



**YORK COUNTY MAINE
GOVERNMENT**

2024 Annual Report

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*A Year's Overview*

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2024

NUMBERS & STATISTICS

Estimated York County population per US Census as of July 1, 2024: 220,143
1,270 square miles

First county in Maine, dating to 1636.

County Seat: Alfred



45.3

Median age as of 2023

\$82,904

Median household income as of 2023

\$44,548

Per capita income as of 2023

116,608

Housing units as of July 1, 2023

Poverty rate as of 2023:

- 8.1 percent in York County
- 10.4 percent in Maine
- 11.1 percent in US

Source: U.S. Census, Maine government

2024

POPULATION BY MUNICIPALITY

29 municipalities with population estimates as of July 1, 2023 US census

Acton: 2,722
 Alfred: 3,197
 Arundel: 4,471
 Berwick: 8,266
 Biddeford: 22,367
 Buxton: 8,538
 Cornish: 1,568
 Dayton: 2,191
 Eliot: 7,317
 Hollis: 4,929
 Kennebunk: 11,915
 Kennebunkport: 3,695
 Kittery: 10,784
 Lebanon: 6,698
 Limerick: 3,523
 Limington: 4,081
 Lyman: 4,632
 Newfield: 1,667
 North Berwick: 5,200
 Ogunquit: 1,598
 Old Orchard Beach: 9,369
 Parsonsfield: 1,815
 Saco: 20,960
 Sanford: 22,251
 Shapleigh: 3,003
 South Berwick: 7,753
 Waterboro: 8,104
 Wells: 11,855
 York: 14,118

34.6%

have a Bachelor's degree or higher

2.8%

2024 Unemployment Rate

95.1% had a High School diploma in 2023

15,523 residents were Veterans in 2023



COUNTY MANAGER

Greg Zinser

Greetings from your York County Government!

With this annual report for the calendar year 2024, I will speak to some ongoing prime initiatives and glance ahead to the coming year.

A forward-thinking ‘what if’ proposal that began with an idea in 2021 culminated in the first steps toward construction of a regional first responder training center and a substance use recovery center on one bright fall morning in 2024, when heavy equipment rolled onto county-owned land on Layman Way in Alfred.

With land preparation and foundation building, followed by steel, ‘what if’ turned into ‘it’s happening here.’

The planning and permitting process took time, but once the shovels hit the dirt, it was all worth it, and more than 75 people turned out to celebrate with an official ceremony marking the groundbreaking on Nov. 21.

Building construction is on track to be completed at the end of 2025 for the training center and in 2026 for the recovery center. While construction is ongoing, county personnel are working on operationalizing the two entities and collaborating with potential partners, with a view to opening as soon as we are able, once the buildings are complete.

The York County Regional First Responder Training Center will offer state of the art workforce development for law enforcement, dispatchers, and fire and emergency medical services and related professions. The York County Substance Use, Treatment and Recovery Center will offer detox, short- and long term options, and several observation beds, allowing for immediate access to care.

We are very excited about these two projects. We know they will have a profound impact on public safety in all its forms, and on people looking to free themselves from substance use - and in a way, the missions are intertwined, because their success will mean safer, healthier lives for folks in all 29 York County municipalities.

To help accomplish both missions First County Foundation, the charitable arm of York County government, was established, earning tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in July 2024. Construction costs are financed through an array of funds - like much of the county's American Rescue Plan Act allocation, opioid settlements, Congressionally Directed Funding, and grants, including a \$300,000 award from the Maine Recovery Council. People who invest in the projects through donations to FCF will bridge gaps by helping outfit the buildings.

We are working with our coastal communities to help them recover from the punishing storms that heavily damaged dunes and beaches in mid-January 2024. Given costs associated with rebuilding the dunes and other beach-related public infrastructure, York County government and the coastal municipalities are forging a framework to work together to take measures to build to 100 year flood standards.

We had hoped to roll out the York County dredge during the November-April dredging season but permitting delays complicated the process, and we are now looking to commence at the start of the dredging season this fall.

Our departments continue to be busy. The Registry of Deeds is seeing an upswing in document recordings, to 45,500, up 4,000 from the prior calendar year. The Registry of Probate opened 1,173 new dockets in 2024. The sheriff's office patrol division reported more than 25,000 calls for service. In 2024 there were 6,874 cases involving 9,759 charges presented to the York County District Attorney's office by local and state law enforcement agencies - and that's not all.

Each department of your York County Government is featured within these pages, providing you a look at their missions and accomplishments. We invite you to read the report - and keep aware of your county government by regularly checking our website at: www.yorkcountymaine.gov.

We are proud of the work accomplished by all of our county government employees, and we value them.

