Small Cities with Police Depts and Those Who Contract Out for Services With the local Sheriff's Dept, info assembled by M.Stollon

I created a list of small cities for comparables using a data website and reviewed the cities to see what they had for a PD . I then used sheriffs.org, and wikipedia to develop a list of well known cities that contract for services with the Sheriff's dept.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_contract_law_enforcement_municipalities_in_the_United_States#Contra_Costa_County_Sheriff.27s_Department

I was quite surprised to find that many are contracting with the local sheriff's department www.sheriffs.org . 30% of small towns in CA contract with the sheriff's department, the majority are in SoCAL , 40 of the 88 LA Cty cities contract with LA County Sheriffs dept., and is a model for others in the U.S. Ex. Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Cerritos, La Mirada, Malibu, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Santa Clarita, West Hollywood, Westlake Village, among others.

Santa Barbara Sheriffs office provides services for cities of Solvang, Goleta, Carpinteria, Buellton.

Those who contract out with their local Sheriff from my sampling in our area are:

Half Moon Bay, Millbrae, San Carlos, Portola Valley, Woodside, Boulder Creek, Cambria, Kentfield, Orinda, Soquel, Felton, Davenport, BonnyDoon, Aptos, Ben Lomond, Dublin Lafayette, Danville.

Santa Clara: Saratoga, Cupertino, Los Altos Hills

Sonoma: Sonoma & Windsor

Orange County: Laguna Hills, San Clemente, Yorba Linda just switched in 2013; Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano and others.

Riverside County: Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Temecula, Lake Elsinore among others

San Diego: Del Mar, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, etc

They get a range of services depending on the size of the department and can range from patrols, to investigations, to forensics . Maintain their town's identity, get community policing and other services.

Small Cities, towns, a shrinking minority that have their own police force are: Brisbane, Broadmoor, Atherton, Central Marin Authority (Larkspur, Corte Madera, San Anselmo and parts of Greenbrae), Fairfax, Moraga, Tiburon.

I raise this because I was under the assumption that it was the reverse, more small PD forces than contracting. Contracting out is common, cost effectiveness would need to be assessed. As you can see there are many affluent communities included in this list. This is not so out of the realm of consideration.