



2022-23 Key Facts and Figures

Deficit: \$463 million

Revenue: \$17.2 billion, up 18.5 per cent from the 2021-22 Budget, comprised of:

- Taxation—\$8.1 billion
- Non-Renewable Resources—\$2.9 billion
- Net Income from Government Business Enterprises—\$742.5 million
- Other Own-Source Revenue—\$2.2 billion
- Transfers from the Federal Government—\$3.2 billion

Expense: \$17.6 billion, up 3.1 per cent from the 2021-22 Budget, comprised of:

- Agriculture—\$1.0 billion
- Community Development—\$729.9 million
- Economic Development—\$327.7 million
- Education—\$3.8 billion
- Environment and Natural Resources—\$371.9 million
- Financing Charges—\$812.0 million
- General Government —\$544.6 million
- Health—\$6.8 billion
- Protection of Persons and Property—\$936.2 million
- Social Services and Assistance—\$1.6 billion
- Transportation—\$610.3 million

Key Revenue Assumptions for 2022-23

- WTI oil price - US\$75.75 per barrel (total oil and natural gas royalties - \$867.5 million)
- Potash price - US\$407 per KCl tonne (total potash royalties - \$1.5 billion)
- Exchange rate - 80.04 U.S. cents

Back on Track

Saskatchewan is back on track. The province's economy is growing past pre-pandemic levels. Saskatchewan's finances are strong, and its fiscal plan to balance is on track.

Investing in Saskatchewan people

Health

- This year's **budget for health is \$6.8 billion, up \$288.2 million or 4.4 per cent from last year's budget, record investment to improve the quality of life for people in Saskatchewan.** Funding for health primarily includes the Ministry of Health, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, eHealth, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and 3SHealth.
- The **Ministry of Health budget is \$6.4 billion** in 2022-23, an increase of \$318.7 million or 5.2 per cent from 2021-22. This includes a \$277.1 million increase for the Saskatchewan Health Authority, bringing the total for the SHA to \$4.2 billion.
- **An increase of \$21.6 million in this budget will address the surgical waitlist,** and fund thousands of additional surgeries in 2022-23, the first year of a three-year plan to deliver on the largest volume of surgical procedures in the history of the province.
- **A \$17.0 million increase in this budget supports our seniors to live safely and comfortably,** and includes \$4.8 million in home care services, \$4.1 million to provide high-dose influenza vaccines to adults 65 and older, \$1.6 million to operate the Meadow Lake Northwest Community Lodge and \$6.5 million for an additional 117 continuing care aide positions.
- This budget will establish **a new and independent agency dedicated to recruiting and retaining health care workers.** It will also support and invest in health care workers, and build a more robust workforce.
- **The 2022-23 Budget includes a \$1.5 million increase to support recruitment initiatives and develop a settlement and relocation incentive program to recruit health workers to Saskatchewan from the Philippines,** assisting in filling critical and hard to fill positions.
- **There is also \$3.5 million in this budget for physician recruitment and retention initiatives,** particularly targeting family physicians working in rural areas of the province.
- **The 2022-23 Budget includes \$12.5 million in new funding for 11 additional intensive care unit (ICU) beds** bringing the total to 90 across the province in 2022-23. It's the first year of a three-year strategy to add 31

ICU beds across the province, to a total 110 by 2024-25.

- **There is a \$3.0 million increase in this budget for 10 high acuity beds at the Regina General Hospital.** This will enhance care for patients with more complex medical needs, higher needs than traditional care but less than intensive care. This adds flexibility, and eases demand on intensive care units.
- **This budget has \$2.2 million to fund more specialized care in the Neonatal ICU at Prince Albert's Victoria Hospital.**
- **A \$10.8 million increase in Emergency Medical Services will improve vital services in rural and remote areas.** The increase will fund new paramedic positions for ambulance services, Community Para-medicine and will enhance the Medical First Responder Program.
- **This budget invests \$470.0 million into mental health and addictions programs and services - over seven per cent of total health care spending - including \$8.0 million in new targeted investments over last year,** representing the highest investment ever in Saskatchewan for these programs and services.
- **This year's budget provides \$95 million to sustain the ongoing pandemic response** and continue protecting Saskatchewan people in the transition to living with COVID-19.
- The funding covers **personal protective equipment, support for 58 temporary acute care beds in Regina and Saskatoon, and compensation and operating costs for pressures expected to continue in 2022-23.**