If you have questions, please contact me by email at gtzinser@yorkcountymaine.gov, by letter addressed to Greg Zinser, 45 Kennebunk Road, Alfred, Maine 04002, or by phone at 207-459-2312.



York County Maine

COMMISSIONERS



York County Commissioners hold regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm. Meetings are held in the County Commissioners' meeting room in the York County Government Building, located at 149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred, Maine.



Robert L Andrews
Vice Chairperson - District 1:

Acton, Berwick, Cornish,
Lebanon, Limington,
Newfield, North Berwick,
Parsonsfield, Shapleigh, and
South Berwick

Term ends 12-31-2026

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Richard R Dutremble
Chairperson - District 2:

Arundel, Biddeford,
Kennebunk, and
Kennebunkport

Term ends 12-31-2026

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Justin Chenette
District 3:

Buxton, Hollis, Old Orchard
Beach, and Saco

Term ends 12-31-2026

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Donna Ring
District 4:

Alfred, Dayton, Limerick,
Lyman, Sanford, and
Waterboro

Term ends 12-31-2028

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Richard Clark
District 5:

Eliot, Kittery, Ogunquit,
Wells, and York

Term ends 12-31-2028

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A message from the Chair

RICHARD DUTREMBLE



On behalf of the Board of York County Commissioners, I am pleased to present the York County Annual Report for the 2024 calendar year.

This report outlines the role of each county department, and the work done by our employees every day to ensure the county government runs smoothly, and in accordance with statutes.

York County Commissioners – a board of five – are the chief elected officials, and are ultimately responsible for the fiscal operations and policy decisions affecting the county government.

York County was first formed in 1636 – 388 years before the year for which this report is made. Our county is the oldest in Maine, and the records in our possession date back to some of the earliest days. We began the process of sorting, preserving and digitizing these records a few years ago and that work continues – with a view to soon begin making them publicly available online.

Our construction projects – the York County Regional First Responders Training Center and the York County Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Center – are well underway and it is very exciting to see the progress. The lot off Layman Way in Alfred was prepared last fall. A formal groundbreaking ceremony in late November drew more than 75 people happy to see work progress on a training facility for first responders in all disciplines and a residential recovery center to aid those looking to free themselves from misusing substances. We believe these programs will make a profound impact on York County – not only for those directly involved, but for the greater good – and we look forward to celebrating when they're up and running.

There is a lot more happening with your county government, and as you read about each department, we want you to know we value our employees, and we value our county residents. Together, we can continue to assure York County thrives.

Richard Dutremble
Chair





HUMAN RESOURCES

Linda Hutchins-Corliss
Deputy County Manager &
H.R. Director

Christine Bean
Manager



Department Highlights

Human Resources oversees and plays an important organizational leadership role in the areas of personnel management and employee labor relations. It coordinates personnel activities for a workforce of over 250 represented and non-represented employees. This includes regular full-time, part-time, and reserve employees. Key areas of focus include:

- Recruitment, Selection, Hiring, and Orientation
- Benefits, Compensation and Job Classification
- Policy Development
- Participates in Collective Bargaining / Labor Relations
- Coordinates the Workers' Compensation Program
- Legal Compliance and Reporting
- Employee Engagement
- Safety & Wellness

In May of 2024 we were pleased to welcome Jennifer Elwell as one of our HR team members. Jen has been focusing on recruiting and wellness functions within the County.

In 2024 our team also focused on acquiring professional development throughout the year. Each team member worked towards individual HR certifications that will be completed in 2025. That growth of knowledge is continuing to help our team to better serve the employees of York County.

In 2024 the County celebrated the retirement of (7) employees:

- Rosalie Butler – Human Resources
- Richard Gaudette – Facilities
- Corey Sweatt – Sheriff's Office
- Roger Nagy – Sheriff's Office
- Ellen Huot – District Attorney's Office
- William Elliott – Sheriff's Office
- Pamela Roberts – District Attorney's Office



Safety and Risk Management Program

We strive and work to ensure a safe and healthy work environment for all employees. We continuously review, develop, and implement programs, policies and best practices for the recognition and identification of hazards through our monthly Safety and Wellness Committee. Meetings are held monthly to review root causes of accidents, to develop preventative steps and to ensure current policies and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, health, safety, and environmental regulations.

Recruitment and Benefit Management

York County Government is committed to recruiting and retaining the best and brightest employees. This includes attending various job and career fairs throughout the year to attract high quality candidates for a career in York County Government. Employees who start their career with us know that they are working for a community-minded organization, with a team of 200 +/- skilled and dedicated employees who are vested in serving residents and community members.

The county offers competitive benefits such as health, dental, vision, short & long-term disability, as well as two options to plan for retirement, including participation in the MainePERS pension program or the public sector 457 deferred compensation plan via Mission Squared. Other benefits include tuition reimbursement, professional development, holiday pay, and paid vacation / sick leave. The HR team strives to ensure all employees know and understand all the benefits available within our health plans.

