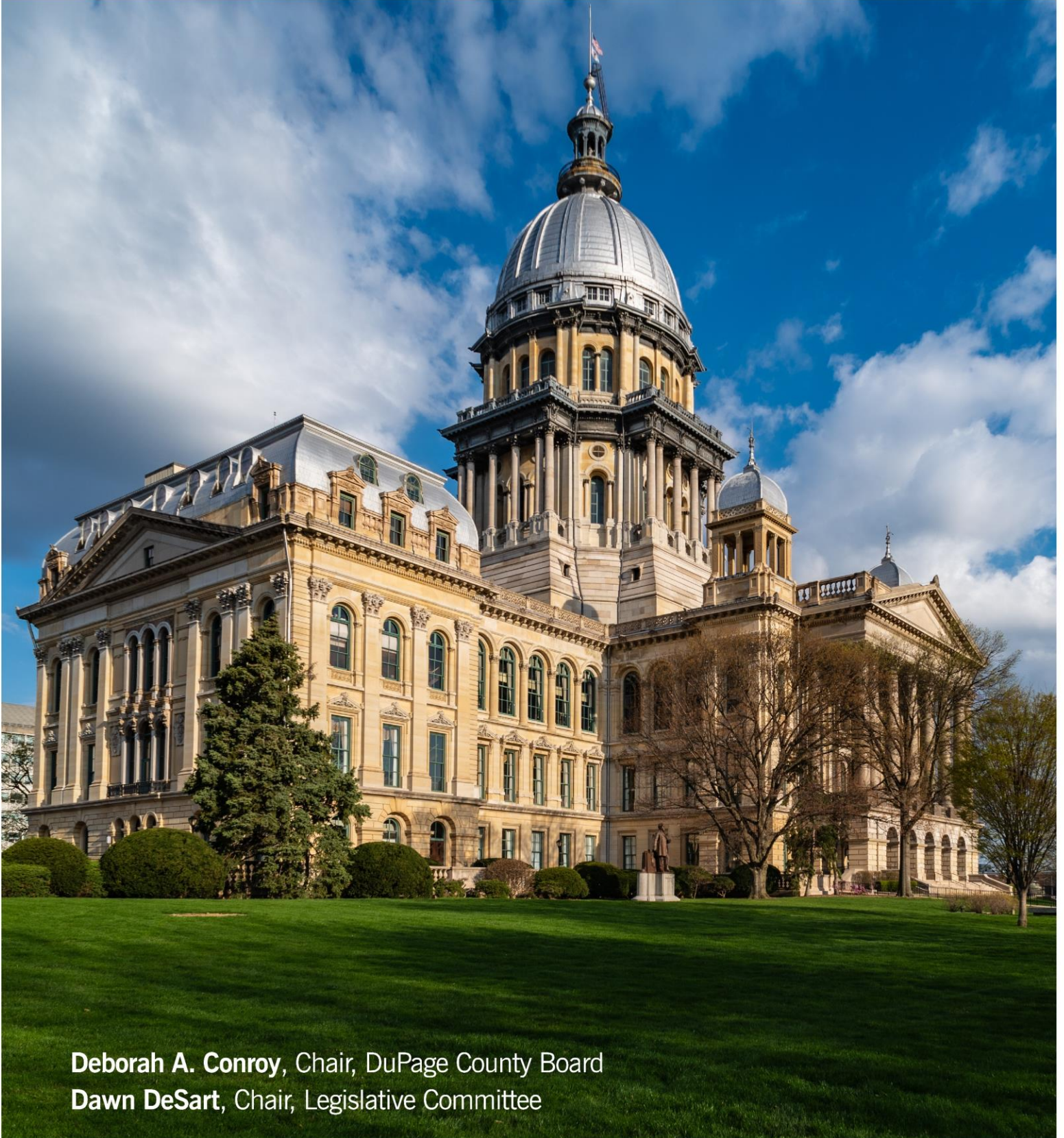




# DUPAGE COUNTY

## 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



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**Dawn DeSart**, Chair, Legislative Committee





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## GOVERNMENT PROFILE

## COUNTY FACTS

### DuPage County, Illinois

Incorporated January 1, 1838

#### Cities located entirely or partly in DuPage:

Aurora, Batavia, Chicago, Darien, Elmhurst, Naperville, Oakbrook Terrace, St. Charles, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton and Wood Dale

#### Villages located entirely or partly in DuPage:

Addison, Bartlett, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Bolingbrook, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Elk Grove Village, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Hanover Park, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lemont, Lisle, Lombard, Oak Brook, Roselle, Schaumburg, Villa Park, Wayne, Westmont, Willowbrook, Winfield and Woodridge

