# 2024-25 Budget Highlights CLASSROOMS, CARE & COMMUNITIES

#### **Budget - For the Year Ended March 31**

(millions of dollars)

,	Budget	Forecast	Budget
	2024-25	2023-24	2023-24
Revenue			
Taxation	9,723.3	10,270.4	9,633.8
Non-renewable resources	2,686.3	2,393.4	3,344.6
Net income from government business enterprises	657.0	800.7	529.1
Other own-source revenue	3,015.6	3,183.6	2,615.6
Transfers from the federal government	3,779.7	3,735.1	3,554.6
Total Revenue	19,861.9	20,383.2	19,677.7
Expense			
Agriculture	1,531.5	2,564.2	1,449.8
Community development	904.8	906.6	866.0
Economic development	329.7	372.3	367.4
Education	4,414.5	4,289.6	4,035.7
Environment and natural resources	373.6	331.1	254.4
Financing charges	911.5	824.4	812.2
General government	581.4	577.2	540.1
Health	7,639.8	7,543.8	7,056.3
Protection of persons and property	1,004.9	1,089.9	968.5
Social services and assistance	1,764.9	1,697.6	1,665.2
Transportation	678.3	669.0	644.6
Total Expense	20,135.1	20,865.7	18,660.2
Operating (Deficit) Surplus	(273.2)	(482.5)	1,017.5

Totals may not add due to rounding.

#### Improved Infrastructure



Record spending of \$4.4 billion on capital projects.



\$2.6 billion in investments to enhance and expand Crown utilities infrastructure.



\$617-million investment in operating, maintaining, building and improving roads and highways.

# Record investment in classrooms, care and communities.

#### Classrooms

- Record investment of \$4.4 billion for education.
- Record increase of \$180 million for school operating funding.
- \$356.6 million in direct classroom supports, including funding to address classroom size and complexity.
- \$793 million in funding for post-secondary education.
- \$408.7 million for early learning and child care.

#### Care

- Record investment of \$7.6 billion for health care.
- Increase of \$225.7 million for physician services and programs, including recruitment training and retention.
- \$574 million for mental health and addictions, including a \$29.2-million increase to address addictions and vulnerable populations, and an investment of \$4.7 million for targeted mental health initiatives with a strong focus on youth.
- Increase of \$71.4-million to increase the capacity of the acute care system.
- \$43.4 million increase to provide enhanced care for seniors.

#### **Communities**

- Record increase of \$42.4 million in municipal revenue sharing.
- More than \$255 million in funding will be provided for First Nation and Métis people and organizations.
- \$250 million to support justice services, including \$31.7 million for interpersonal violence programs and services.
- \$1.5 billion for the Ministry of Social Services to strengthen support provided to families and communities, including a \$16.7 million increase to continue the implementation of the Provincial Approach to Homelessness.

#### Families and Affordability

- More than \$2 billion in affordability measures are included in every budget.
- No new taxes and no tax increases.
- Saskatchewan continues to maintain among the lowest personal income taxes in the country.

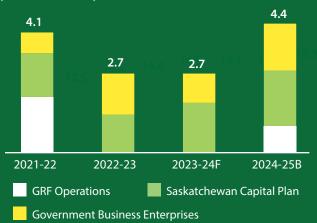


## **Building a Strong Economy**

- \$40.6 million for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development to support Saskatchewan's economy by expanding our presence in international markets.
- \$53.8 million for the Ministry of Energy and Resources to support our economy, focusing on Saskatchewan's world-class natural resources.
- Introduction of the Saskatchewan Critical Minerals Innovation Incentive and Critical Minerals Processing Incentive to attract new investment projects.
- Enhancements to the Saskatchewan Petroleum Innovation Incentive, the Oil and Gas Processing Investment Incentive, Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive and the Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive to encourage investment.
- Introduction of the Multi-lateral Well Program to attract increased oil well drilling to Saskatchewan.
- Maintaining the small business tax rate of one per cent until June 30, 2025.

# **Annual Borrowing Requirements**

(billions of dollars)



### **Gross Debt** (as at March 31)

(millions of dollars)

	Budget 2025	Forecast 2024	Budget 2024
General Revenue Fund (GRF)			
- Operating	7,463.9	7,463.9	7,463.9
- Saskatchewan Capital Plan	13,371.1	11,471.1	10,371.1
Other Government Service Organizations	228.1	249.5	248.8
Taxpayer-Supported Debt	21,063.1	19,184.5	18,083.8
Self-Supported Debt	13,749.4	12,613.8	12,771.5
Total	34,812.5	31,798.3	30,855.3



#### **Medium-Term Financial Outlook**

(millions of dollars)

	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Target	2026-27 Target	2027-28 Target
Revenue	19,862	20,617	21,400	22,213
Expense	20,135	20,598	21,175	21,874
Surplus (Deficit)	(273)	18	225	340

# Projected Net Debt as a per cent of GDP



Sources: Net Debt: Jurisdictions most recent data, as of March 4, 2024.
GDP: SK: Average Private Sector Forecast; All others: Conference Board of Canada, data released in November 2023.

NB, MB, QC, ON, NL and CA all reporting net debt as at March 31, 2024 (latest available data).

#### Saskatchewan Forecast at a Glance

(per cent change unless otherwise noted)

	2023 Estimate	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast
Real GDP	1.4	1.0	1.8
CPI*	3.9	2.6	2.0
Employment Growth (000s)	10.7	8.4	8.8
Unemployment Rate (%)*	4.8	5.5	5.6

Sources: \*Statistics Canada (2023 Actuals); Average private sector forecast as of January 12, 2024 (2023-2025).

# Key Fiscal-Year Non-Renewable Resource Forecast Assumptions

	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Budget
WTI Oil Price (US\$/barrel)	89.59	77.3	77.0
Light-Heavy Differential (% of WTI)	18.9	16.9	14.5
Oil Production (million barrels)	166.7	166.7	166.7
Potash Price (mine netback, US\$/KCl tonne)	562	284	268
Potash Sales (million KCI tonnes)	22.8	23.9	24.9
Canadian Dollar (US cents)	75.64	74.00	74.36