59 new employees joined our team in 2024.

Wellness and Enrichment

Employee health and well-being is a major focus for us in the County. In addition to sponsoring weekly yoga classes, the HR team assists employees with maximizing their health plans.

A “Benefits’ Blast” goes out to all employees every Friday which focuses on a different topic each week such as important tips about our benefit plans, links to enrollment forms and online Apps for Dental, Vision, FSA and Health plans.

“Wellness Wednesday” posts go out to all York County Employees weekly. It focuses on health topics from diabetes awareness, breast cancer awareness and worker fatigue to healthy eating and Halloween safety tips.

Respectfully submitted by the Human Resources Team:

Linda Hutchins-Corliss
Director of HR/Deputy County Manager

Christine Bean
HR Manager

Doreen Staples
Benefit Specialist

Jennifer Elwell
Recruitment and Wellness



DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Kathryn Slattery
District Attorney

Justina McGettigan
Deputy District Attorney



District Attorney Kathryn Slattery, her attorney staff of eighteen, and support staff of twenty-two when fully staffed, are dedicated to prosecuting criminal cases and civil violations that take place in the 29 towns and cities of York County.

In 2024, that meant dealing with 9,759 charges in 6,874 cases brought to the office by law enforcement agencies from across the county. Of those, 624 were domestic violence-related charges.

In 2024, the district attorney's office was able to clear a substantial backlog of cases that developed during the coronavirus pandemic, thanks to the diligence of the court system and the district attorney's staff, who worked hard to make it happen. As of the first quarter of 2025, York was the only county in Maine to have cleared their pandemic backlog.

2024 also saw four summer interns join the office. All law students, the interns worked very hard, and their assistance cannot be overstated. It is a program that will continue in 2025.

Kathryn Slattery has been a York County prosecutor since 1987 and District Attorney since 2010. Justina McGettigan is Deputy District Attorney.

2024 was a year of transition at the district attorney's office. There were three significant retirements that together meant the loss of 96 years of experience and knowledge. As well, some staff transitioned to new positions within the agency. Together, along with some departures, all the changes resulted in a half-dozen vacancies that the office is diligently looking to fill.



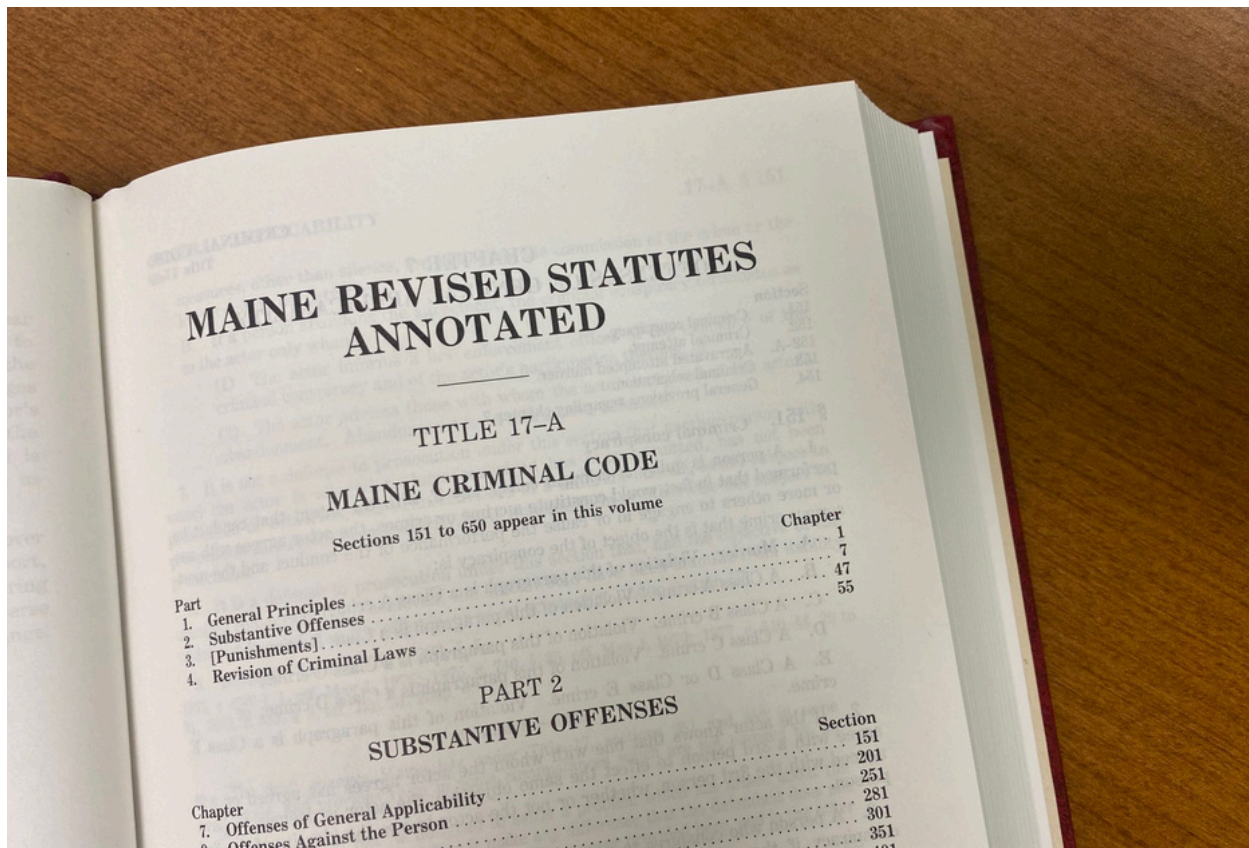
The numbers show 93 fugitives were processed over nine months in York County in 2024, with 85 arrested and 48 extradited back to the jurisdictions seeking their arrest.