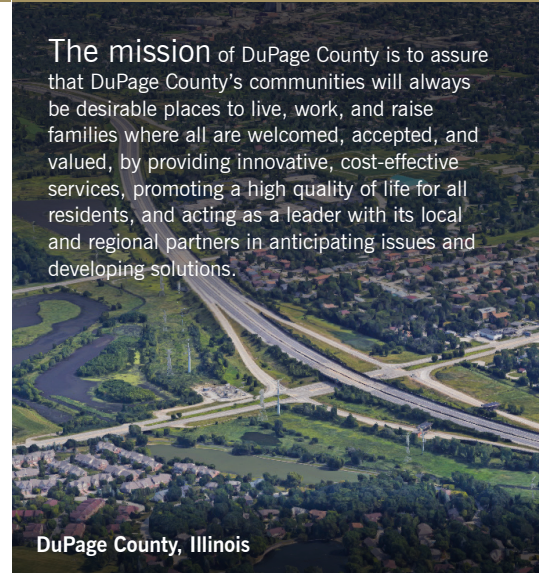
#### Unincorporated communities:

Cloverdale, Eola, Flowerfield, Keeneyville, Lakewood, Medinah, Palisades, Swift, and York Center

#### Townships:

Addison, Bloomingdale, Downers Grove, Lisle, Milton, Naperville, Wayne, Winfield and York

The mission of DuPage County is to assure that DuPage County's communities will always be desirable places to live, work, and raise families where all are welcomed, accepted, and valued, by providing innovative, cost-effective services, promoting a high quality of life for all residents, and acting as a leader with its local and regional partners in anticipating issues and developing solutions.



DuPage County, Illinois

### Demographic Information<sup>1</sup>

- Population
- Total Population: ..... 928,814
- Incorporated Population: ..... 832,363
- Unincorporated Population: ..... 96,451



### Race, Ethnicity, Gender<sup>2</sup>

- Caucasian: ..... 65.0%
- African American: ..... 5.4%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: ..... 0.4%
- Asian: ..... 13.2%
- Hispanic or Latino: ..... 15.0%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: ..... 0.01%
- Other: ..... 3.53%
- Male: ..... 49.5%
- Female: ..... 50.5%



### Education Attainment<sup>3</sup>

- High School Graduate: ..... 93.3%
- Bachelor's Degree: ..... 50.3%
- Graduate or Professional Degree: ..... 19.6%



### Colleges and Universities<sup>4</sup>

- Devry University
- College of DuPage
- Wheaton College
- Benedictine University
- Elmhurst University
- North Central College
- Midwestern University
- National University of Health Sciences
- Lewis University



### Area Information<sup>5</sup>

- Persons per Square Miles: ..... 2,773.4
- Open Space: ..... 20% or 443,060 acres
- Total Area: ..... 336.36 sq. miles
- Total Incorporated Area: ..... 247.58 sq. miles
- Total Unincorporated Area: ..... 88.78 sq. miles
- District 1: ..... 54.81 sq. miles
- District 2: ..... 49.99 sq. miles
- District 3: ..... 53.08 sq. miles
- District 4: ..... 38.64 sq. miles
- District 5: ..... 49.63 sq. miles
- District 6: ..... 90.22 sq. miles



### Financial Information<sup>6</sup>

- County Revenue: ..... \$523.0 million
- Sales Tax Revenue: ..... \$138.0 million
- Property Tax Revenue<sup>7</sup>: ..... \$48.2 million
- Local Gas Tax Revenue: ..... \$38.8 million
- Income Tax Revenue: ..... \$16.4 million
- Funds on Hand: ..... \$107.5 million



### Economic Information<sup>8</sup>

- Unemployment Rate: ..... 4.2%
- Number of Jobs: ..... 654,386
- Office Space Vacancy Rate: ..... 15.8%
- Industrial Space Vacancy Rate: ..... 3.2%
- Bond rating: ..... AAA<sup>9</sup>
- Housing Units: ..... 344,314<sup>10</sup>
- Median Household Income: ..... \$94,930<sup>11</sup>



<sup>1</sup> ESRI/American Community Survey 2023

<sup>2</sup> ESRI/American Community Survey 2023

<sup>3</sup> 2020 U.S. Census

<sup>4</sup> There are 18 colleges and universities in DuPage County

<sup>5</sup> DuPage GIS Map Book (2022)

<sup>6</sup> DuPage County FY2025 Proposed Budget

<sup>7</sup> 2024 County revenue minus Health Department tax levy

<sup>8</sup> Choose DuPage 2024 statistics

<sup>9</sup> Maintains AAA bond rating with all three rating agencies: Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch

<sup>10</sup> 2020 U.S. Census

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## DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD



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Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building

