



**YORK COUNTY MAINE
GOVERNMENT**

2025 Annual Report

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A Year's Overview

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2025

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



45.5

Median age as of 2025

\$88,333

Median household income as of 2024

\$47,536

Per capita income as of 2024

117,876

Housing units as of July 1, 2024

Poverty rate as of 2024:

- 7.5 percent in York County
- 10.6 percent in Maine
- 10.6 percent in US

Source: Most statistics presented were gleaned from the U.S. Census, for which 2024 estimates were available, or from Maine Department of Labor, with 2025 figures. The Maine Department of Labor notes the statistics are not seasonally adjusted. They are based on 11 months, because of the October 2025 federal government shutdown.

2025

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

36.2%

have a Bachelor's degree or higher

95.4%

of people 25 and older had graduated from high school

2.75%

2024 Unemployment Rate with 3,589 of the 119,559 members of the civilian labor force unemployed



ADMINISTRATION

Greg Zinser, County Manager

On Dec. 19, as 2025 was drawing to a close, York County Regional Training Center contractor Landry French officially turned the building over to the County of York.

And while this report is about 2025, we are very pleased to say the first class was held at the facility on January 3, 2026.

Now, deputies and police personnel, corrections officers and dispatchers – along with firefighters, emergency medical providers, and others have a first class facility in which to receive top notch training. We know the skills they will learn will help make York County residents safer.

Construction continues on the York County Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Center that will offer a variety of options for care, and we're looking forward to when the keys are presented to us.

The foresight of York County Commissioners in authorizing these projects in 2021 means a new level of safety and health for York County residents.

Your county government, through its effective York County Emergency Management Agency, in 2025 began forging a framework with our coastal communities to take measures for greater resilience, with the goal of building beaches to 100 year flood standards. Work continued on permitting dredging projects in Wells and Saco after punishing storms destroyed dunes and damaged beaches in January 2024, with a view to early 2026 completion. That happened, along with a beach nourishment project in Old Orchard Beach. Authorized by FEMA under an emergency program, the work was designed to bring the three beaches to five year flood standards.

These regional projects were financed through portions of York County's American Rescue Plan Act allocation, Congressionally Directed Spending, grants, and in the case of the recovery center, opioid settlement funds.

County government is a complex entity – one that offers an array of regional services: We are charged with providing law enforcement to a large swath of York County and we operate a county jail. Our emergency management agency, registry of deeds, registry of probate, probate court, and district attorney's office are county-wide services.

Most residents know York County was founded in 1636, 140 years before the American Revolution. A patent deeding land from the Piscataqua River to the Kennebec River was issued to Sir Ferdinand Gorges in 1635, who sent his nephew William to oversee the property. According to the History of York County by W. Woodford Clayton, published in Philadelphia by Everts and Peck in 1880, William Gorges began his administration on the east side of the Saco River and opened a court on March 28, 1636. This was the first organized government established within what became the state of Maine.

From our earliest days people realized that a regional approach was efficient, and spreads costs across a wide population.

County government is a regional government that has a large amount of capacity and ability.

York County is here for you.



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 York County Commissioners, I am happy to be able to tell you that your York County government is in good financial shape – the best in nearly 20 years.

I am also happy to say the York County Regional Training Center for first responders was completed toward the end of 2025 and first classes were held in the early days of January 2026. For the first time, all categories of first responders have a centrally located facility specially designed for all manner of mandatory and elective training programs, and we're glad to be able to provide this much-needed service. The rewards are a safer York County for residents and visitors, and safer first responders.

Construction of the York County Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Center is ongoing and is expected to be finished late in 2026. We'll be glad to be able to open that facility, offering recovery services and hope for a bright, healthier future for folks who need it. The two construction projects and the acquisition of a dredge to undertake coastal resilience projects were funded by using a significant portion of the county government's \$40 million share of American Rescue Plan Act funds, Congressionally Directed Spending, grants, county funds, and for the recovery center, opioid settlement funds.

This annual report is for 2025 – and as we look ahead to 2026, we are reminded that it will be the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. It will also be the 390th anniversary of the founding of the County of York in 1636 – the first county in Maine.