The district attorney's office reported 387 probation cases in 2024. There were 401 deferred dispositions added throughout the year, for a total of 1,404 in diversion.

The office collected \$117,130 in supervision fees.

The office collected \$245,281 in restitution for victims, with \$243,355 paid to victims.

The York County District Attorney's Office is committed to just and effective criminal prosecution honoring the constitutional rights of those accused, protecting the interests of victims and maintaining public safety.





FACILITIES DEPARTMENT



Richard deRochemont
Director

Making sure York County government's seven buildings are maintained in tip-top shape is the primary focus of the Facilities Department.

York County owns six buildings in Alfred, including the stately York County Court House, the county government building, the building used by a food pantry serving residents countywide, the Layman Way Recovery Center, York County Sheriff's Office and Jail and the adjacent vehicle maintenance garage. The facilities department also maintains the York County District Attorney's Office in Biddeford.

Grounds maintenance, once a contracted service, returned to the county's purview in 2024.

Among other endeavors, the department continued its efforts to keep York County Court House in its original state by having the chimneys and brick repointed. New basement windows were installed and some of the entryways were painted. Privacy screens on all fencing around York County Sheriff's Office (the location of York County Jail), were upgraded. A project to upgrade waste handling at the jail began in the latter part of 2024.





Facilities is headed by Richard deRochemont, who is also the county's liaison with Landry French, the construction firm engaged by York County to build a regional first responder training center and a separate residential substance use and treatment recovery center.

The facilities department consists of six full-time and one part-time employee. Tasked with many responsibilities, the team continues to strive to create a better work environment for county employees and well-maintained buildings for workers and visitors alike.





FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Lori Lemieux
Director

Logan Corliss
Finance Manager

The Finance Department oversees all financial matters for York County government, including processing weekly payroll for more than 275 fulltime, part time, and reserve employees, along with accounts payable for approximately 250 vendor invoices weekly, account receivables, reconciliation of multiple accounts, and requests for proposals bid management.

We assist with preparation of the general fund and jail fund annual budgets, and cash management and banking oversight for more than \$50 million in revenues and expenses throughout all programs, including grants.



We assist with managing multiple federal and state grants that allow our departments to expand their services to the residents of York County. Within the federal grant category is the \$40 million ARPA Grant, York County Emergency Management Agency grants, and multiple law enforcement grants.

The Finance Department is responsible for invoicing for the contract deputy program, COBRA invoicing, and grant reimbursements.

We oversee system administration for both our timekeeping software and our financial software. The timekeeping software allows management and employees to better track their hours, including time off requests.

The financial software allows us to have all our transactions recorded electronically. This allows us to have the proper framework to prepare and complete the annual audit process.



Lori Lemieux is Finance Director and Logan Corliss is the Finance Manager. Our ARPA Financial Project Coordinator is David Nalchajian, and Finance Generalists are Christina Hotaling and Alexandria Staples. Stacy Kilroy is York County's elected Treasurer and Rose Leeman is Deputy Treasurer.

We, as your Finance Team, are ready to support York County Government as it continues to grow and serve the residents of York County.





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Todd Charles
Director



The Information Technology Department at York County government made many upgrades in 2024, including boosting all fiber connections and infrastructure at all county buildings to allow for increased network bandwidth and future expandability, and much more.

