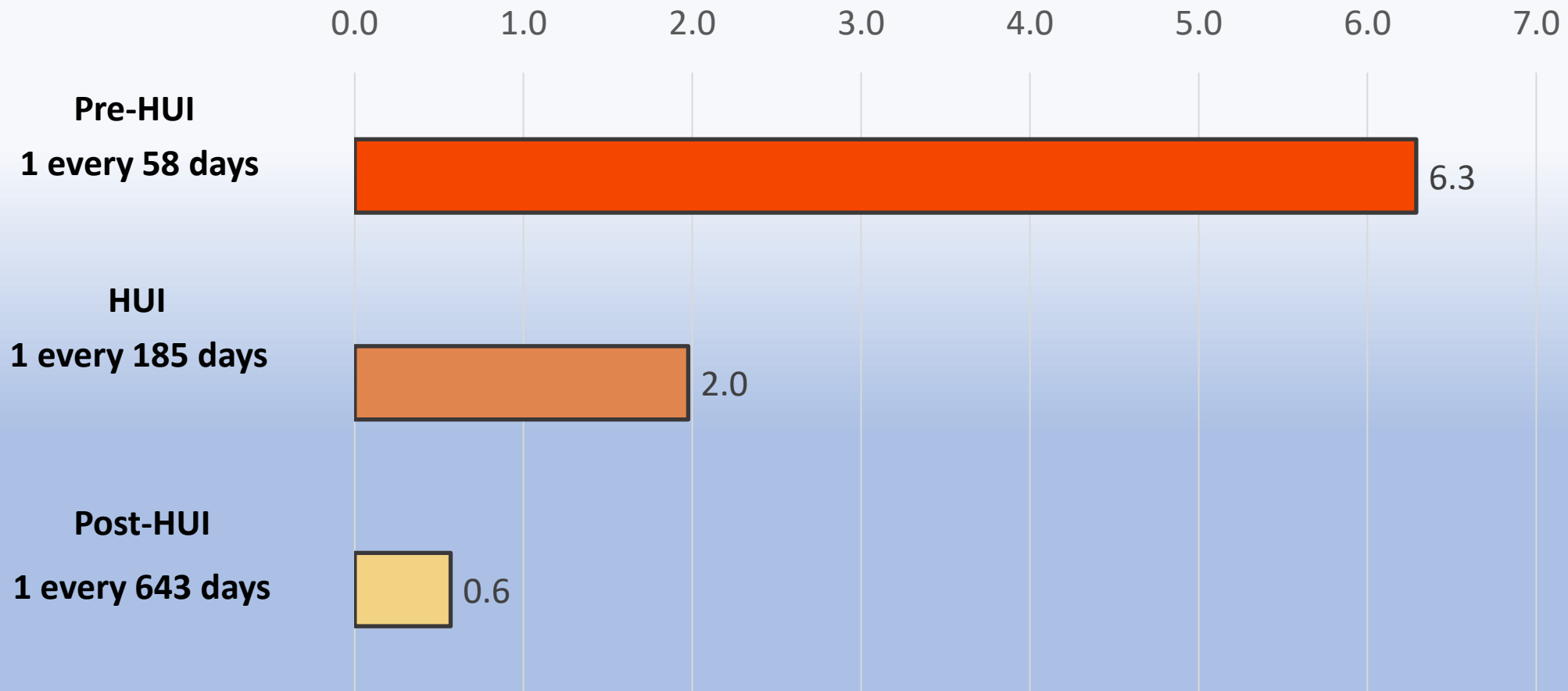
## Bookings into King County Jail

- Total number booked – 229
- Total bookings – 1,050 (4.6/person)
- Average days in custody – 209

