

Special Series: The Impact of I-1033 on Spokane County

Washington State's 39 counties play a key role in our state infrastructure by providing essential public services. The recession has already hit county budgets hard and many are facing deep budget cuts. During this difficult time, Initiative 1033 would have a disastrous impact on counties and the services they provide. If I-1033 passes, counties stand to lose a total of \$694 million by 2015, according to the Office of Financial Management.

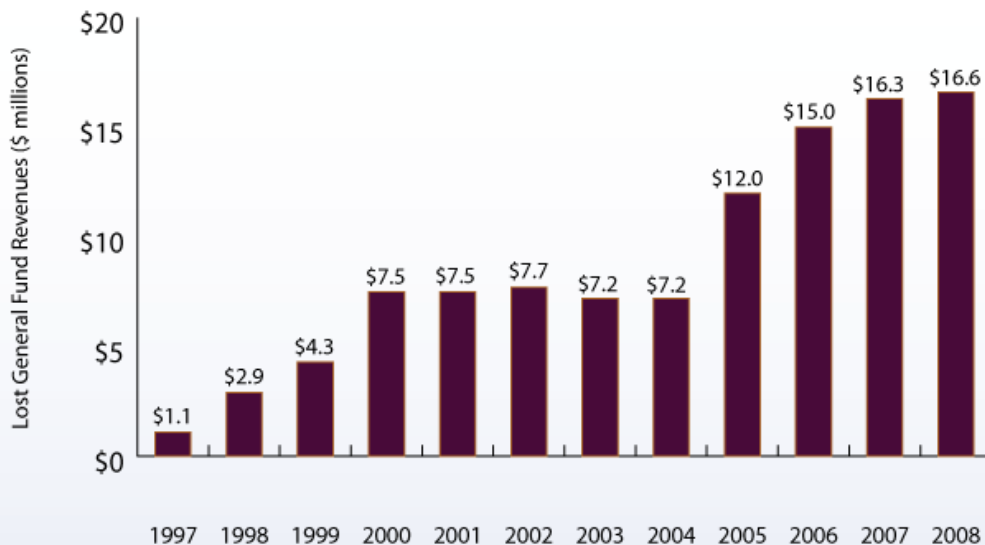
The Washington State Budget & Policy Center just completed a [series](#) of analyses detailing how I-1033 would impact four counties in Washington, including Spokane County. The series shows that in each of these counties, I-1033 would have devastated budgets for basic services had it been in place from the mid-1990s to 2008.

Under I-1033, 2009 would form the basis for all future county budgets in Washington, making it impossible to restore services even after the economy recovers.

The entire series can be found on the Budget & Policy Center blog at www.schmudget.blogspot.com.

I-1033 Would Have Forced Deep Budget Cuts in Spokane County

Annual reductions in Spokane County general fund revenues had I-1033 been in place from 1995-2008 (\$ millions)



Source: BPC calculations of historical revenue data from the Spokane County Auditor's Office