



City of Madison COVID Recovery Dashboard

November 2020 Digest

Welcome to our 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>.

Health & Safety

A concern throughout the pandemic has been the potential effect on domestic disturbance incidents. Heading into new Dane County public health orders calling for limited gatherings and mobility, domestic disturbance calls to the MPD remain in decline from earlier in the year, and lower than their 2019 levels.

Household Stability + Rentership

Throughout the pandemic, many have anticipated a spike in evictions. However, due to various eviction moratorium orders, this spike has not yet arrived: each month of the pandemic so far, fewer eviction cases have been filed than in the corresponding month of 2019.

The number of referrals for housing assistance at the United Way 211 human services line may be a leading predictor of evictions: that is, a rise in this metric may precede a rise in evictions. So far, it remains above 2019 levels, but has been relatively steady since August.

Labor Market

Unemployment claims, while higher than in 2019, are down from their pandemic peak. Dane County's unemployment rate, meanwhile, was down to 3.8% in September, the most recent month of data – which, while still higher than September 2019's level of 2.3%, is a decline from the pandemic peak of 10.5% in April.

Out & About

In mid-March, following the onset of the pandemic, indicators of resident mobility fell sharply. Two of these indicators, pedestrian counts on State St. and traffic counts on major arteries, have since been creeping upward.

In the past week, both dipped. This may reflect random noise – or it may be a sign that residents are heeding calls from the Mayor and public health officials to limit their mobility anew. However, bike trail usage remains on par with 2019 levels.

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