The department has been directly responsible for, or involved in, a number of projects this past year. Here are the highlights:

- Migrated network firewalls and routing equipment to a managed service model served by Consolidated Communications. This eliminates the need to purchase and upgrade both physical equipment and the licensing and maintenance associated with such, saving the County money.
- Upgraded and installed the hardware for the new Key Management system at the Jail.
- Replaced or upgraded all PC's at York County Sheriff's Office.
- Replaced all Jail and Deeds department workstations with cost effective "Mini" PCs. These devices are a small 6-inch cube, packing all the power of a traditional size unit, but at about a third of the cost. They can also be mounted to the back of the monitor to free up desk space and clutter.
- Installed and configured in-car camera systems for the YCSO Patrol vehicles.
- Deployment of body camera system at the YCSO
- Retired and condensed multiple network servers, moving further to a "virtual" environment where a single physical server does the work of multiple ones. This greatly reduces hardware costs and the associated licensing and maintenance fees.
- Played a small part in the Probate department's move from one floor to another at York County Court House.
- Prepared for the migration to all new phones at all our locations happening this year.



The department includes two full-time staff members – Technology Manager Todd Charles and Systems Engineer Michael MacDonald. We service nearly 250 users across 10 different locations within the county, and more than 20 mobile units. IT maintains 200 workstations, 30 printers and dozens of other network connected devices, as well as multiple cloud-based systems – all while ensuring the availability, safety and security of county property and data.

Daily the department watches for, investigates and mitigates security threats to York County's systems and data to ensure the safety of county resources.





REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Nancy Hammond
Registrar

Wendy Caiazzo
Deputy Registrar

The Registry of Deeds had a very busy 2024, with approximately 45,500 documents recorded - an estimated 4,000 more than the previous year.

The Registry staff is happy to welcome a new employee, Alyssa Green, who is working diligently learning the day-to-day operations of the department, and we are pleased with her development and look forward to working with her to ensure continued success.

The Registry of Deed's work to preserve some of the earliest records stored here in the York County Court House continues with Paige Lilly of Lilly Archival and York County Records Manager Andrew O'Neill. Andrew is preparing documents for digitalization and preservation, and he has been a great asset to

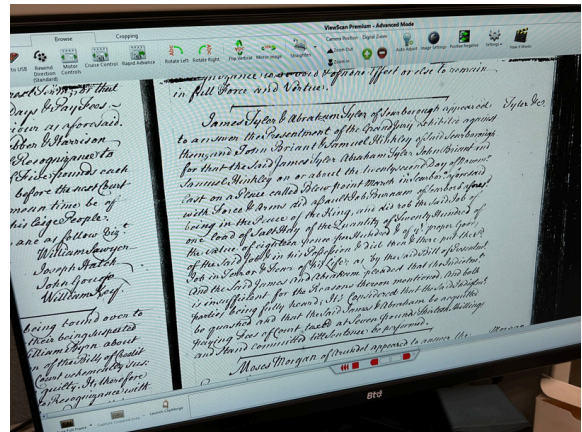


the staff. The process is time-consuming, but the reward will allow public access to some very early York County history. This project is still in its early stages, but we are definitely making measurable progress. Andrew has also been able to assist the public with the use of our new microfilm reader which replaced the original model that served the county well for more than 40 years. Paige has also been a tremendous asset in bringing the county a better understanding of what records are available here in the Court House, online with the Maine State Archives or at [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). She has created a timeline and a user guide for the public that will be going live in the near future.





Registrar of Deeds Nancy Hammond continues her work on the issue of deed fraud, with stakeholders from the real estate industry. Registrar Hammond's work is ongoing, and she is hopeful it will result in laws to assist citizens in protecting their real estate. For her efforts in this matter, Registrar Hammond was recognized the Maine Registry of Deeds Association with the 2024 Voice Award.





REGISTRY OF PROBATE

Judge of Probate Scott Houde
Register Carol Lovejoy
Deputy Register Casey Hartford

The Registry of Probate deals with a plethora of family related matters – from probating decedent's estates to adoptions, custody, guardianship of minors and incapacitated adults, and other family-related issues.

Carol Lovejoy has been the elected Register of Probate for more than 20 years, and Casey Hartford has been the appointed Deputy Register/Office Manager for 6 ½ years. The office also includes 6 full time staff.



The Registry of Probate is the home of the Probate Court. Judge of Probate Scott Houde was appointed to fill a vacancy in the fall of 2019, and was elected to the position in 2020 and again in 2024.

The Probate Court hears formal proceedings of decedent's estates, along with name changes, adoptions, guardianships and conservatorships of adults and minors, as well as trust matters.

The Register and Deputy Register have quasi-judicial authority to allow the probate of wills and intestate estates and to appoint Personal Representatives.

The Register of Probate is responsible for all records and dockets held in the Registry and reviews all cases for completeness and accuracy prior to each court day.

The process of digitizing our records back to 1687 has been completed. Although only names of cases are available to research online and available to the public, images are available for staff to convert to images that can be viewed on our public case management system at www.maineprobate.net if requested.