As to the county's fiscal health – York County is financially sound because nearly 20 years ago, after the discovery in 2007 of a \$1.2 million fund balance deficit, we took measures to ensure that it would be. We made fiscal policy and stuck to it. We hired the county's first-ever finance director that year to keep a sharp eye on the books. We rebuilt the fund balance to healthy levels, and we moved forward.

Tax assessments, budgets and audit reports are all available for viewing online at: www.yorkcountymaine.gov/finance.

As always, we extend our appreciation to our nearly 275 employees – full, part time and reserve workers – who keep your county government running smoothly and efficiently.

Thank you.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Kathryn Slattery, District Attorney

Mark Squires, Deputy District Attorney

The York County District Attorney's office, led since 2010 by Kathryn Slattery, dealt with 6,367 cases brought by law enforcement agencies from across York County in 2025. Of those, 647 were domestic violence-related charges.

In 2025, the District Attorney's office was able to continue clearing 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. The District Attorney's Office was also able to bring to trial several cases that had been stalled by pandemic scheduling issues.

The year also saw the continuation of our summer intern program. The interns – all law students – worked very hard, and their assistance cannot be overstated. It is a program that will continue in 2026. The intern program not only augments our current attorney staff but also enhances our ability to recruit applicants as openings arise.

December 2025 brought a change to the office when longtime Deputy District Attorney Justina McGettigan retired. She is currently serving as an Assistant District Attorney on a part time basis. Mark Squires is the current Deputy District Attorney.

The staff of 18 attorneys and 22 support staff is dedicated to prosecuting criminal cases and civil violations that take place in the 29 towns and cities of York County.

Further statistics from the 2025 calendar year show 166 fugitives were processed in York County, with 64 arrested. One hundred and two individuals were arrested out of state on York County warrants.

The District Attorney's Office reported 417 probation cases in 2025. There were 333 deferred dispositions added throughout the year, for a total of 1,305 in diversion.

The District Attorney's Office collected \$117,228 in supervision fees and \$128,976 in restitution for victims.

Our Maine Revenue set-off list for 2025 included 492 criminal defendants, and we continue to work with York County Jail to garnish longer term residents to pay restitution as permitted by statute.

In 2025 the District Attorney's Office brought 93 actions for Weapons Restriction Orders.

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.





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Art Cleaves, Director

Megan Arsenault, Deputy Director

We were busy in 2025! The year began with the introduction of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, one of our proudest accomplishments. Early in the year we were drafting policies hosting our first iteration of the CERT Basic Training and before the end of the year, our program grew into an active team of 42 members! The team, primarily comprised of community volunteers, trained extensively on first aid, emergency sheltering, and traffic control and supported several public safety responses. CERT, along with our five other Special Teams, activated 79 times this year.

We hosted our first Open House in the spring which drew nearly 200 visitors to enjoy a day of family fun, preparedness education, and a chance to connect with their county emergency managers.

We welcomed a new Emergency Management Coordinator, and had 36 new volunteers join our agency.

The summer's flash drought and extended period of elevated fire risk demonstrated the importance of preparedness, and our staff and volunteers tirelessly worked on emergency plans and public preparedness outreach events throughout the year.



YC EMA Staff (L-R): Megan Arsenault and Art Cleaves.
Photo: Tammy L Wells

The York County Coastal Sand Dune Restoration and Protection Initiative advanced significantly. We secured \$180,000 in state Community Action Grant funding for joint design work between Saco and Old Orchard Beach, plus \$80,000 for Biddeford to begin the engineering process for rebuilding our beaches and protective sand dunes. We also completed the complex permitting and procedural requirements for emergency restoration work (which began in the spring of 2026), with some projects utilizing the York County dredge.

Our Alerts and Warnings program saw growth with more residents signing up (text YorkCountyAlerts to 226787 to sign up!) and we continued our Beach Alerts Project during the summer months. Kennebunk and York joined the program, bringing the total to five coastal communities.

School safety was a major focus. We trained on response plans with several school districts, notably RSU 57, and the first responder departments serving those towns. This will continue to be a focus in 2026 where we will exercise the plans we developed.