Education

- **The 2022-23 Budget includes \$3.8 billion for education expense, up \$47.2 million or 1.3 per cent from 2021-22.** Education expense across government includes spending related to pre-K to Grade 12 education, post-secondary education and career training programs and commissions.
- **Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive nearly \$2.0 billion in operating funding for the 2022-23 school year, a record level and nearly \$25 million increase** - fully funding the 2.0 per cent salary increase as part of the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement, and an additional \$6 million in learning supports for students.
- **A new \$7.0 fund will allow school divisions to hire up to 200 additional full-time educational assistants** for the 2022-23 school year, to support students and manage increasingly diverse classrooms.

- **Affordable, accessible high-quality child care is a key priority in the 2022-23 Budget.** Funding for child care and early learning is \$309.6 million in this budget, including funding provided through the Federal-Provincial Early Years agreements.
- **Of that funding, \$4.3 million will create 6,100 new child care spaces in centres and family child care homes** as part of the Province's goal to create 28,000 new licensed spaces over the next five years.
- **Starting in February 2022, parent child care fees were reduced by up to 50 per cent in licensed care.** This year's funding will support further reducing fees by as early as September 2022.
- **Through the Ministry of Advanced Education, a total of \$740.3 million, an increase of \$5.6 million,** continues a unique multi-year investment into post secondary institutions including funding to train more nurses.
- **The 2022-23 Budget includes \$30.0 million for the second year of a two-year \$60.0 million funding plan for the post secondary sector,** with a focus on shared priorities including COVID-19 recovery, revenue generation, sector collaboration and achieving priorities in *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan*.
- The budget includes a **\$4.9 million increase to expand nurse training by 150 seats,** a critical component of meeting health care needs in the province, when combined with recruitment and retention efforts related to health care workers.
- This budget includes **\$684.1 million in operating and capital grants to post secondary institutions includes \$445.9 million for the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina and the federated and affiliated colleges.**
- There is **\$168.5 million for Saskatchewan Polytechnic, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies and the Dumont Technical Institute,** \$35.3 million for Saskatchewan's Regional Colleges and \$31.0 million for capital projects and preventative maintenance and renewal throughout the post-secondary sector.
- **The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training will invest \$114 million on training programs to support the development of the labour market.** This includes \$2.5 million for the Re-Skill Saskatchewan Training Subsidy, a new employer-driven, short-term training program.

Social services and assistance

- The 2022-23 Budget for social services and assistance is **\$1.6 billion, up \$67.3 million or 4.3 per cent compared to last year**. 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 some of our most vulnerable with a **total \$1.4 billion in the 2022-23 Budget, up \$45.7 million or 3.4 per cent over last year**.
- The 2022-23 Budget includes **\$11.4 million to increase Saskatchewan Income Support basic benefits by \$30 per month and shelter benefits by up to \$25 per month**, to help people meet their basic needs as they work to become more self sufficient and independent to the best of their abilities.
- **A \$20.0 million investment will launch a new Education and Training Incentive** this summer with monthly benefits of up to \$200 for individuals to complete education and training programs on their path to employment.
- **The 2022-23 Budget includes \$3.0 million to fulfill the second year of Government's three-year commitment to increase benefits to seniors through the Seniors Income Plan (SIP)**. The investment will help low income seniors with maximum payments increasing by \$30 a month. It's the seventh increase Government has made to SIP since 2008.
- **Also, the budget provides up to \$11.5 million** for the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit, under the National Housing Strategy, to help people with low incomes better afford housing.
- Government-wide, **funding for people with disabilities is projected to be \$679.0 million in 2022-23, an increase of \$464.1 million, or 216 per cent since 2007-08**.
- The 2022-23 Budget continues to help make Saskatchewan the best place for people with disabilities, and includes a **\$16.7 million utilization increase to the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disabilities program**.
- **In 2022-23, the Ministry will provide over \$400 million in funding to community-based organizations (CBOs)**. Increased funding of \$8.7 million to community-based providers includes \$4.9 million for service providers who work with people with intellectual disabilities, \$3.2 million for service providers supporting at-risk children, youth and families, and \$556,000 to approved private service homes that care for people with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues.

