Focused on important services

Exceptional services help make Dakota County a great place to live and work. We work hard to provide those services and be a careful steward of your tax dollars.

Dakota County has a population of nearly 450,000 residents. It is the third-largest county in Minnesota and had the largest population increase last year.

The county's growth has led to increased need for services. That includes public safety, veterans services, social services and more.

In response, we are increasing public safety staff and support for programs that help the most vulnerable residents. We're also investing in programs that help make sure your county government remains reliable and efficient.

We will continue looking for ways to best serve our residents. We'll offer critical programs and popular amenities, knowing you expect good value for your tax dollars.

Responding to growing needs

We know your tax dollars fund many of the programs we provide for residents. Public safety, children's mental health, elections and economic assistance are some of those services.

We're careful to put the focus of new tax dollars where it matters most — the services people rely on.

In 2025, Dakota County will not raise the property tax levy by more than 9.92 percent. Dakota County has the lowest county property tax per capita in the metro area this year. It also has the lowest number of employees per capita among seven Twin Cities counties.

As you review your tax statement, remember that only a small portion of your property taxes support county government. Cities, schools and other taxing districts also levy property tax.

For more county levy and budget information, visit www.dakotacounty.us, search *levy*.

2024 budgeted levy spending

- 32% Public Safety/Corrections
- 24% Social Services
- 11% Fleet/Facilities Management
- 10% Library Services
- 7% Welfare/Child Support Collection
- 5% Information Technology, Human Resources, Assessor, Elections and other services
- 4% Public Health
- 3% Parks/Environment
- 2% Buildings/Infrastructure
- 2% Transportation

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