

Greater Dubuque 2022 Progress Report

GREATER DUBUQUE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBER RECEIVES INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

The CEO of the Q Casino and Greater Dubuque Board Member, Alex Dixon, has made a name for himself in the gaming industry and now in Dubuque. While he's new to the Q, casinos have been a family legacy for the Las Vegas native. He has brought not only that heritage but lifelong expertise to his role, growing the Q Casino into a destination for gaming and recreation.

In December, Global Gaming Business Magazine featured Dixon in their "People to Watch" spotlight. They discussed his skyrocketing career in the industry and how he plans to usher the Q Casino into a new phase as a destination resort.



TO READ THE ARTICLE: [Visit the Global Gaming Business Magazine website.](#)

JOHN DEERE LEADS DIVISION RANKINGS FOR "WORLD'S MOST ADMIRABLE COMPANIES" FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

John Deere is the largest employer in the Greater Dubuque area, operating their Construction and Forestry Division in our community. The company ranked #1 in the Construction and Farm Machinery Industry on the Fortune Magazine "World's Most Admired Companies" list.

The rankings were developed by surveying top executives and directors from eligible companies, along with financial analysts, to identify the companies that enjoy the strongest reputations both within and across industries.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [Visit the Fortune Magazine website](#)

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GREATER DUBUQUE EXISTING BUSINESS EXPANSIONS: NEW PROJECTS SET TO CREATE MORE THAN 150 JOBS AND \$56M IN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Greater Dubuque Development has the distinct privilege of working with some of the world's most successful companies. Year after year, with both challenges and opportunities, Greater Dubuque's private-sector partners continue to survive, thrive, and win in the free market.

Greater Dubuque Development both salutes and offers gratitude to the following companies and their teams for continued expansions and investments. The Greater Dubuque region is an economically vital place because of their confidence in our community.

Klauer Manufacturing

Klauer Manufacturing Company announced plans in January 2022 to expand their existing manufacturing operations in the Kerper Boulevard Industrial Park. The company will invest over \$13 Million on building construction and manufacturing equipment which will expand the existing building by 73,000 square feet. Klauer Manufacturing also plans to add 16 high-quality jobs in conjunction with the expansion.

Founded in 1870, Klauer is a national leader in manufacturing premium sheet metal building products. Klauer is in its fifth generation of family ownership and management. With two locations in Dubuque, Klauer Manufacturing will have over 370,000 square feet of manufacturing and warehousing space upon completion of the project at the end of this year.



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ROB APEL
Existing Business Specialist*



KRISTIN DIETZEL
Community Tour Guide*



NELSON KLAVITTER
Community Tour Guide*



CHRIS APEL
Community Tour Guide*

* Contractor or Part-time Staff

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Progressive Processing

Progressive Processing, a subsidiary of Hormel Foods, announced plans in January 2022 for a project that will invest \$43 Million and create 38 high-quality jobs in the Dubuque Industrial Center West.

This is the second expansion in just over two years for the company. In 2019, the company moved ahead with plans to expand their Dubuque facility and workforce. For that project, the company invested more than \$13 Million and created 58 new jobs.

Rite-Hite

Rite-Hite Environmental Enclosures, a division of industrial products manufacturer Rite-Hite, announced in January 2022 that it will add a third shift at its Dubuque factory. The company plans to hire approximately 100 manufacturing associates for assembly, industrial sewing, welding and CNC machining to cover the new third shift, as well as bolster the existing first and second shifts.



Located in the Dubuque Industrial Center West, the plant was originally built in 1983 and most recently expanded in 2017. The Rite-Hite and DuctSox products manufactured in Dubuque are installed in factories, warehouses, distribution centers and commercial facilities all across the U.S. and around the world.