There have been many other tasks, projects, and successes during 2025. Our staff and volunteers dedicated countless hours to planning for and responding to emergencies, and we look forward to another year ahead of making our community safer for York County residents.

For more information on York County Emergency Management Agency's activities, follow us on Facebook, X, and Instagram: @yorkcountyema





FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Richard deRochemont, Facilities Manager

The facilities department saw many changes and a whole lot of projects in 2025. We continued work on the York County Jail sewer grinder building, which has seen multiple delays and is still awaiting final touches. The new machine removes unwanted trash, which helps save the county money.

A combined effort throughout the year with Landry French construction, our architects, and engineers meant finalization of the York County Regional Training Center. This could not have been completed without the help of our facilities team, YCRTC Director Roger Hooper, and County Manager Greg Zinser. This building, being a first of its kind, had many challenges throughout the year, but we're proud of the completed project. Our team has also been closely involved in the ongoing construction of the Recovery Center building.



Construction of the York County Recovery Center, December 2025



*Richard deRochemont, Facilities Manager.
Photo: Tammy L Wells*

2025 also saw the addition of a landscaping position. This allows the county to complete its own lawn mowing, trimming, tree maintenance and snow removal. By adding this position, we are now able to complete several tasks without contracting outside services. This approach saves time and money by not having to complete the lengthy and expensive process of going out to bid for outside vendors, and gives us control over the work being performed.

The facilities department also finalized the selection process for a new Facilities Supervisor position and promotion of Dan Hotaling who has been assigned to the York County Regional Training Center.

As always, we are constantly maintaining the county-owned buildings including the York County Court House, portions of which date to the 1800s, which takes a special touch when keeping everything operating. Upgrades occur regularly as things fail, and new devices and controls are integrated into the older infrastructure.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Lori Lemieux, Director

Logan Corliss, Finance Manager

The Finance Department oversees all financial matters for York County Government.

The York County Finance Team includes Finance Director Lori Lemieux, Finance Manager Logan Corliss, Deputy Treasurer Rose Leeman, and Finance Generalists Christina Hotaling and Alexandra Staples.

The elected Treasurer is Stacy Kilroy.

In 2025, we processed a weekly payroll for 300 full-time, part-time, and reserve employees. That number will continue to grow with the opening of the York County Regional Training Center and later, the York County Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Center.

The Finance Department oversees system administration for both our timekeeping software and our financial software. These two programs go hand in hand to ensure that all employee hours worked as well as time-off requests are accurately recorded. Our Finance Department works frequently with the Human Resources Department to enter employee retirement plans, benefits and other miscellaneous deductions every week through our payroll processing.

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

Our financial software allows us to have all our transactions recorded electronically, in addition to tracking our account receivables and reconciliation of multiple accounts. This allows us to have the proper framework to prepare and complete the annual audit process. We also are responsible for entering approximately 250 vendor invoices into the system weekly through accounts payable.

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 manage 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 American Recovery Plan Act grant, York County Emergency Management Agency grants and multiple law enforcement grants.

We, as your Finance Team, are here to support the residents of York County and York County Government.



*Finance Staff (L-R): Logan Corliss and Lori Lemieux.
Photo: Tammy L Wells*



FIRST COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Rob Boyd, Coordinator



Rob Boyd. Photo: Tammy L Wells

Mindful of the impact that could result with closure of the food pantry previously operated by a private nonprofit that had fallen on hard times, York County Commissioners on May 7, 2025, voted to take the necessary steps to ensure the pantry, which serves about 3,000 people a month, continues on.

Operated under the helm of the nonprofit First County Foundation, Inc. York County Government's charitable arm, the pantry served an estimated 403,000 pounds of food from that May date through the end of 2025.

Pantry coordinator Rob Boyd began tracking the number of children served by the pantry late in 2025 – in December, the number was 584 – and although this report marks events in the 2025 calendar year – it is notable that in January 2026, 943 children were served.

Previously, the pantry had been operated by York County Shelter Programs Inc. at their campus on Shaker Hill in Alfred until 2018, when it moved to the county-owned building at the intersection of Swett's Bridge Road and Route 4. The building and most utilities were provided to the agency by the county government as a courtesy, without charge. In the late spring of 2025, it became apparent that without intervention, the YCSP pantry would close – and so county commissioners stepped in.

