



2019-20 Key Facts and Figures

Surplus: \$34.4 million

Revenue: \$15.03 billion, up 5.5 per cent from Budget 2018-19, comprised of:

- Taxation—\$7.59 billion
- Non-Renewable Resources—\$1.83 billion
- Net Income from Government Business Enterprises—\$1.08 billion
- Other Own-Source Revenue—\$2.06 billion
- Transfers from the Federal Government—\$2.47 billion

Expense: \$14.99 billion, up 2.6 per cent from Budget 2018-19, comprised of:

- Agriculture—\$841.5 million
- Community Development—\$681.2 million
- Debt Charges—\$694.4 million
- Economic Development—\$227.3 million
- Education—\$3.28 billion
- Environment and Natural Resources—\$263.9 million
- Health—\$5.89 billion
- Other—\$445.8 million
- Protection of Persons and Property—\$701.1 million
- Social Services and Assistance—\$1.43 billion
- Transportation—\$532.1 million

Key Revenue Assumptions for 2019-20

- WTI oil price - US\$59.75 per barrel (total oil and natural gas royalties - \$691.1 million)
- Potash price - US\$221 per KCl tonne (total potash royalties - \$618.6 million)
- Exchange rate - 77.19 U.S. cents

Investing in Priorities

- The 2018-19 Budget is investing in health care, support for seniors, support for vulnerable families, funding for Saskatchewan's classrooms and more revenue shared with municipalities to help improve the lives of Saskatchewan people today and into the future.
- Government is demonstrating a strong commitment to address mental health in Saskatchewan. Total investment into mental health services, support and facilities, from a number of ministries across government is \$417.7 million in the 2019-20 Budget, up 3.7 per cent from 2018-19.
- This budget includes \$251.6 million of Municipal Revenue Sharing, a \$10.5 million increase over last year, for Saskatchewan's rural, urban and northern municipalities. Since 2007-08 Municipal Revenue Sharing has increased by \$124.3 million, or nearly 98 per cent.
- Including revenue sharing, infrastructure funding and a number of grants and initiatives, \$437.1 million is being provided to municipalities from multiple Government ministries in this budget, an increase of \$25.4 million or 6.2 per cent from last year.
- The 2019-20 Budget includes \$211 million in targeted investment that will benefit Indigenous communities, businesses and organizations, a 4.7 per cent increase over 2018-19.

Investment in Health – \$5.89 billion, up 2.1 per cent

- Total spending for **Health** includes spending through the Ministry of Health, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, eHealth, the Health Quality Council and 3sHealth.
- The 2019-20 Budget increases operating funding to the Saskatchewan Health Authority to \$3.6 billion, a \$113.3 million increase or 3.2 per cent from 2018-19. This includes a \$23 million increase for doctors, nurses and staff to provide the best possible care for children at the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, which will open in Saskatoon this fall.
- Spending on targeted mental health and addictions initiatives is increasing by \$29.8 million in this budget. This includes \$13.7 million mainly for health care professionals at the recently opened Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, to help address and improve mental health services in the province. It brings total spending on mental health and addictions to \$402 million in the Ministry of Health's budget.

- This budget includes \$20.6 million, an increase of \$1.6 million over last year, to support the Connected Care strategy to help people safely stay in their homes as long as possible.
- The 2019-20 Budget provides \$1.1 million, an increase of \$668,000, to the Alzheimer Society for the First Link program, designed to help people newly diagnosed with dementia get the help they need as soon as possible.

Investment in Education – \$3.28 billion, up 0.6 per cent

- **Education** includes budgeted spending through the Ministries of Advanced Education, Education, and Immigration and Career Training, the Boards of Education, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges, the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission, the Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund, and the Teachers’ Superannuation Plan.
- In this budget Saskatchewan’s school divisions will receive \$1.9 billion in operating funding for the 2019-20 school year, a \$26.2 million increase over last year.
- The 2019-20 Budget includes \$72.6 million for child care, enabling the provision of 16,745 provincial child care spaces. This is an increase of 7,000 spaces since 2007-08.
- The 2019-20 Budget for the Ministry of Advanced Education is \$727.8 million. Of that amount, \$672.8 million will provide operating and capital grants to post-secondary institutions, including \$87.8 million in funding for the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.
- This budget increases funding for the student loan program by \$4.7 million, to a total of \$26.3 million, which will provide repayable and non-repayable financial assistance to more than 18,000 students.
- Students will continue to receive benefits after their studies through the Graduate Retention Program, which provides up to \$20,000 in income tax credits to graduates who live and work in Saskatchewan.

Investment in Social Services and Assistance – \$1.43 billion, up 3.7 per cent

- **Social Services and Assistance** includes the budgeted spending of the Ministry of Social Services, the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission, as well as portions of the ministries of Government Relations, Justice and Attorney General and Advanced Education.
- This budget includes an increase of \$27.7 million to support at-risk children and families. This funding will enhance the range of services that keep children safe, including intensive direct services for families to keep their children safely at home, community-based homes and group homes and private treatment for children with high needs. This includes a new investment of \$1.2 million to expand the intensive support living initiative, which provides housing and 24/7 supports to children and families.
- Community-based organizations and those who deliver services to children and families and provide support for people with intellectual disabilities will receive an additional \$5.9 million in 2019-20. As part of this increase, foster families will be eligible for additional monthly payments once they complete specific training to increase their caregiving skills, through a new \$1.4 million investment.
- There is an increase of \$6.6 million in this budget to continue the Ministry's support for adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Funding for income assistance programs and service delivery will increase by \$10 million in this budget, including an additional \$6.3 million for the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability Program.

Investment in Protection of Persons and Property – \$701.1 million, up 1.6 per cent

- **Protection of Persons and Property** expense includes the ministry of Corrections and Policing, and the Integrated Justice Services vote and portions of the ministries of Government Relations, Justice and the Attorney General, and Labour Relations and Workplace Safety. It also includes the Advocate for Children and Youth, the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, as well as the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and a number of other accounts and funds.

- In this budget, more than \$7.2 million is being invested in the correctional component of the new Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford. The secure side of the facility will provide services to correctional clients living with significant mental health issues. This first of a kind facility is being operated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and provides 96 beds for correctional clients.
- This budget includes more than \$15 million to continue funding 128 municipal police positions and targeted policing initiatives across the province. Government also remains committed to addressing the issue of rural crime through the continued investment in the Protection and Response Team, Crime Reduction Teams, and the Combined Traffic Safety Services initiative.
- There is also a \$1.6 million increase for the Coroner's service, and \$1.1 million for drug impaired driving detection training for police.

Investment in Environment and Natural Resources – \$263.9 million, up 4.8 per cent

- **Environment and Natural Resources** expenses include portions of the ministries of Environment, and Parks, Culture and Sport, spending by the Water Security Agency, as well as other entities.
- In the 2019-20 Budget there is an increase of \$2.25 million, for a total of \$27.0 million, to help deliver the SARCAN Beverage Container Collection and Recycling Program. SARCAN employs more than 700 people at its 72 collection depots across the province, and this increased funding helps build upon the success of the program.

Highlights of infrastructure investment is featured in a separate backgrounder.