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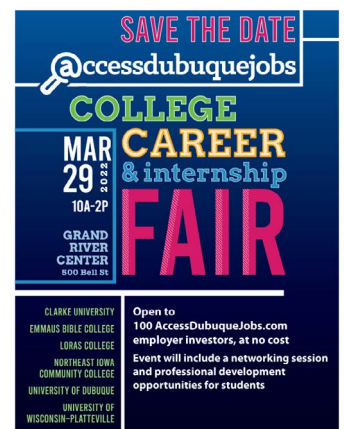
NEW DATE ACCESSDUBUQUEJOBS.COM COLLEGE CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FAIR NOW MARCH 29TH

The AccessDubuqueJobs.com Career and Professional Development Fair, originally scheduled for February, will now be held **March 29th at the Grand River Center**. This event is held in partnership with Clarke University, Loras College, Emmaus Bible College, Northeast Iowa Community College, University of Dubuque, and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

The fair will include employer booths offered at no cost for AccessDubuqueJobs.com investors, concurrent sessions for students to expand their career learning, and a special networking event from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for employers to connect with students.

The event will include lunch and refreshments for attending employers. [Registration is available via Survey Monkey](#). Space is limited to the first 100 employers.

[Register today!](#) Contact Mandi Dolson at mandid@greaterdubuque.org if you are unable to register online or have additional questions.



ACCESSDUBUQUEJOBS.COM UPDATE

New Investors

- Change Healthcare

Renewed Investors

- Carlisle Ryan Digital Print & Services
- City of Dubuque
- City of Peosta
- Clarke University
- Dubuque Screw Products, Inc.

Renewed Investors, cont.

- Hillcrest Family Services
- Managed Solutions Group
- MidWestOne Bank
- Modernfold, Inc.
- Rite-Hite Corp.
- Sedona Staffing Services
- Simmons Pet Food
- Stonehill Communities
- The Fountain of Youth
- Thompson Truck & Trailer
- Weitz Sign Company



upcoming religious celebrations & cultural events

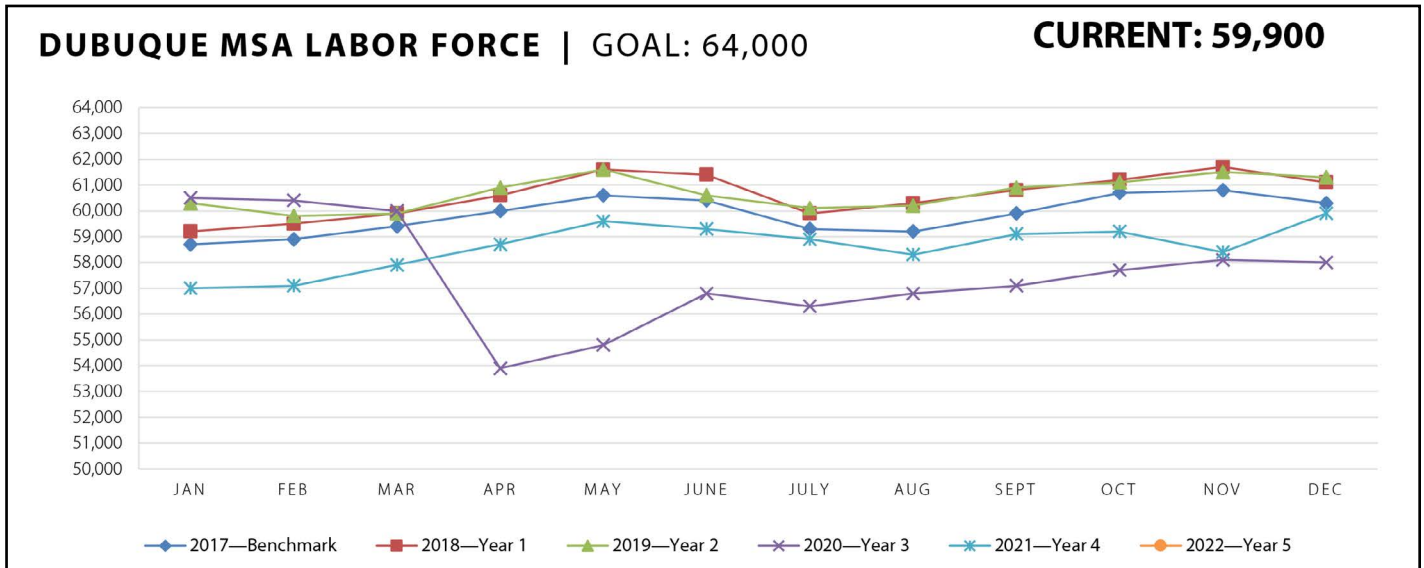
- FEB 21ST** Presidents' Day (U.S. Secular)
- MAR 1ST** Remembrance Day (Marshallese)
- MAR 1ST** Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)