The pantry operates like a market, where those who come for food browse for the items they need. Holiday distributions take place at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

First County Food Pantry is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 Swett's Bridge Road, off Route 4, in Alfred.

The pantry is a member of Good Shepherd Food Bank, and area supermarkets are generous, as are farmers at harvest.

First County Foundation thanks all those who have contributed through financial or food donations – both individual and corporate. All contributions help keep the pantry operating and available to folks from across York County. Thanks as well to the volunteers who give their time each week. All of your efforts are appreciated.



A volunteer sorts through turkeys at First County Food Pantry. Photo: Tammy L Wells



HUMAN RESOURCES

Linda Hutchins-Corliss, HR Director/Deputy
County Manager
Christine Bean, HR Manager

The Human Resources Department provides comprehensive organizational leadership in personnel management and employee and labor relations.

Our core responsibilities include recruitment and onboarding; administration of employee benefits, compensation, and job classification; development and implementation of organizational policies; participation in collective bargaining and labor relations processes; coordination of the Workers' Compensation program; ensuring legal compliance and required reporting; promoting employee engagement; and supporting workplace safety and wellness initiatives.

Safety and Risk Management Program

The Safety and Risk Management Program is dedicated to maintaining a safe, healthy, and compliant work environment for all employees. The department proactively reviews, develops, and implements safety programs, policies, and best practices designed to identify, assess, and mitigate workplace hazards.

A key component of this effort is the Safety and Wellness Committee, which meets monthly to evaluate incident reports, analyze root causes of workplace accidents, develop preventive strategies, and ensure that policies and procedures remain current and effective.

Recruitment and Benefits Management

York County Government remains committed to recruiting, retaining, and supporting a highly skilled and dedicated workforce. Throughout 2025 we actively engaged in recruitment by participating in job and career fairs and promoting employment opportunities that attract qualified and community-focused candidates. Employees who choose to build their careers with York County Government become part of a mission-driven organization supported by more than 250 dedicated professionals committed to serving residents and strengthening the community.

The HR team plays a central role in ensuring employees understand and maximize their available benefits and provides guidance and education to support informed decision-making and employee well-being.

Wellness and Enrichment

Employee health and well-being is a key priority. The York County Government continues to support a culture of wellness by offering programs and resources that promote physical and mental health. To enhance these priorities, HR introduced and distributed a weekly Benefits Blast, highlighting rotating topics like benefit plan reminders, wellness resources and online benefit tools.

Wellness Wednesday communications were shared with all employees to promote healthy lifestyles and workplace safety. These initiatives support employee engagement, proactive healthcare decision-making, and a healthier workplace environment.



HR Staff (L-R): Jennifer Elwell, Linda Hutchins-Corliss, Christine Bean, Jean Lalonde, Doreen Staples. Photo: Tammy L Wells

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

Jean Lalonde
Executive Administrative Assistant



(L-R): YC Jail's Mike Perry and HR's Jenn Elwell at the SRTC Job Fair - November, 2025.. Photo: Tammy L Wells

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



In 2025, the County proudly recognized the retirement of seven employees for their years of dedicated service.

Kathryn Dumont
County Administration

Clarissa Guary
District Attorney's Office

Donna Jensen
District Attorney's Office

David Lambert
Sheriff's Office

David Nalchajian
Finance Office

Diane St. Pierre
Registry of Deeds

Thomas Searway
Sheriff's Office



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Todd Charles, Technology Manager
Mike MacDonald, Systems Engineer

The Information Technology Department at York County Government continued to modernize and strengthen technology services in 2025. Building on the major infrastructure upgrades completed in 2024, we focused on improving reliability, expanding security protections, and preparing county systems for future growth and operational efficiency.

Throughout the year, IT staff worked to enhance network performance, streamline hardware deployments, and support public safety technology initiatives across all county locations.