2024 saw more contested cases than ever before. The York County Registry of Probate continues to support some of the most vulnerable populations in the county, and we remained impressed by the professionalism of our incredible team.



We continue to hold Probate Court 10 days per month and hear a number of contested matters each court day.

The Registry was able to have a voice in pending legislative changes regarding probate statewide through the Maine Association of Registers of Probate, as well as the Rules and Forms Committee, of which Register Lovejoy is a member.

Some Statistical Information for 2024:

- We added two new full time clerks to the office
- We processed 178 Passport Applications
- We accepted for filing and processed 1,481 proceedings pertaining to estates
- We planned and will be implementing an updated audio/video system in our courtroom in May
- We opened 1,173 new dockets





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Art Cleaves
Director

Megan Arsenault
Deputy Director

2024 was a year that tested our county's resilience and demonstrated the dedication of our local partners in emergency management. At the beginning of the year, we faced a significant challenge when the January storms impacted our region. In April, we faced another strong winter storm that knocked out power to almost 70 percent of our county. Both led to federally declared disasters due to the millions of dollars of damage to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure. Recognizing the broad challenges these storms brought to our coastal areas, we launched the York County Coastal Resilience Initiative, a project that aims to not only restore our beaches and dunes from storm damage, but to design them in a way that makes us eligible for more long-term sustainable future disaster recovery funds.



These storms highlighted the importance of community preparedness, a core function of York County Emergency Management Agency. Our alerts and warnings program expanded in 2024 to better meet the needs of our residents. More than 1,000 new users subscribed to our RAVE emergency alert platform, with growth in all 29 York County municipalities. We became authorized to send Wireless Emergency Alerts, ensuring we can reach every cell phone in York County with critical, life-saving information when we need it, and we created a beach alert sign-up for beachgoers and tourists. We educated our residents on community preparedness with 24 outreach events; became StormReady, a designation from the National Weather Service that indicates our county emergency managers, first responders, and public safety



agencies have taken proactive steps to ensure we are ready for weather events in our area; and maintained an active social media presence. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, X, and Instagram (@yorkcountyma) for preparedness tips and emergency information!

YCEMA hosted 34 training sessions tailored to emergency managers, first responders, public officials, community partners, and the public, and we sought feedback to ensure these opportunities addressed the unique needs of our county's emergency responders. These efforts allowed us to identify and bridge preparedness gaps, laying a solid foundation for the development of our 2025 training plan. As well, in 2024, full-time staff completed over 650 hours of training on critical topics, including severe weather preparedness, best practices for alerts and warnings, and advanced incident management strategies.



We responded to hundreds of emergency incidents, including storms, fires, law enforcement responses, and more. Our Special Teams responded over 70 times, our Emergency Operations Center activated 9 times, and our emergency response vehicles deployed more than 50 times to support first responders and help keep our community safe.





YORK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

William L. King Jr., Sheriff
Jeremy Forbes, Chief Deputy

Sheriff William L. King Jr. is in his third term as York County Sheriff.

The York County Sheriff's Office is the second largest Sheriff's Office in Maine. There are three specific divisions within the sheriff's office, Police Services, Corrections, and Civil Processing all operating under the watchful eye of Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes.



The largest of the three divisions is York County Jail, a direct supervision facility and has a capacity to hold 296 residents. Our average daily population at the jail exceeds 200 residents. This past year, we were able to assist another county by holding their incarcerated population while their jail underwent renovations.

We also contract with Maine Pre-trial services to allow non-violent justice-connected people to remain in the community under the supervision of that agency. We have found that allowing people to remain with their natural supports assists them with rehabilitative efforts. Activated in 2004, our jail is considered a "flagship" facility that provides a plethora of programing and opportunities for our residents.

Our robust medically assisted treatment program assists those with a substance use disorder to become stabilized while incarcerated. We have found that with MAT, the residents are better able to focus, participate in programing and make better decisions. For those who are released from jail after serving their sentence or from posting bail, we have a release planner that ensures the resident is set up for a successful reentry, primarily ensuring that they have housing options, and their health care is seamless.



Major Lori Marks, an 18-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, is the Jail Administrator. She began her career as a corrections officer and worked her way through the ranks. She was named "Corrections Officer of the Year" in 2023 by the American Jail Association and has been featured in Maine Women's Magazine.

The most visible division of the Sheriff's office is Police Services. We provide police services to 14 of the 29 towns in York County. Those towns cover approximately 400 square miles and boast a population of approximately 35,000 full time community members. During the summer months our communities swell with summer visitors, and many of our towns double in population during that time. The patrol division handled more than 25,000 calls for service in 2024.