### District 1



**Cindy Cronin Cahill** **R**  
Elmhurst



**Michael Childress** **D**  
Bloomington

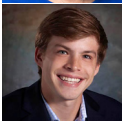


**Sam Tornatore** **R**  
Roselle

### District 2



**Paula Deacon Garcia** **D**  
Lisle



**Andrew Honig** **D**  
Lombard



**Yeena Yoo** **D**  
Elmhurst

### District 3



**Lucy Chang Evans** **D**  
Naperville



**Kari Galassi** **R**  
Hinsdale



**Brian Krajewski** **R**  
Downers Grove

### District 4



**Grant Eckhoff** **R**  
Wheaton



**Lynn LaPlante** **D**  
Glen Ellyn

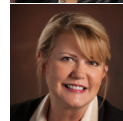


**Mary FitzGerald Ozog** **D**  
Glen Ellyn

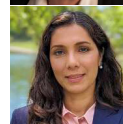
### District 5



**Sadia Covert** **D**  
Naperville



**Dawn DeSart** **D**  
Aurora

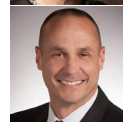


**Saba Haider** **D**  
Aurora

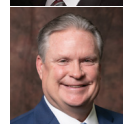
### District 6



**Sheila Rutledge** **D**  
West Chicago



**Greg Schwarze** **D**  
Carol Stream



**James F. Zay** **R**  
Carol Stream



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### Overview

DuPage County is the second-largest county in Illinois with more than 925,000 residents. The County is comprised of 9 townships, portions of 39 municipalities, and 336 square miles. DuPage is a major employment center for northeastern Illinois, home to 630,000 jobs, 90,000 businesses, 7 hospitals, 2 national laboratories (Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator), 18 institutions of higher education, 300 miles of bikeways, and 23,000 acres of forest preserve property. More than 20% of the county is open space.

County residents elect the County Board Chair at-large plus nine other Countywide Elected Officials, including the Auditor, County Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Coroner, Recorder, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff, State's Attorney, and Treasurer. The County Board includes eighteen members who are elected from six County Board Districts (three members per district).

Core county government services include the provision of: public safety/Sheriff's Office and the operation of the County Jail; administration of the 18th Judicial Circuit, the second-largest court system in the state (and all related agencies - judiciary, State's Attorney, Circuit Court Clerk, Public Defender, Jury Commission, Probation); construction and maintenance of the County highway and trails system; delivery of public health, environmental health, mental health care, and substance use prevention; assistance with food, emergency shelter, utilities, and transportation services to residents in need; programs for seniors including adult protective services; flood control and stormwater management; job training and job search support; water and sewer services; building and permitting; zoning enforcement; administration of Countywide elections; operation of the County nursing home; emergency management and emergency preparedness; and operation of the County animal shelter. County leaders continue to seek opportunities to share the delivery of public services to minimize the tax burden on residents.

DuPage County continues to receive a AAA Bond Rating from all three major credit rating agencies, a designation shared by just 2% of counties nationwide. County government also accounts for 2% of the average property tax bill.



# DUPAGE COUNTY



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### 2025 State Legislative Priorities

1. **Develop a Statewide Mental Health Care System**

Expand access to mental health care and substance abuse disorder services, with a focus on youth. Ensure adequate reimbursement through Medicaid and private health insurance, provide incentives to encourage more individuals to enter the behavioral health workforce, and fund innovative programs at the local level.

2. **Economic Stability for All of DuPage**

DuPage County boasts a robust economy and is an excellent place to raise a family, start a business, and enjoy cultural landmarks. However, we are not immune to broader economic challenges. Issues such as affordable housing for our diverse workforce, food insecurity affecting 1 in 10 DuPage families, and homelessness still persist. We support legislative efforts to address these challenges and enhance economic stability for our residents.

3. **Reimagine Our Public Transit System**

Modernize our public transit delivery system to expand and provide equitable access to transit services across the collar counties. These improvements aim to meet the needs of employers, job seekers, and aging and disabled populations while supporting a governance structure that strengthens the RTA and expands suburban representation.

4. **Protect Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Dollars**

The state's push for accelerated electrification of vehicles is negatively impacting a key funding source for maintaining and constructing county highways. As local and state MFT revenues diminish due to vehicle and fleet electrification, state leaders must consider a replacement revenue source.

5. **Property Tax Modernization**

DuPage County is a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars, particularly regarding property taxes. We advocate for modernizing property tax administration rules to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the use of taxpayer money.

6. **Allocate a Fair Share of Income Tax Revenues**

Provide counties and municipalities with their fair share of income tax proceeds through the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) to support the delivery of critical local government services to residents.

7. **Keeping Our Communities Safe**

Protect our residents, especially children, from injury and death through a public education and awareness campaign on gun safety. Enact safe gun storage provisions and protect victims of domestic violence by requiring law enforcement officers to promptly remove firearms from individuals subject to orders of protection.





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### 8. **Protecting Our Environment**

Support legislation that reduces the environmental impact of residents and businesses by promoting waste reduction and diverting materials from landfills.

### 9. **Equity for Our Special Needs Population**

DuPage County has a longstanding commitment to caring for residents with special needs. We aim to continue this legacy by supporting policies that promote equity and dignity for the special needs community.

### 10. **Caring for Our Animal Population**

Advocate for animal welfare by opposing attempts to repeal the current ban on puppy mills, closing the Illinois Department of Agriculture's "dog dealer" licensure loophole, and enacting additional measures to protect animals from inhumane treatment.