2025 Highlights

- The IT staff was busy deploying more than 30 new workstations, phones and other connected devices at the York County Regional Training Center toward the end of 2025. A new 20-unit Computer Lab was brought online to be used for any type of instruction requiring hands-on training.
- We continued refinement of the managed firewall and routing environment provided by Consolidated Communications. This service model continues to reduce capital expenditures on hardware while improving monitoring, support, and lifecycle management.
- The staff completed support and optimization activities for the jail's key management system, ensuring reliable operation and secure access control.
- We continued the multi-year workstation refresh at York County Sheriff's Office and implemented standardized imaging and deployment processes to improve support efficiency.
- We continued the rollout and support of cost-effective Mini PCs across all county departments. These compact devices have reduced hardware costs, lower power consumption, and improved workspace organization.
- We maintained and supported both in-car and body camera systems for YCSO Patrol operations, ensuring reliable evidence capture and storage.

- Staff further optimized the county's virtual server environment. By continuing to retire aging physical servers and consolidating workloads, the county reduced hardware footprint, maintenance costs, and power usage while improving system resiliency.
- We advanced planning and readiness efforts for the countywide phone system migration, including infrastructure review, configuration planning, and coordination with departments.
- We maintained continuous monitoring, investigation, and mitigation of cybersecurity threats targeting County systems and data. Proactive security practices remain a core function of the department's daily operations.

Department Overview

The Information Technology Department operates with two full-time staff: Technology Manager Todd Charles, and Systems Engineer Michael MacDonald.

Despite its small size, the department provides comprehensive support for nearly 250 users, 10 county locations, more than 20 mobile units, approximately 200 workstations, more than 30 printers, dozens of network-connected devices and multiple cloud-based platforms.

We remain committed to ensuring the availability, security, and efficiency of York County's technology resources. Through careful planning, strategic investments, and daily vigilance against cybersecurity threats, the team continues to support York County's mission of delivering reliable, secure services to staff and the public.



IT Staff (L-R): Mike MacDonald, Todd Charles. Photo: Tammy L Wells



PROBATE COURT

Scott M. Houde, Judge of Probate



*(Left) Judge of Probate: Scott M Houde.
Photo: Tammy L Wells*

I have had the honor of serving as York County’s Probate Court Judge for more than six years.

The Probate Court has jurisdiction over many types of cases, including, but not limited to, guardianships and conservatorships of adults and minors, minor and adult adoptions, cases involving wills, trusts and estate matters, and name changes.

The York County Probate Court and Registry of Probate budget allows for eight full-time office professionals and a part-time judge, who is elected by the voters of York County.

The Probate Court holds court 10 days a month, which also includes reviewing files and writing orders. Additionally, the Court has one York County deputy handling entrance screening five days a week and another York County deputy in the courtroom whenever court is in session. The office staff, deputies, and judge take pride in working together to provide consumers of its services with an efficient and safe court.

The importance of the Probate Court cannot be overstated. Maine is the oldest state in the union, with a median age of 44.8. In York County, the median age is 45.5 years.

Probate courts are often referred to as the “family courts” as they handle cases of families in distress who are seeking protection for some of our state’s most vulnerable adults and children.

Families in our communities are under stress these days and need our court to provide timely services more than ever. I am grateful to the County and the Bar for their collaboration and support as the Court and its courthouse professionals work tirelessly to serve the public.

It is a true honor being the York County Probate Court Judge, and it is the most fulfilling job I have ever had. I count my blessings every day I get to serve.



PROBATE REGISTRY

Carol Lovejoy, Register

Casey Hartford, Deputy Register

The York County Registry of Probate boasts some of York County Government's longest term employees – bringing decades of institutional knowledge and expertise in the field. They include York County Register of Probate Carol Lovejoy, who marked 45 years in the probate registry in 2025, including 21 years as register. As well, Cindy St. Amand marked 37.5 years; Stephanie Lekakos, 32 years; and Kelly Demers, 21 years. Debra Ham has been a probate employee for 1.5 years of her 37.5 year tenure with York County government. Diana Plante has been a county employee for 26 years, with 1.5 years in probate, and Deidra Doyon Hobart has been employed 6.5 years of her 7 year, 9 month tenure in probate. Casey Hartford has been deputy probate register and office manager for seven years.



