



2021-22 Key Facts and Figures

Deficit: \$2.6 billion

Revenue: \$14.5 billion, up 6.1 per cent from the 2020-21 Budget, comprised of:

- Taxation—\$7.2 billion
- Non-Renewable Resources—\$1.3 billion
- Net Income from Government Business Enterprises—\$899.2 million
- Other Own-Source Revenue—\$2.1 billion
- Transfers from the Federal Government—\$2.9 billion

Expense: \$17.1 billion, up 6.3 per cent from the 2020-21 Budget, comprised of:

- Agriculture—\$879.3 million
- Community Development—\$690.4 million
- Economic Development—\$527.0 million
- Education—\$3.75 billion
- Environment and Natural Resources—\$414.9 million
- Financing Charges—\$755.0 million
- General Government (previously Other)—\$524.6 million
- Health—\$6.54 billion
- Protection of Persons and Property—\$845.1 million
- Social Services and Assistance—\$1.56 billion
- Transportation—\$607.7 million

Key Revenue Assumptions for 2021-22

- WTI oil price - US\$54.33 per barrel (total oil and natural gas royalties - \$505.1 million)
- Potash price - US\$191 per KCl tonne (total potash royalties - \$431.8 million)
- Exchange rate - 79.12 U.S. cents

Protect. Build. Grow

The 2021-22 Budget will protect, build and grow Saskatchewan.

Protect

COVID-19 Response

- \$4.8 billion in support to help protect Saskatchewan lives and livelihoods in the fight against COVID-19, including **\$1.5 billion in this budget, after a nearly \$2.0 billion investment in the 2020-21 fiscal year**. A further \$1.3 billion of support is in place for the next two years.

Health

- This year's **record budget for health of \$6.54 billion, up \$359.0 million or 5.8 per cent from last year's budget**, will strengthen the provincial healthcare system to protect families and communities. Funding for health includes the Ministry of Health, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, eHealth, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and 3SHealth.
- The Ministry of Health will protect Saskatchewan people with **\$6.12 billion in the 2021-22 Budget, an increase of \$261 million or 4.5 per cent** from 2020-21.
- **A \$90.0 million increase in this budget will support Saskatchewan's comprehensive COVID-19 response**, including costs associated with a mass vaccination rollout, purchase of more personal protective equipment, supporting contact tracing measures and expansion of testing and assessment sites. Additional provincial laboratory capacity, supports for long-term care and coverage of added physician costs are also part of this funding.
- This budget invests **a record \$458 million for mental health and addictions programs and services, up \$23.4 million or 5.4 per cent from last year**.

Education

- **Education across government**, including spending related to pre-K to Grade 12 education, post-secondary education and career training programs and commissions, **is \$3.75 billion in this budget, up \$391.3 million or 11.6 per cent from last year**.
- The Ministry of Education will support pre-K to Grade 12 students **with \$2.66 billion in the 2021-22 Budget, an increase of \$59.6 million or 2.3 per cent** from 2020-21.

- **Saskatchewan’s 27 school divisions will receive \$1.96 billion in operating funding for the 2021-22 school year, a \$19.2 million increase.** This includes fully funding the 2.0 per cent salary increase as part of the teachers’ collective bargaining agreement.
- An increase of \$2 million in this budget brings child care funding up to \$75.5 million and will **create an additional 176 new licensed home-based spaces and 51 new licensed centre spaces as part of the province’s four-year commitment to provide 750 new licensed child care spaces.**
- The Ministry of Advanced Education will invest a total of **\$735 million in 2021-22, an increase of \$34 million or 4.7 per cent**, to assist post-secondary institutions and students that experienced significant challenges created by the pandemic.
- **The Ministry of Advanced Education is providing a multi-year funding plan, an additional \$60 million over two years, 2021-2022 and 2022-23, beyond a typical base budget.** This budget provides \$30 million and was developed collaboratively and focused on COVID-19 recovery, revenue generation, sector collaboration and achieving Growth Plan priorities.

Social services and assistance

- **Social services and assistance is budgeted at \$1.56 billion for 2021-22, up \$66.4 million or 4.5 per cent from 2020-21.**
- This theme includes the entire Ministry of Social Services budget, as well as small portions of other executive government ministries and spending through the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation and Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.
- The Ministry of Social Services will support and protect those most in need, with a total **\$1.34 billion in the 2021-22 Budget, up \$54.5 million or 4.2 per cent over last year.**
- The 2021-22 Budget meets Government’s commitment to **increase benefits to seniors through \$3.5 million in additional funding** for the Seniors Income Plan (SIP).
- The Ministry will provide increased funding of **\$6.7 million to third-party service providers.** The increase recognizes the critical role third-party providers play to protect the province’s most vulnerable during the pandemic.
- The funding for Social Services providers is **part of Government’s total \$9.1 million lift for third-party service providers which are also funded through the ministries of Education, Health, Justice and Attorney General, and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.**

- The 2021-22 Budget includes **Government-wide funding of \$660.3 million to support people with disabilities, an increase of \$48.8 million for enhanced programing and increased utilization.** Since 2007-08 Government-wide funding for people with disabilities has increased by \$445 million or 207 per cent.