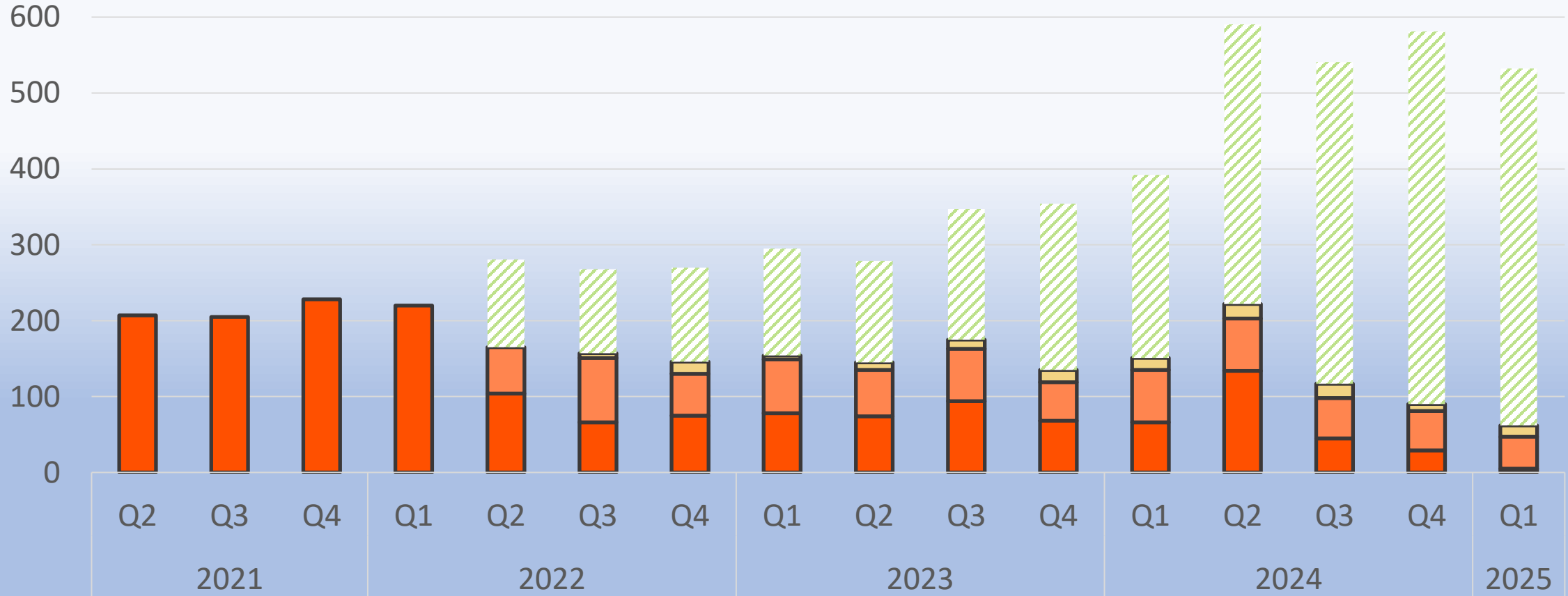




## Average Referral Rates



## HUI Reduces Referrals



■ Pre-HUI Referrals   
 ■ HUI Referrals   
 ■ Post-HUI Referrals   
 ▨ Estimated Reduction

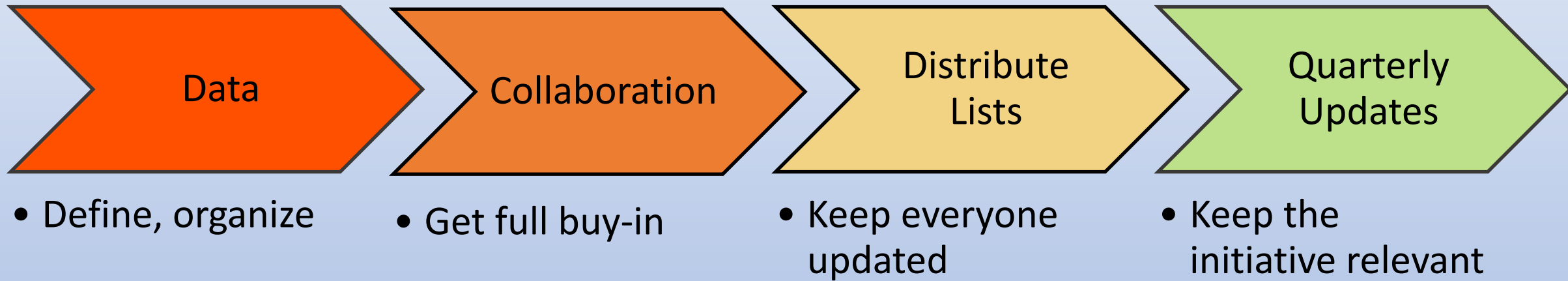


## Key Seattle partners:

- Seattle Police Department
- King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- King County Jail
- Social service providers



## Creating an HUI program



**Thank you.**



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