

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 2023-25 budget.)

Government

Wisconsin State Legislature

Budget drafts are available on the Wisconsin State Legislature's website after the end of the practical session, likely summer 2023. <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov>

To view the budget draft before it is available online, visit the [Legislative Reference Bureau](#) at 1 East Main Street, Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703.

Department of Administration

- Current Biennial Budget <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateFinances/CurrentBiennialBudget.aspx>
- 2023-25 Executive Budget
<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/2023-25-Executive-Budget%20ASE.aspx>
- 2023-25 Biennial Budget Agency Requests
<https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023-25%20Agency%20Budget%20Requests%20and%20Revenue%20Estimates.pdf>

Legislative Fiscal Bureau and Legislative Reference Bureau

- Budget Documents
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget>
- Informational Papers 78 State Budget Process
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2023/0078_state_budget_process_informational_paper_78.pdf
- LRB Analysis of 2023-25 Executive Budget Bill
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lrb/020_budget_bill_analysis_2023.pdf
- Wisconsin Blue Book: The Legislature and the State Budget
https://legis.wisconsin.gov/LRB/media/1213/110_legislature_and_state_budget.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 81, by the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2023/0081_joint_committee_on_finance_informational_paper_81.pdf

Budget process information

Wisconsin Policy Forum

<https://wispolicyforum.org/>

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

Office of the State Treasurer - State Budget Transparency

<https://statetreasurer.wi.gov/Pages/Budget.aspx>

Includes an outline of the state budget process as well as links to reports including the Wisconsin State Treasurer Taxpayer Report.

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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