

UNDERSTANDING THE WASHINGTON STATE BUDGET UNIVERSE

This map is intended to provide you with a better understanding of the 2023-2025 state operating budget. There are two additional state budgets — capital and transportation — that are not included in this map.

There are sixteen major budget solar systems represented on the map. For each solar system, the planets are state agencies or major activities. The size of each planet is intended to depict the Near General Fund-State and Opportunity Pathways Account ("NGF-O") spending in the operating budget for the state agency or activity. NGF-O spending is the Legislature's primary focus in the operating budget process. Primary sources of revenue for NGF-O spending are state taxes (i.e. retail sales, B&O and property taxes) and lottery funds.

The Public Schools solar system is 44% of NGF-O spending in the state operating budget. Because NGF-O spending for K-12 Basic Education Funds to Local School Districts is so large, the planets are not entirely proportional to their percentage of NGF-O spending. Many planets would appear much smaller if drawn to such proportions. However, the K-12 Basic Education Funds to Local School Districts planet has been sized so that the total area of all other planets on the map could fit within it. In addition, some state agencies and activities are not supported with any NGF-O spending. Such planets are represented as the smallest size on the map even though their Total amount of budgeted spending may be quite large.

Funding for the 2023 Information Technology Pool (\$38.8B NGF-O | \$42.1B TOTAL) is not included in the poster. The amount funds 21 projects for 17 agencies.

The following information is provided for each planet on the map: "NGF-O" means Near General Fund-State and Opportunity Pathways Account spending in the budget. "Total" means total amount of budgeted spending, including other state funds (e.g. dedicated taxes, fees, charges, and premiums), federal funds, and private contributions.

"FTEs" means full-time equivalent staff. One FTE equals 2,088 paid hours per fiscal year. In cases with 0 FTEs, it is likely these funds are directly distributed to another entity or for a local government for its own spending. Funds distributed to or for a local government are depicted as a ringed planet.

Below are descriptions of each solar system and the activities each support. This is the total spending and FTEs for that solar system (i.e. the sum of the planets).

- K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS** \$30.8B NGF-O | \$33.9B TOTAL | 652 FTEs
 - Funds 295 school districts to educate 1.1 million K-12 students.
- HUMAN SERVICES** \$13.7B NGF-O | \$25.6B TOTAL | 23,292 FTEs
 - Funds the following services:
 - Behavioral health services in state institutions.
 - Public assistance programs e.g. cash assistance, food assistance, child support enforcement, and subsidized child care.
 - Long-term care assistance for 75,000 persons, including those with complex medical needs, and additional services and supports for 25,000 persons with developmental disabilities.
 - Protective services preventing abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults.
 - Foster care and adoption support for 5,900 and 14,100 children, respectively.
 - Rehabilitation and supervision of about 590 youth offenders.
 - Confinement and treatment for about 190 sex offenders.
 - Early childhood education and assistance for over 16,000 low-income children.
- MEDICAID / HEALTH CARE** \$8.3B NGF-O | \$32.3B TOTAL | 4,873 FTEs
 - Funds the following services:
 - Health care for approximately 1.8 million low-income adults and children.
 - Health insurance benefits for 400,410 state employees, retirees, and their dependents.
 - Health insurance benefits for 288,893 school employees and their dependents.
 - Health care and other supportive services for veterans and their families.
 - Access to the private health insurance market for qualified individuals and small employers.
 - Premium assistance for individuals with income up to 250% of the federal poverty level.
 - Services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
 - Activities to improve health by reducing environmental, disease, and injury hazards.
 - Licensure and regulation of health care professions.
 - Behavioral health services in community settings that meet access to care standards.
- HIGHER EDUCATION** \$5.9B NGF-O | \$18.4B TOTAL | \$2,213 FTEs
 - Funds the education and training of 197,000 full-time equivalent students.
 - Funds need-based financial aid for 93,100 higher education students.
- DEBT & OTHER PAYMENTS** \$3.2B NGF-O | \$3.9B TOTAL | 0 FTEs
 - Funds debt service on bonds for state and local capital improvements.
 - Provides funds directly to local governments to support local services.
- PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS** \$3.5B NGF-O | \$3.8B TOTAL | 10,618 FTEs
 - Funds the incarceration and community supervision of nearly 26,870 individuals.
- NATURAL RESOURCES** \$993.9M NGF-O | \$3.4B TOTAL | 7,785 FTEs
 - Funds the preservation and protection of the state's natural resources and environment, including management of 125 state parks and over 6.5 million acres of state lands.
- BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS & EMPLOYMENT** \$144.4M NGF-O | \$2.3B TOTAL | 6,481 FTEs
 - Funds the licensure and regulation of businesses and professions.
 - Includes the administration of unemployment insurance and worker compensation benefits for workers.
- GENERAL GOVERNMENT** \$2.2B NGF-O | \$5.5B TOTAL | 2,919 FTEs
 - Funds general government activities such as tax collection, emergency management, housing, community, and economic development programs.
- GAMING AGENCIES** \$0M NGF-O | \$1.5B TOTAL | 309 FTEs
 - Funds the provision and regulation of legal recreational gaming within the state.
- INTERNAL SERVICES TO GOVERNMENT** \$100.0M NGF-O | \$1.38B TOTAL | 2,002 FTEs
 - Funds fiscal, information technology, hearings, building maintenance, and other support services to state agencies and local governments.
- SEPARATELY ELECTED OFFICIALS** \$226.7M NGF-O | \$1.0B TOTAL | 2,740 FTEs
 - Funds the duties and activities assigned to the offices of statewide elected officials.
- JUDICIAL BRANCH** \$620.7M NGF-O | \$811.5M TOTAL | 830 FTEs
 - Funds the operation of state appellate courts and provides financial assistance to local courts.
 - Funds legal services for indigent personal in criminal and civil cases.
- LEGISLATIVE BRANCH** \$283.7M NGF-O | \$312.2M TOTAL | 902 FTEs
 - Funds the administration and operation of the House of Representatives and Senate, including five agencies that provide research and analytical support.
- ARTS & CULTURE** \$41.1M NGF-O | \$52.0M TOTAL | 142 FTEs
 - Funds the preservation and acquisition of state historical, artistic, and cultural assets, including the support of two state museums.
- COMMISSIONS** \$17.1M NGF-O | \$20.7M TOTAL | 70 FTEs
 - Funds efforts to improve government services to minority populations and to eliminate and prevent discrimination of protected classes.

WASHINGTON STATE OPERATING BUDGET

2023-25 FUNDS \$69.8B NGF-O | \$134.1B | 115,824 FTEs