*Probate Registry Staff (L-R): Carol Lovejoy, Casey Hartford.
Photo: Tammy L Wells*

In 2025, the probate registry opened 1,195 new dockets and handled as many as 3,000 cases altogether. Cases include informal and formal probate proceedings, trusts and other estate filings, adoption filings, guardianships and conservatorships of adults and of minors, name change petitions and other civil matters.

The Registry of Probate processed 354 passport applications in 2025, nearly double the 178 applications processed in 2024.

Register Lovejoy and Deputy Register Hartford are part of a committee of the State of Maine Registers of Probate Association who are responsible for maintaining log-in credentials for entities allowed to access certain confidential information – a state rule change made adult guardianships and conservatorships confidential.

Register Lovejoy continues to be one of two probate registers on the Rules and Forms Committee along with members of the state courts, attorneys and judges.

A new audio visual system installed in the York County Probate Courtroom in 2025 has been a welcome and useful asset. In 2026 we hope to acquire additional furnishings for the probate courtroom.



RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Andrew O'Neill, Records Specialist

One of the most fascinating facets of my job in Records Management is examining and preserving York County's vast array of historical documents.

As the first county in Maine, established in 1636, our records stretch back to the colonial era, providing us a glimpse into the life back then, but the records also covered wide tracks of territory beyond what is modern day York County. Originally, York County included most of the Province of Maine; two areas were set off in 1760, forming Cumberland and Lincoln counties, with others to follow.

I have begun and made good progress on preserving the York County Commissioners' earliest case files and I hope to have more exciting information to come soon.

I have finished the documentation and preservation of many, many boxes filled with assorted deeds and documents from the 1700s-1900s. There is a rich history to be pulled from these early documents, and we hope to be able to share them with the public.

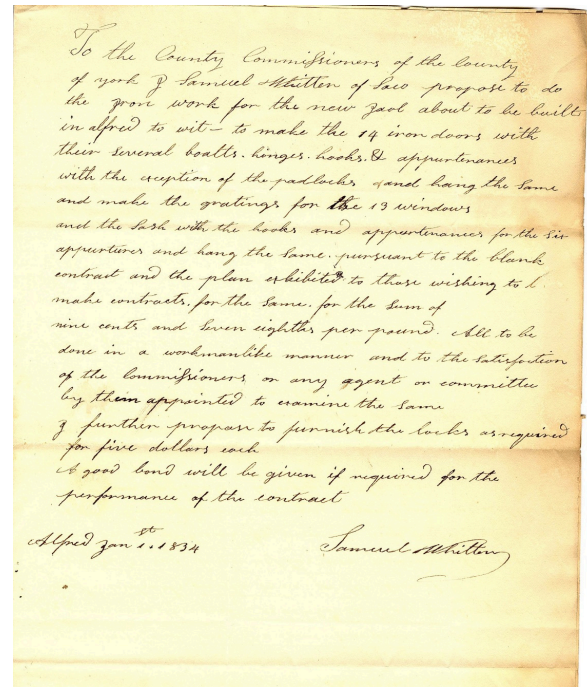
In the fall of 2025, the Registry of Deeds and Records Management partnered with Massabesic Adult and Community Education to provide a look at the historic 1806 York County Court House in Alfred, and some of the historical documents inside. It was a popular event, and we were very excited by the public's positive reception. In the spring of 2026, we planned a tour with RSU 35 - Marshwood Adult Education.

Part of our ongoing efforts are the cataloging and digitization of our public records. York County hopes to make these and other historical documents easily accessible to the public through a web portal.

Along with the historical work, I am engaged in retention schedules and other aspects of records management. Work is being done to address retention planning with digital records and to address aging paper records and how they should be stored and dispositioned.



Andrew O'Neill (right) speaks to adult education class at the York County Court House in Alfred. Photo: Tammy L Wells



Copy of a construction document from 1834 - a proposal to the York County Commissioners to manufacture iron doors and window gratings for the new Goal in Alfred, Maine



REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Roger Hooper, Director / Fire Administrator

The year 2025 was an incredibly busy but exhilarating one that centered around construction and outfitting of the York County Regional Training Center. The facility was built with funding from the American Recovery Plan Act, and several Congressionally Directed Spending awards. Completed in December 2025, the training facility was built to provide top quality training, close to home, for all first responder disciplines – police, fire, emergency medical services, corrections, and dispatching.