Patrol Deputies have various opportunities to diversify their careers by participating in our K9 Program, Peer Support Team, Special Response Team, Honor Guard, School Resource Officer, Drug Task Force Agent, Firearms Instructor, Domestic Violence Investigator, Criminal Investigation Division, Crash Scene Reconstructionist/Mapper, Drone Operator and other collateral programs. To augment our services, we regularly receive funding from the Bureau of Highway Safety to supplement regular patrols. These 4-hour details concentrate on traffic safety in high crash areas.

The Patrol Commander, Major Craig Sanford, is a former police chief and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Our Civil Division is the second busiest in Maine and handles approximately 17,000 civil processes each year. Our civil deputies also assist with other sheriff's office functions and are our "utility players," always willing to assist where needed while ensuring the civil work is completed. The Civil Division is supervised by Supervisory Deputy Brad Paul, a former police chief.





YORK COUNTY FIRE ADMINISTRATOR

Roger Hooper
County Fire Administrator

The role of the County Fire Administrator changed somewhat in 2024. On July 1, the position was transferred from York County Emergency Management Agency to the York County Regional Training Center. Incident response responsibilities and HAZMAT Team management remained with EMA to allow the fire administrator to focus on firefighter and EMT training programs, oversight of Congressionally Designated Spending grants received, strengthening relationships with partners like York County Community College, District 1 Police Chiefs, and York County Fire/EMS Chiefs, and to begin preparations for operationalizing the training center.

County Fire Administrator Roger Hooper is an active part of the York County Incident Management Team, and York County Chief's Association (Fire/EMS), representing York County Fire and EMS interests as an advocate to state-level groups like the Fire Service Training Advisory Committee, EMS Region 1 Council and Maine Fire Protection Commission.



The department considers the start of construction of the regional first responders training center in September was the most significant event of 2024.

Requests for Proposals have been posted for training equipment for the facility for law enforcement, emergency medical, and fire service programs. As well, a vendor has been selected for construction of the drill tower, which is expected to be installed this summer.

In cooperation with the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association we coordinated three sites: York County EMA, York Village Fire Department, and Saco Fire Department, to host firefighter medical screenings. About 200 firefighters in York County were screened.





Kennebunk, Lyman and Dayton, Hollis, Alfred and Waterboro fire-rescue departments joined with the Maine Forest Service, US Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, and The Forest Stewards Guild to develop a Wildfire Protection Plan for Massabesic Experimental Forest and surrounding communities. We used a federal Wildfire Risk Reduction grant the Guild secured to provide rural water supply training and to buy personal protective equipment specific to forest firefighting for the departments. Some funding went to The York County Wildland Firefighter Academy and to the installation of three 'dry' hydrants for use in the event of a wildland or structural fire. The hydrants were strategically placed to protect the Massabesic Forest.

Training was provided for over 456 firefighters and EMTs in York County. While most of our students are from York County, we hosted several from other Maine counties and New Hampshire, and have had students from Texas and Washington state. Trainings included entry level firefighter, HAZMAT technician, fire officer/instructor, emergency medical training, driver/operator, and wildland firefighting.

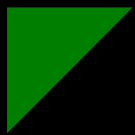
Since 2021, York County government has employed 30 reserve employees in the Public Safety Instructor series – our primary source of instructors for the Basic Firefighter Course, Firefighter I and II, Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Course, Basic Pump Operator Course, and others. Our instructors assist with the Fire Officer and Fire Instructor programs, HAZMAT technician and refresher courses. Several instructors have completed specialized training as live-fire training instructor, instructor-in-charge, and confidence maze instructor.

All courses offered by York County Fire Academy are posted at www.yorkcountymaine.gov/york-county-fire-academy. EMS courses provided by York County Community College are at www.yccc.edu. Courses are posted on social media, in particular, on the Facebook group York County (ME) Fire/EMS Training Events.



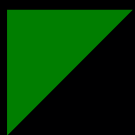
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

The next two pages contain the York County General Fund Budget Summaries for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. Please note fiscal years differ from calendar year.