- **The increase recognizes the critical role CBOs have in helping create positive outcomes and better quality of life for Saskatchewan's vulnerable people.**
- **The funding for Social Services providers is part of Government's total \$11.2 million, or 2 per cent, increase for community organizations** which are also funded through the ministries of Education, Health, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.
- **The increase will help CBOs address operational pressures and recruit and retain qualified staff to continue delivering high-quality services.**

Protection of persons and property

- **The 2022-23 Budget includes \$936.2 million for the protection of persons and property, an increase of \$91.1 million or 10.8 per cent from last year.**
- Protection of persons and property primarily includes the ministries of **Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, Justice and Attorney General, Integrated Justice Services, Labour Relations and Workplace Safety and the Saskatchewan Provincial Safety Agency (SPSA).**
- **Policing in the province will continue to evolve to meet the needs of Saskatchewan people and this budget includes \$50.7 million** to create a Provincial Protective Service branch to unite provincial peace officers into a single organizational structure.
- **The 2022-23 Budget includes \$1.6 million to establish a Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team to target high-risk offenders** with outstanding warrants.
- **There is \$6.4 million to establish the Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team and \$3.2 million to expand Crime Reduction Teams and \$220,000 to expand the Internet Child Exploitation Unit.**
- The province will continue to invest in the **Gang Violence Reduction Strategy, with \$4.5 million in this budget.**

Investing in the economy

- The 2022-23 Budget includes an **increase of \$8.0 million for the Creative Saskatchewan Production Grant Program for film and television, bringing the total funds available to \$10.0 million.**
- The increase, through the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport, will draw

more and larger projects to the province. **The rise in streaming services means the time is right to attract new investment from the film and television industry to Saskatchewan.**

- This investment, and the expected \$50 million increase in film and television production, will result in millions more in annual economic activity, **including increased spending in the hospitality industry**, which has been hit hard by the pandemic. The application window for the 2022-23 Creative Saskatchewan Production Grant for film and television will open this spring.
- The 2022-23 Budget includes **\$3.1 million to fully fund the International Trade and Investment Strategy**. The strategy advances the province's economic interests abroad, collaborating with partners including the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership, and operating the province's international office network.
- Saskatchewan expanded its presence this year, establishing international trade offices in the **United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Mexico and Vietnam**, complementing existing offices in **Japan, India, Singapore and China**.
- Government has enhanced **the Saskatchewan Value-Added Agriculture Incentive** and record agri-food exports of \$17.5 billion in 2021 show we are on track, attracting investment and supporting the agri-food industry.
- In addition, this incentive and others were key to **our province's competitiveness, attracting private investment from global agri-value businesses** like Richardson International, Viterra, Ceres Global Ag, Cargill, Federated Co-Operatives, AGT Foods and Red Leaf Pulp.
- These companies and others are **investing billions into Saskatchewan, into new and expanded canola crush facilities, a wheat-based pulp plant and renewable diesel** – creating thousands of jobs both in the construction phase and permanent jobs.
- **The temporary small business tax rate reduction continues to help Saskatchewan small businesses** through the pandemic. The rate was reduced from two per cent to zero effective October 1, 2020 and will be one per cent July 1, 2022 **providing \$51.5 million in savings to Saskatchewan's small businesses**. The rate will return to two per cent on July 1, 2023 as Saskatchewan recovers from the pandemic.