Protection of persons and property

- Overall, protection of persons and property will see **\$845.1 million to support Saskatchewan people, an increase of \$38.6 million or 4.8 per cent from last year.**
- In this budget, **\$287,000 will be provided to the Public Complaints Commission to develop a Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT),** making Saskatchewan's police oversight consistent with that of other Canadian jurisdictions.
- **More than \$3.2 million is being invested in the Gang Violence Reduction Strategy,** which provides addictions programming in provincial correctional facilities and intervention services to individuals who want to leave gangs.

Build

- **Including \$3.1 billion in this year's budget,** record investment of close to \$37 billion in capital through Saskatchewan Crowns and Executive Government since 2008-09 has helped stimulate the economy and create jobs.
- The 2021-22 Budget invests **\$162.0 million into health care capital,** including \$3.6 million for the future Grenfell long term care facility, \$7.6 million for the 80-bed La Ronge long term care facility and planning stage investment of \$1.1 million for new Watson, Estevan and Regina long-term care facilities.
- This budget also includes **\$1.4 million for the Weyburn Hospital planning stage, \$5.7 million for urgent Care Centres in Saskatoon and Regina** and \$1.4 million to allow for ongoing work on the program and design plans for the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital.
- The 2021-22 Budget invests **\$553.2 million into transportation capital,** up \$108.5 million in 2021-22.

- This includes **\$520.1 million for investments into capital projects to improve safety and efficiency on key highway corridors**, beginning twinning work on Highway 3 west of Prince Albert and multiple stimulus passing lane projects on Highways 2, 3, 12, 14 and 16.
- **It also includes three sets of passing lanes** on Highway 7, from Kindersley to the Alberta border, two sets of passing lanes and widening on Highway 5 from Saskatoon to Highway 2, and completing passing lanes and improvements on Highway 39 from Corrine to Estevan.
- Government's investment also includes **\$33.1 million in transfers related to municipal infrastructure** for the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth program, the Urban Highway Connector Program and the Community Airport Partnership Program, with **\$530,000 in this budget for a new Short-line Rail Infrastructure Program to support the industry.**
- The 2021-22 Budget includes **\$189.9 million for education capital**, an increase of \$22.3 million or 13.3 per cent. **This budget has \$101.9 million to support 21 ongoing capital projects which will build 16 new schools and renovate five.**
- This includes **completing the construction of a new elementary school in Weyburn**, and beginning construction on a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools in Regina to replace Argyle and St. Pius elementary schools.
- **Crown corporations will spend \$1.6 billion on major capital investments in this budget**, including **\$937.6 million by SaskPower** to improve the province's electricity system to meet demand and maintain reliability.
- SaskPower's sustainment program includes \$50 million in economic stimulus capital in the coming year, bringing the total sustainment investment to a record high **\$272.0 million – fully 28 per cent of SaskPower's capital plan dedicated to ensuring reliability of the electrical grid.**
- **SaskEnergy is investing \$276.8 million** in the province's natural gas distribution system, including expansion of the transmission system to meet increased demand.

- **SaskTel is investing \$323.2 million** to improve its networks dedicated to being the best connecting people to their world. SaskTel will complete its \$107 million Wireless Saskatchewan program in 2021-22 with an investment of 7.5 million aimed at improving cellular services for rural customers.

Grow

- **The 2021-22 Budget includes record funding for workforce development of more than \$39 million**, including \$17 million in one-time federal funding for additional programs and projects that will strengthen Saskatchewan's recovery from the pandemic.
- **To ensure growth of export markets, the 2021-22 Budget increases funding for international offices by \$5.0 million, to \$9.3 million.** The Ministry of Trade and Export Development will work to expand Saskatchewan's presence by establishing international trade offices in four additional locations, which will be announced in the coming months. The new offices will complement existing offices in Japan, India, Singapore and China.
- The 2021-22 Budget includes **\$174.8 million for continuation of the Saskatchewan Economic Recovery Rebate** which began providing all SaskPower customers, businesses and individuals, with a 10 per cent rebate on their power bills last year. In May, the **previously announced \$285 million Auto Fund recovery rebate will provide \$285 on average to all Saskatchewan drivers.**
- **With these rebates, in 2021 Saskatchewan people will pay the lowest total utility rates in the country** –making life more affordable by putting more money back in Saskatchewan residents' pockets, which in turn will strengthen the province's recovery from the pandemic.