We worked with our longtime partner, York County Community College, to update and expand an existing collaboration agreement between the county government and the college.

A great deal of planning, coordination and liaison occurred with the District 1 Police Chiefs, York County Fire/EMS Chiefs and the YCCC EMS Employer Board to determine training needs, prepare programming, and build training schedules.

Preparation of several requests for proposals were developed, processed and managed in order to obtain the necessary training aids, props, furniture, information systems, and other needs to outfit the state-of-the-art facility.

In addition, as fire administration, we hosted several fire service training courses in the EMA classroom at the York County Government Building. Through a grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office, medical screenings were conducted for 200 first responders from York County. The Second Annual Wildland Firefighter Academy was successfully held in June, and the office continued to sponsor Emergency Medical Technician courses in partnership with York County Community College.

As fire administration, we trained an estimated 331 first responders in 2025, including 19 engaged in entry level firefighter training, 18 in Hazmat technician training, 140 completed fire officer and fire instructor programs, 71 completed emergency medical training, 58 completed driver operating training and 25 completed wildland firefighting.

We provided advice and assistance to Cumberland County in their process to develop and hire a County Fire Administrator.

2025 was a busy and successful year. It set the stage for 2026 to be a year of change and enhancement of first responder training in York County.



Roger Hooper in front of the York County Regional Training Center in Alfred. Photo: Tammy L Wells



Roger Hooper during construction of the York County Regional Training Center in Alfred. Photo: Tammy L Wells



REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Nancy Hammond, Registrar
Wendy Caiazzo, Deputy Registrar

Real estate transactions continue to increase in York County, as evidenced by recordings at York County Registry of Deeds. In 2025, the deeds registry recorded 47,523 documents – 2,023 more than the 45,500 recorded in 2024. There were 41,005 documents recorded in 2023. Plan recordings were in the 500-plus range each of the last three years.

The total fees generated by these recordings was \$1,368,264; additional fees for copies, postage and services totaled \$43,709. Real Estate Transfer Tax collected in 2025 totaled \$13,588,637 with \$12,271,577 being turned over to the State of Maine as per statute, and \$1,317,060 being retained by the County. The total funds collected in 2025 by the Registry of Deeds on behalf of York County was \$1,368,570.

May 2025 brought two new staff members to the York County Registry of Deeds, Marilyn Mitchell and Wendy Staples, restoring our staff to five clerks. Marilyn and Wendy are great additions to our team. I am very proud of my staff and the excellent service they provide to the property owners of York County.

In 2025 as Registrar, I served on the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State of Maine. The Commissions' findings and recommendations have been submitted to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee to assist in drafting legislation. Along with Maine's efforts, the entire country is working towards putting laws in effect to help protect homeownership.

While we wait for legislation to help us fight fraud, the ongoing threat remains on our radar. Luckily, we have seen a decrease in the number of instances being reported to our office in the past year. I believe the efforts of all the stakeholders in real estate transactions are working diligently to make sure fraud attempts are stopped before documents reach our office for recording.

We strongly recommend property owners to enroll in the free Fraud Alert service offered by our software provider Info Quick Solutions, Inc. at:

<https://www.searchiqs.com/fraudalert>



Registry of Deeds staff (L-R): Nancy Hammond, Wendy Caiazzo
Photo: Tammy L Wells



York County Court House tour 2025: (Left) Nancy Hammond, Registrar of Deeds and students Photo: Tammy L Wells



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. Sheriff King is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and is an American Jail Association Certified Jail Manager.

The York County Sheriff's Office is the second largest Sheriff's Office in Maine. There are three specific divisions: Police Services, Corrections, and Civil Processing. The largest of the three divisions is York County Jail, a direct supervision facility that has a capacity to hold 296 residents. Our average daily population at the jail exceeds 200 residents. The jail achieved a 100 percent compliance rating during its biennium inspection by the Maine Department of Corrections. According to Corrections Officials, a 100 percent compliance rating is rare!

