

Wisconsin State Budget Process a list of resources

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The Governor's formal announcement of the biennial budget to the Legislature and people of Wisconsin signals the start of budget season in Wisconsin. Use this research guide to understand the process or to stay up to date on the latest changes. (Updated for the 2019-2021 budget.)

Government

Wisconsin State Legislature

Budget drafts are available on the Wisconsin State Legislature's website, organized by session.

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/budget>

The **Budget Index Report** is a guide to the budget, organized by subject or Legislative Reference Bureau document number. To use this index, browse or search by keyword on the website. Check the search tips on the website or **ask a librarian** for help. Contact us at 608-267-9696 or wsl.ref@wicourts.gov.

Department of Administration

- Current Biennial Budget
<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateFinances/CurrentBiennialBudget.aspx>
- 2019-21 Executive Budget
<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateFinances/2019-21-Executive-Budget.aspx>
- 2019-21 Biennial Budget Agency Requests
<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateFinances/2019-21-Biennial-Budget-Agency-Requests-.aspx>

Legislative Fiscal Bureau

- Budget Documents
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2019_21_biennial_budget/
- Informational Papers 73 State Budget Process
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2019/0073_state_budget_process_informational_paper_73.pdf

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Joint Committee on Finance

The [Joint Committee on Finance](#) is a statutory, 16-member standing committee of the Wisconsin Legislature. The Committee's primary responsibility is to serve as the principal legislative committee charged with the review of all state appropriations and revenues. Read more in the "Joint Committee on Finance" Information Paper 76, by the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2019/0076_joint_committee_on_finance_informational_paper_76.pdf

Budget process information

Wisconsin Policy Forum

<https://wispolicyforum.org/>

Nonpartisan research about state government and includes reports and analysis on the budget

Wisconsin Budget Project

<http://www.wisconsinbudgetproject.org/budget-toolkit/the-wisconsin-budget-process>

Includes guides and explanations on the budget process

News

Wisconsin Eye

<https://wiseye.org/category/budget/>

Watch live coverage of the Joint Committee on Finance, budget listening sessions, floor debate, and news conferences

The Wheeler Report

<http://www.thewheelerreport.com/>

Curated collection of news articles, press releases, and interviews with a specific section on the budget

WisPolitics

<https://www.wispolitics.com/>

Wisconsin political news includes a section on the budget available to subscribers

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