- MAR 2ND - APR 14TH** Lent (Christian)
- EVENING OF MAR 16TH - EVENING OF MAR 17TH** Purim (Jewish)
- MAR 18TH** Holi (Hindu)

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JOB CREATION UPDATE

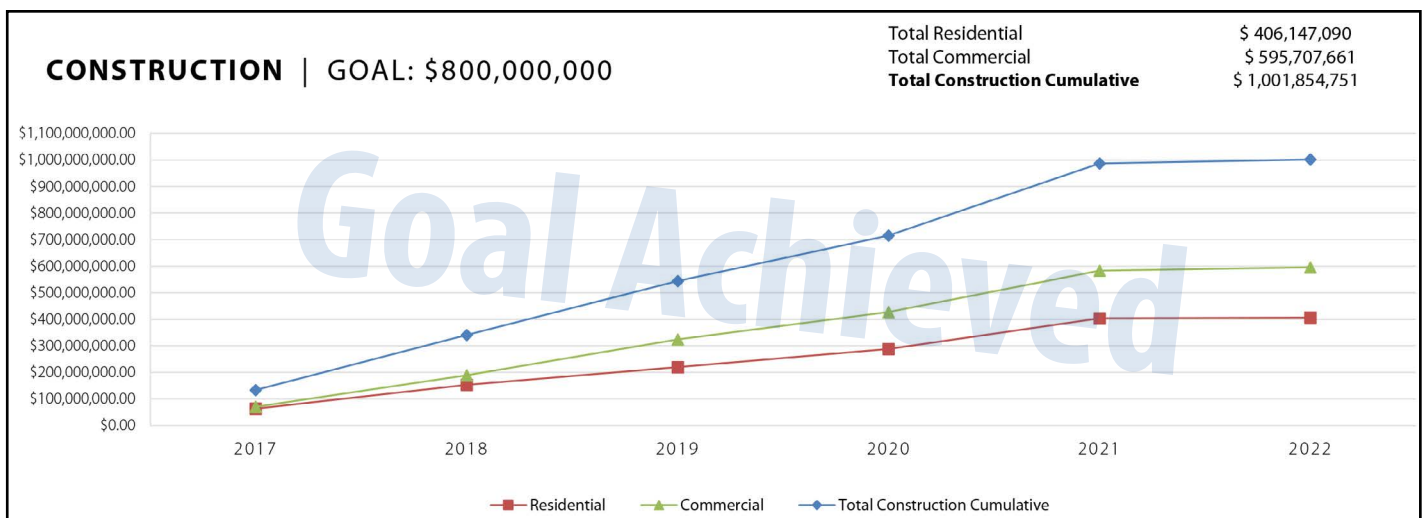
The resident unemployment rate for December 2021 was reported as 3.1% and non-farm employment was 59,900.



