



DANE COUNTY, WI

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County Executive

The Dane County Executive is the chief elected official, responsible for the overall operation and management of the county. Joe Parisi was first elected as County Executive in 2011 and was re-elected in 2013, 2017, and 2021 for 4-year terms in this position.

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County Board Supervisors

The Dane County Board of Supervisors is the legislative and policy-making body of county government. The 37 supervisors represent districts based on population. Non-partisan elections for all supervisors are held on the first Tuesday in April of even-numbered years. Patrick Miles of McFarland currently serves as the County Board Chair.

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County Departments*

*Including elected offices



Each County Board Supervisor is appointed to 1 of 6 standing committees, and this is where much of the debate on issues occur: Environmental, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Health & Human Needs, Personnel & Finance, Public Protection & Judiciary, Public Works & Transportation, and Zoning & Land Regulation



Dane County has doubled in population during the past 50 years. As of the 2020 census, the population of Dane County is estimated to be 563,951 – reflecting an increase of 73,000 people since the 2010 census. This growth accounted for approximately one-third of the state’s overall population growth.

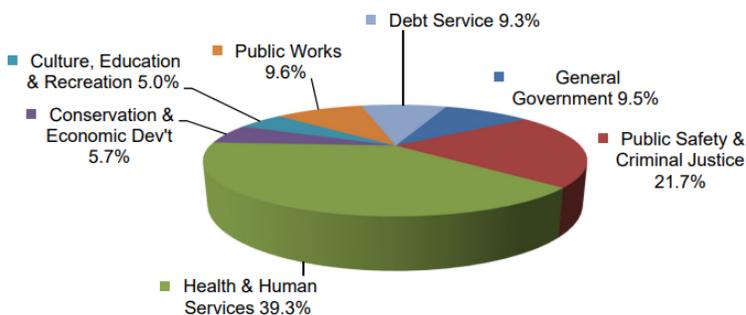


The 2023 operating is approximately \$714.9 million, and the capital budget is approximately \$138.3 million; sources of revenue include funds from the state and federal government, the sales tax, the property tax, and fines and forfeitures.

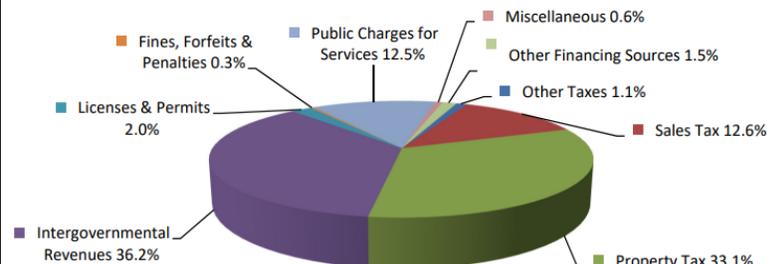


Dane County encompasses 1,238 square miles and within are 22 townships, 20 villages and 8 cities

2023 Adopted Operating Expenditures by Activity



2023 Adopted Operating Revenues by Source Category





Organizational structure of departments within Dane County government

General Government

Provides the executive, legislative, administrative, financial, record keeping, legal, and building maintenance functions for Dane County.

- County Executive/Administration
- County Board
- County Clerk
- Treasurer
- Corporation Counsel
- Register of Deeds
- Office for Equity and Inclusion

Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Provides the legal, safety, disaster planning and response, and death investigation functions for Dane County.

- Clerk of Courts
- Sheriff
- Family court counseling
- Public safety communications
- Medical Examiner
- Emergency management
- District Attorney
- Juvenile court program
- Pretrial Services
- Office of Criminal Justice Reform

Health and Human Services Departments

Provides the human service and veteran's assistance functions for Dane County.

- Human Services
- Veterans Service Office
- Board of Health for Madison/Dane Co.

Conservation and Economic Development

Provides the planning, land management, land protection, waste management and recycling functions for Dane County.

- Land information office
- Planning & development
- Land & Water Resources - Conservation
- Solid Waste

Culture, Education and Recreation

Provides quality of life enhancement for Dane County.

- Library
- Land & Water Resources
- Alliant Energy Center
- Extension
- Henry Vilas Zoo

Public Works

Provides the infrastructure maintenance and transportation functions for Dane County.

- Highway and Transportation
- Airport

