



GOOD JOBS.



LOWER COSTS.



**BETTER
HEALTH CARE.**

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With economic opportunities in Churchill and more good jobs across the province, Manitoba is a place where you can afford a good life. Budget 2026 delivers on that hope for the future, while continuing to make health care better and bring immediate relief to families on everyday costs like housing, gas, and groceries.

BUDGET 2026 IS FOCUSED ON:

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Healthier Families and Safer Communities

A Government that Works for You



Good Jobs

Since 2023, employment has been growing in Manitoba. Our historic capital investment continues to create good Manitoba jobs, while we work to develop the Port of Churchill to create good jobs and economic prosperity for generations to come.

- Creating a new **\$10 million** Churchill Plus catalyst fund to unlock private sector investments
- Developing economic opportunities in Churchill with **\$262.5 million** in federal and provincial funding over five years
- Providing **\$50 million** in loans to help Manitoba small businesses through the Trade Growth Investment Financing program
- Supporting the first First Nations-owned mine in Manitoba with a **\$2 million** investment
- Creating a new Economic Development Agency to make it easier to do business in Manitoba
- A record **\$3.8 billion** capital investment to build roads, hospitals, and schools and create good jobs.
- Supporting farmers and producers with **\$143.7 million** for business risk management programming
- Training more apprentices to build Manitoba with good jobs in the trades

Lower Costs

For generations, Manitoba has been an affordable place to raise a family, and we're proud of that. But as costs continue to rise across the country, people are feeling squeezed. We're here to help, with new measures to tackle everyday costs like gas, housing, and groceries.

- Removing the PST on all food sold in grocery stores starting July 1, 2026
- Cracking down on predatory pricing by big grocery companies
- An increased **\$1,700** Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit for 2027
- Increasing support for renters and delivering rent relief sooner, plus an increased top-up for seniors
- Free child care for low-income families
- Permanent gas tax relief
- Extending the EV rebate
- Free menstrual products in workplaces
- Continuing the freeze on Crown Land leases for the third year in a row and increasing the Young Farmer rebate
- Free transit for kids and youth

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Better Health Care

For the third year in a row, our government is investing more in health care, with new initiatives to take the pressure off our emergency rooms and lower wait times.

- 4,054 net new health care staff added to the frontlines
- Lowering ER wait times with new mental health beds, alternate level care beds, and ER zones where patients can be seen by a specialist right way
- Building new ERs at the Victoria Hospital and the hospital in Eriksdale, and a new CancerCare headquarters
- New personal care homes in Bridgwater, Transcona, Lac du Bonnet and Arborg
- A new paramedic pathway to improve rural and northern emergency care
- A new Manitoba Menopause Clinic
- Keeping health-care workers safe with **\$5.3 million** for permanent security measures
- **\$22.1 million** for Heart Care Manitoba, restoring the cardiac centre of excellence at the St. Boniface Hospital
- Adding 200 more hip and knee surgeries at the Selkirk Hospital
- Investing **\$6.3 million** to recruit more doctors for rural Manitoba

Healthier Families and Safer Communities

For the third year in a row, our increases to municipal funding, policing, and education are helping communities grow, while more investments in affordable housing and community infrastructure are helping families across the province.

- **\$80 million** in new funding for schools, above the rate of inflation and enrollment
- **\$118 million** to build schools for Devonshire Park, Prairie Pointe, Meadowlands, and Brandon Southwest with another seven schools on the way
- Opening 21 new childcare centres and adding 2,315 new child care spaces this year
- Building more play structures for kids
- **\$473.5 million** in funding to municipalities
- **\$15.3 million** in funding for Northern Affairs communities
- Adding 19 more firefighters to fight wildfires
- Building the Dauphin Centre for Justice
- Expanding bail monitoring
- Creating 215 more units of social and affordable housing
- Supporting a National Marine Conservation area in Churchill
- Building an overpass on Highway 1 at Carberry



A Government that Works for You

By modernizing and improving government services,
we are working hard to make life a little easier for you.

- 24-7 snow clearing pilot on the Perimeter Highway
- Strengthening the Residential Tenancies Branch
- Increasing Francophone services
- Increasing American Sign Language services
- Investing in Orange Shirt Day events across the province



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