Major Lori Marks is the Jail Administrator and has been named "Manager of the Year" by the Maine Sheriffs' Association.

Our Police Services Division was the first Sheriff's Office to gain MLEAP (Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program) Accreditation. An MLEAP Accreditation ensures that Police Services has the most contemporary and current policies and its procedures reflect the highest standard in law enforcement.

We provide police services to 14 of the 29 municipalities in York County. These municipalities 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 25,682 calls for service in 2025.

We take pride in the work of our employees and host an annual ceremony that recognizes exceptional staff, effort and outcomes.



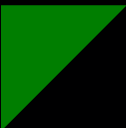
York County Sheriff's Office staff (L-R): Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes. Photo: Tammy L Wells

Both Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes and Patrol Commander Major Craig Sanford are graduates of the FBI National Academy.

Our Civil Division handles approximately 17,000 civil processes each year and provides security at York County Court House in Alfred. The Civil Division is supervised by Supervisory Deputy Brad Paul, a former police chief and executive board member of the Maine Chiefs of Police.

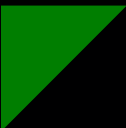
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

The next two pages contain the York County General Fund Budget Summaries for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. Please note fiscal years differ from calendar year.



BUDGET FY 26

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



BUDGET FY 27

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

County of York FY 26 - GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

COUNTY OF YORK FY26 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%

County of York FY 27 - GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

COUNTY OF YORK FY27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY26	FY27	FY27	FY27	FY27
GENERAL FUND REVENUES	BUDGET	DEPT	MANAGER	INCR/(DECR)	% CHANGE
EMPG (50% EMA REIMB)	262,539	262,539	262,539	0	0.00%
MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS	24,648,549	27,111,630	27,111,630	2,463,081	9.99%
OTHER INTERGOV REV	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
CIVIL PROCESS ADMIN FEE	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	
POLICE RPTS & BACKGRND CKS	8,000	9,000	9,000	1,000	12.50%
PROBATE REVENUE	500,000	525,000	525,000	25,000	5.00%
DEEDS RECORDING	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000	0	0.00%
DEEDS TRANSFER TAX	1,150,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	100,000	8.70%
DEEDS PHOTOCOPIES	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	220,000	220,000	220,000	0	0.00%
EMA OPERATIONS RENT	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
OFFICE SPACE RENTAL	40,000	40,000	40,000	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%
MeDATS Revenue	30,000	40,000	40,000	10,000	33.33%
UTILIZATION OF RESERVES	250,000	225,000	225,000	-25,000	-10.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	28,592,088	31,216,169	31,216,169	2,624,081	9.18%
DEPARTMENTS					
NEW REQUESTS (See individual depts)	New Requests costs are included in appropriate department				
COMMISSIONERS/GOV BODY	94,729	102,950	102,950	8,221	8.68%
MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION	1,720,120	2,065,916	2,065,916	345,796	20.10%
FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE	911,134	1,101,894	1,101,894	190,760	20.94%
TREASURER	552	626	626	74	13.44%
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	2,087,340	1,979,412	1,979,412	-107,928	-5.17%
DEEDS	612,025	619,711	619,711	7,686	1.26%
PROBATE	1,044,498	1,032,473	1,032,473	-12,025	-1.15%
POLICE/SHERIFF	4,456,651	4,804,788	4,804,788	348,137	7.81%
COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH	875,465	910,900	910,900	35,435	4.05%
EMA DEPT	858,247	998,944	998,944	140,697	16.39%
YORK CO REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER	347,096	611,706	611,706	264,610	76.24%
MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	1,444,682	1,549,534	1,549,534	104,852	7.26%
PUBLIC AGENCIES	146,075	147,359	147,359	1,284	0.88%
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	817,494	807,083	807,083	-10,411	-1.27%
REGIONAL RECOVERY CENTER	1,498,658	1,851,979	1,851,979	353,321	23.58%
FOOD PANTRY	0	111,822	111,822	111,822	
JAIL CAP (ASSESSMENT)	11,677,322	12,519,071	12,519,071	841,749	7.21%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,592,088	31,216,169	31,216,169	2,624,081	9.18%



