



City of Madison

COVID Recovery Dashboard

October 2020 Digest

Welcome to our second monthly digest, where we share selected trends from the Data Team's COVID Recovery Dashboard.

For more details, including source information, please visit the dashboard at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/health-safety/coronavirus/recovery-dashboard>.

Arts & Culture

Future booking interest for the next 6 months at Monona Terrace is trending down slightly compared to 2019 due to pandemic uncertainty. However, booking interest further out than that remains on par with 2019 levels, and booking interest is strong compared to industry trends.

Economy

On the consumer behavior front, the number of outstanding Water Utility bills continues to be lower than in 2019, despite a suspension of penalties and late fees.

Health & Safety

Madison Police Department calls for service were 71% of 2019's levels for the month to date, a trend which has held from the pandemic's onset. Madison Fire Department EMS patient runs, which dipped sharply at the pandemic's onset, are now at about 85% of 2019 levels for the most recent week of data. Madison Police and Fire Department members attribute this to fewer people being out.

The Police Department also attributes this to operational decisions, which began in March, to limit response to minor calls of several types to reduce chances for officers to be exposed to COVID. Additionally, daily protest activity has resulted in extended periods where MPD patrol response is limited to emergency/priority incidents.

Homeownership

Dane County median home prices have risen sharply since the onset of the pandemic: it crossed \$310,000 for only the second time in April, and has stayed there ever since. September 2020's median home price now sits at 18% higher than in September 2019. This mirrors national trends and industry reports, which suggest that many are seeking more spacious and private homes in which to weather the pandemic.

Labor Market

Dane County weekly unemployment trends mirror national trends: unemployment claims and the unemployment rate, while higher than in 2019, are down from their pandemic peak.

Out & About

Madison major artery traffic counts, pedestrian counts, and airport arrivals remain below 2019 levels. Bike trail usage remains on par with 2019 levels, as it has throughout the pandemic.

Rentership

A July peak brought Dane County eviction filings almost to 2019 levels, following the eviction moratorium. However, in September, only 68 were filed, just 36% of September 2019's level. This may reflect a new CDC order that partially halts evictions.

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