



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 and 2017 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.

Sharon Corrigan of Middleton currently serves as the County Board Chair.

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County Departments



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

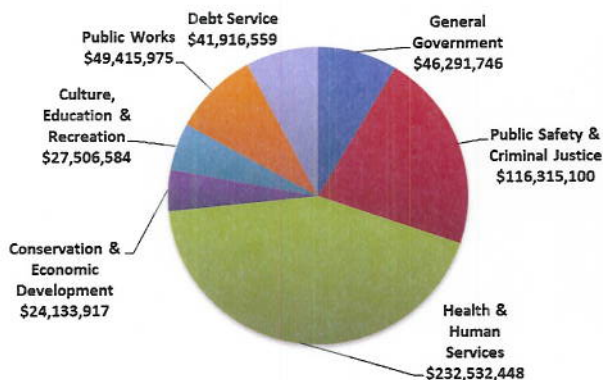


Dane County has doubled in population during the past 50 years. According to the UW-Madison Applied Population Laboratory, Dane County's population will increase to 606,620 – nearly 25% – by the year 2040. Its 2014 estimated population of 516,283 accounts for 40% of the state's total growth since the 2010 census. Since its formation as a territorial county in 1836, population growth has been a constant.

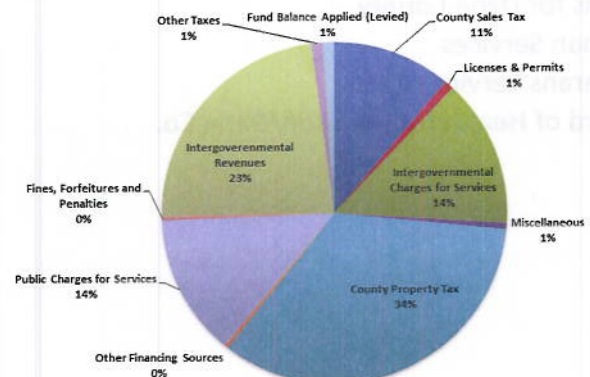


The 2018 operating and capital budget is over \$652 million; sources of revenue include funds from the state and federal government, the sales tax, the property tax, and fines and forfeitures. Dane County spends \$232 million on human services; \$116 million for public safety and criminal justice; \$49 million on public works.

2018 Operating Budget



2018 Budget Revenues





Providing Services from A to Z



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

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

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.

- Public Works, Highway and Transportation
- Airport

Please indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 what you think of each of the following engagement approaches:



	Not very effective				Very effective
INFORMING	Forums and information sessions: Meetings that provide information and background context about the role of County Government, current issues that the county is working on, and strategies to address issues. Forums include presentations, panel discussions, and information sharing to inform community discourse and discussions.				
	1	2	3	4	5
	Postcards in the mail: Mailed information about upcoming meetings				
	1	2	3	4	5
CONSULTING	Broadcasting meetings				
	1	2	3	4	5
	Listening sessions at neighborhood/community setting: Small group discussions assure that everyone is heard and that diverse opinions are considered. For example, the opportunity to interact with your county board member at a neighborhood association meeting.				
	1	2	3	4	5
INVOLVING	Public comment: All public meetings should include a public comment period. Residents attend a meeting and have 3 to 5 minutes to address the committee or County Board.				
	1	2	3	4	5
	Public official canvass: When public officials go door to door there is an opportunity for 1:1 conversations.				
	1	2	3	4	5
	Online surveys: Survey questions on sites like Survey Monkey or POLCO allowing residents to weigh in on questions.				
	1	2	3	4	5
	Social Media: Information provided and the opportunity to comment on social media/Facebook/Twitter and message boards.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Discussions around specific issues: Conversations focused on particular issues, where the people affected by the issue are invited, leading to better involvement of the people affected and improved follow-up action.					
	1	2	3	4	5

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COLLABORATING	Structured conversations: Meetings that include structured participant conversations to engage participants and provide opportunities for deeper understanding of issues and potential responses. Often these meetings feature breaking into groups for discussion and reporting back to the full group.	1	2	3	4	5
	Serving on a board, commission, or task force: Being appointed to a county board or commission to debate topics and advise elected officials and assist in shaping policy.	1	2	3	4	5
	Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

Additional Comments:

Interested in being a final reviewer of the plan? If yes, please include your name and email address:

Name

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