- **This budget puts \$6.7 million more in revenue from video lottery terminals (VLTs) into the pockets of bar and restaurant owners.** Effective April 4, the VLT site commission rates increase from 15% to 18%.
- **Municipal Revenue Sharing of \$262.6 million** will help keep the province's urban, rural and northern communities strong in 2022-23, **an increase of over 106 per cent since 2007-08.** Revenue Sharing provides stable, predictable funding for Saskatchewan's municipalities.
- The 2022-23 Budget includes **\$448.5 million of direct provincial support to municipalities.** Support includes revenue sharing, the province's portion of infrastructure funding and a number of grants and initiatives from multiple Government ministries and the Crowns through grants-in-lieu and municipal surcharge collections.
- The 2022-23 Budget includes **\$233.2 million in targeted funding for First Nations and Metis people and organizations,** representing an increase of more than 20 per cent from last year.
- Saskatchewan has a growing number of Indigenous-owned companies, employing thousands of people and generating millions in revenue each year. **This budget includes \$475,000 to create the Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation (SIIFC),** in the Ministry of Trade and Export Development.
- **The SIIFC will offer \$75 million in loan guarantees for private sector lending to Indigenous communities and organizations for investments into natural resource and value-added agriculture projects.**
- **Saskatchewan has among the lowest personal taxes in the country.**
- Since 2007, Personal Income Tax (PIT) exemptions have **removed 112,000 people from the province's income tax roll.** In total, PIT reductions introduced over the past 15 years are providing over \$720 million in annual income tax savings to Saskatchewan people.
- A Saskatchewan family of four with \$100,000 in total income **pays \$2,084 less in combined provincial income and sales tax in 2022, compared to 2007.**

Investing to Build a Better Saskatchewan

- With \$3.2 billion included in the 2022-23 Budget, **Saskatchewan has provided \$40 billion in capital investment through its Crowns and Executive Government since 2008-09.**

- The 2022-23 Budget includes \$156.6 million for health care capital. Highlights include **\$15.2 million for urgent care centres in Regina and Saskatoon and \$13.5 million for the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital.**
- This budget also includes **\$6.0 million for the Weyburn General Hospital replacement, \$6.5 million to continue design and procurement activities for specialized and standard long-term care beds in Regina, \$3.0 million for the Grenfell long-term care facility and \$2.0 million for the La Ronge long-term care facility.**
- **Since 2008-09, nearly \$2.1 billion in investment into health care facilities** has built hospitals, including the Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital, Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Hospital in Moose Jaw and 15 new long-term care facilities across the province.
- In 2022-23, the **Government of Saskatchewan will invest \$846.0 million into operating, maintaining, building and improving over 1,100 kilometres of the province’s roads and highways,** through the Ministry of Highways.
- The 2022-23 Budget invests **\$479.5 million into transportation capital, including \$452.6 million for improvements on provincial highways, as well as bridge rehabilitation and replacements, on track to meet the Growth Plan commitments to upgrade and build 10,000 of the provincial highway network by 2030.**
- Significant planned upgrades include **Highway 3 twinning west of Prince Albert, Highway 5 corridor improvements east of Saskatoon and planning and pre-construction for twinning projects on Highways 6 and 39 near Regina and Weyburn.**
- With this year’s budget, **more than \$11.5 billion has been invested into transportation infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 18,400 kilometers of provincial highways.**
- The 2022-23 Budget includes **\$168.6 million for education infrastructure** to support ongoing capital projects which will build and renovate schools and fund relocatable classrooms.
- This budget includes \$95.2 million to support the ongoing planning and construction of 15 new schools and the renovation of five existing schools, as well as \$55.9 million for preventative and emergency maintenance.

- Since 2008-09, approximately **\$2.3 billion has been invested to build 57 new schools and to undertake 28 major renovation projects.**
- The 2022-23 Budget includes **\$291.8 million in government services infrastructure.** It includes **\$74.5 million for dams water supply channels, and irrigation projects.**
- **The budget includes \$56.4 million for courts and correction capital,** with continued construction of the Saskatoon Remand Centre representing roughly half of that amount.
- **The 2022-23 Budget includes \$268.6 million for municipal infrastructure.** This includes \$162.6 million under the Canada Infrastructure Program, \$69.1 million through the Canada Community-Building Fund, \$35.4 million through the New Building Canada Fund and \$1.5 million in other small programs.
- **Advanced education will invest \$31.0 million in 2022-23, into ongoing capital maintenance and planning for upgrades at various facilities.**
- In 2022-23, Crown corporations will invest \$1.8 billion into major capital, including **\$1.1 billion by SaskPower to improve the province's electricity system to meet demand and maintain reliability.**
- **SaskEnergy is investing \$272.8 million** in the province's natural gas distribution system, including expansion of the transmission system to meet increased demand in a growing province. In this budget, **SaskTel is investing \$377.0 million** to improve its networks dedicated to being the best at connecting people to their world.
- **Saskatchewan's Crown corporations have invested more than \$22 billion into capital since 2008.**