BUDGET FY 25

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



BUDGET FY 26

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

County of York FY 25 - GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

COUNTY OF YORK FY25 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY24	FY25	FY25	FY25	FY25
GENERAL FUND REVENUES	BUDGET	DEPT	MANAGER	INCR/(DECR)	% CHANGE
EMPG (50% EMA REIMB)	262,539	262,539	262,539	0	0.00%
MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS	19,664,806	21,552,830	21,552,830	1,888,024	9.60%
OTHER INTERGOV REV	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
POLICE RPTS & BACKGRND CKS	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
PROBATE REVENUE	475,000	475,000	475,000	0	0.00%
DEEDS RECORDING	1,400,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	-100,000	-7.14%
DEEDS TRANSFER TAX	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	0	0.00%
DEEDS PHOTOCOPIES	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	100,000	120,000	120,000	20,000	20.00%
EMA OPERATIONS RENT	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
MISC REVENUE	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
TRANSFER IN FROM ADMINISTRATIVE/ SUPERVISION FUND	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
UTILIZATION OF RESERVES	300,000	264,603	264,603	-35,397	-11.80%
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS	44,159	0	0	-44,159	
TOTAL REVENUES	23,435,504	25,163,972	25,163,972	1,728,468	7.38%
DEPARTMENTS				based on Mgr's rec.	
COMMISSIONERS/GOV BODY	84,268	90,017	90,017	5,749	6.82%
LAYMAN WAY/PUBLIC HEALTH	1,194,200	1,279,300	1,279,300	85,100	7.13%
NEW REQUESTS	0	0	0	0	
MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION	1,422,950	1,565,482	1,565,482	142,532	10.02%
FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE	717,377	777,329	777,329	59,952	8.36%
TREASURER	673	698	698	25	3.69%
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1,769,450	1,951,989	1,951,989	182,539	10.32%
DEEDS	678,395	673,039	673,039	-5,356	-0.79%
PROBATE	834,714	1,004,553	926,809	92,095	11.03%
POLICE/SHERIFF	3,637,513	3,762,946	3,762,946	125,433	3.45%
COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH	783,496	804,821	804,821	21,325	2.72%
EMA DEPT	797,085	787,638	787,638	-9,447	-1.19%
YORK CO REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER	0	104,150	104,150	104,150	100.00%
YORK CO JUVENILE FIRE	41,331	0	0	-41,331	-100.00%
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	665,305	723,848	722,519	57,214	8.60%
MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	1,158,008	1,254,065	1,254,065	96,057	8.29%
PUBLIC AGENCIES	131,700	143,170	143,170	11,470	8.71%
JAIL CAP (ASSESSMENT)	9,519,039	10,320,000	10,320,000	800,961	8.41%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,435,504	25,243,045	25,163,972	1,728,468	7.38%

County of York FY 26 - GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY25	FY26	FY26	FY26	FY26
GENERAL FUND REVENUES	BUDGET	DEPT	COMMISSIONER	INCR/(DECR)	% CHANGE
EMPG (50% EMA REIMB)	262,539	262,539	262,539	0	0.00%
MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS	21,552,830	24,498,549	24,648,549	3,095,719	14.36%
OTHER INTERGOV REV	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
POLICE RPTS & BACKGRND CKS	6,000	8,000	8,000	2,000	33.33%
PROBATE REVENUE	475,000	500,000	500,000	25,000	5.26%
DEEDS RECORDING	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,350,000	50,000	3.85%
DEEDS TRANSFER TAX	1,050,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	100,000	9.52%
DEEDS PHOTOCOPIES	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	120,000	220,000	220,000	100,000	83.33%
EMA OPERATIONS RENT	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
OFFICE SPACE RENTAL	0	40,000	40,000	40,000	
MISC REVENUE	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
TRANSFER IN FROM ADMINISTRATIVE/ SUPERVISION FUND	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
MeDATS Revenue		30,000	30,000	30,000	
UTILIZATION OF RESERVES	264,603	250,000	250,000	-14,603	-5.52%
TOTAL REVENUES	25,163,972	28,442,088	28,592,088	3,428,116	13.62%
DEPARTMENTS					
COMMISSIONERS/GOV BODY	90,017	94,729	94,729	4,712	5.23%
REGIONAL RECOVERY CENTER	1,279,300	1,398,658	1,498,658	219,358	17.15%
NEW REQUESTS (See individual depts)	New Requests costs are included in appropriate department				
MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION	1,565,482	1,720,120	1,720,120	154,638	9.88%
FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE	777,329	911,134	911,134	133,805	17.21%
TREASURER	698	552	552	-146	-20.87%
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1,951,989	2,087,340	2,087,340	135,351	6.93%
DEEDS	673,039	612,025	612,025	-61,014	-9.07%
PROBATE	926,809	1,044,498	1,044,498	117,689	12.70%
POLICE/SHERIFF	3,762,946	4,456,651	4,456,651	693,705	18.44%
COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH	804,821	875,465	875,465	70,644	8.78%
EMA DEPT	787,638	858,247	858,247	70,609	8.96%
YORK CO REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER	104,150	297,096	347,096	242,945	233.26%
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	722,519	817,494	817,494	94,975	13.15%
MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	1,254,065	1,444,682	1,444,682	190,617	15.20%
PUBLIC AGENCIES	143,170	146,075	146,075	2,905	2.03%
JAIL CAP (ASSESSMENT)	10,320,000	11,677,322	11,677,322	1,357,322	13.15%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,163,972	28,442,088	28,592,088	3,428,115	13.62%