SOURCE: Iowa Workforce Development

NEW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

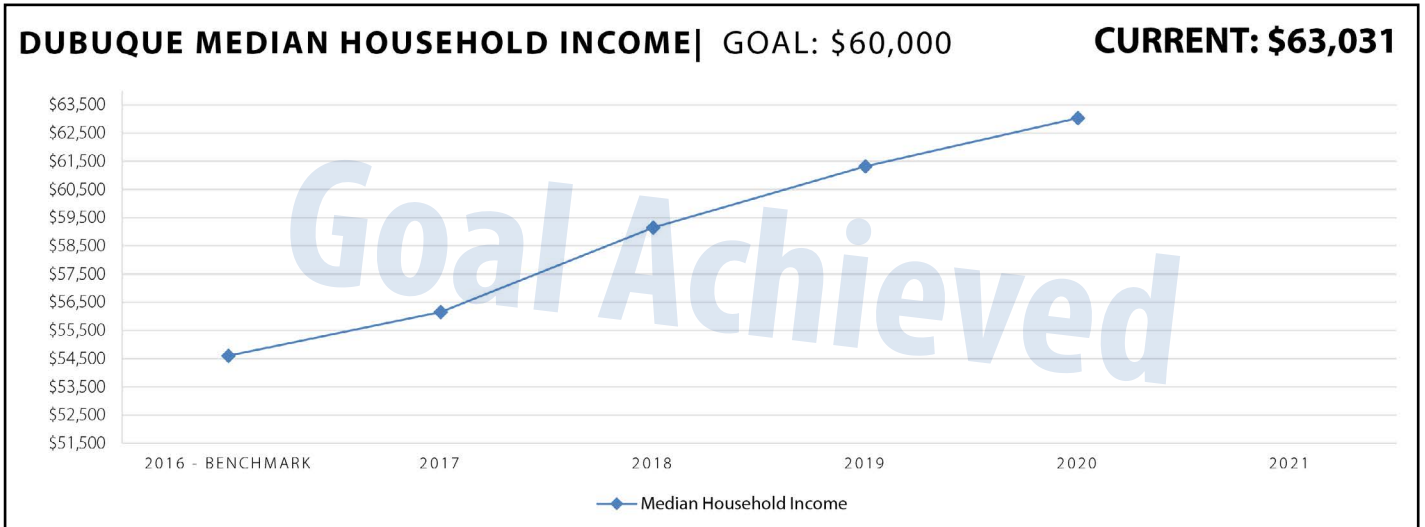
Since the beginning of the Greater Dubuque 2022 Campaign (7/1/17 through 1/31/22), Residential construction totals \$406,147,090. Commercial construction totals \$595,707,661. Total construction totals \$1,001,854,751.



SOURCE: City of Dubuque and Dubuque County, incorporated and unincorporated.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME UPDATE

As of December 2020, the median household income for Dubuque County was reported as \$63,031.

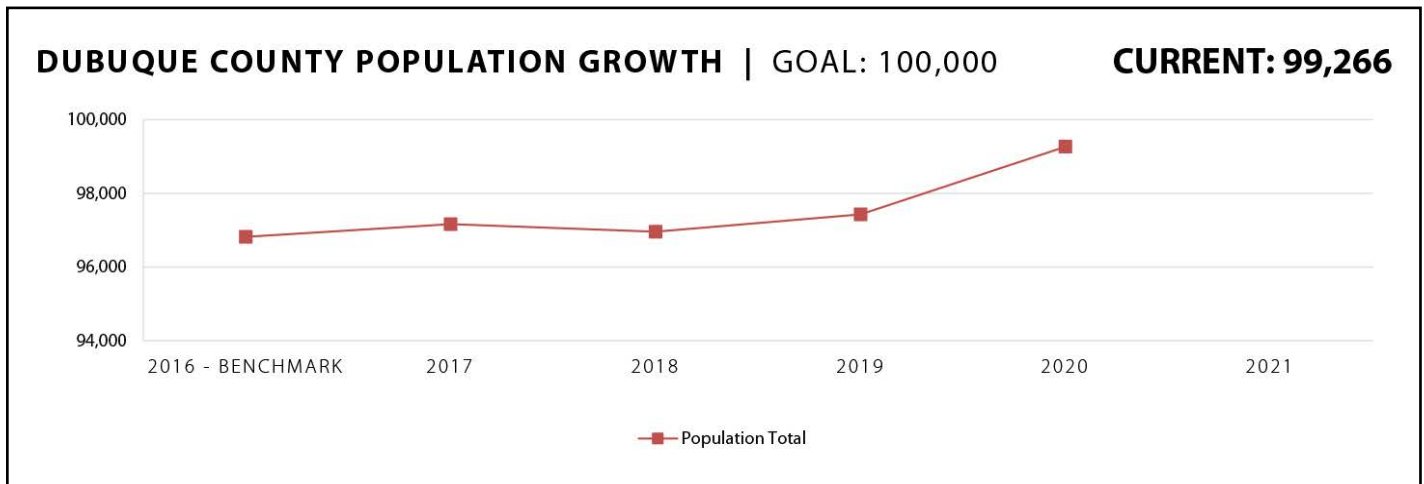


SOURCE: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2014-2018), updated annually

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2016-2020 ACS data release has been delayed. The release, normally scheduled in December, has been tentatively pushed back until March 2022.

POPULATION GROWTH UPDATE

As of December 2020, the population was 99,266



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, updated annually