



STATE AGENCY 2023-25 BUDGET REQUESTS

AN ANALYSIS BY THE INSTITUTE FOR REFORMING GOVERNMENT

WHAT HAPPENED?

State agencies submitted their 2023-2025 budget requests last week. This officially kicks off the state budget process which runs from September 15, 2022 to July 1, 2023. The Governor's Office directed agencies to submit zero-growth budgets; however, state agencies requested a whopping **\$7,571,929,200 in new funding!**

While households are getting hit with record inflation, the state government is asking for a **9.29% more from taxpayers**. IRG analyzed the agency requests to find out how much funding over and above the base year doubled each agency was requesting. Below you will find some of the highlights from these requests:

\$7.5 BILLION

THE AMOUNT IN NEW SPENDING REQUESTED BY WISCONSIN STATE AGENCIES.

STATE AGENCY	AGENCY BUDGET REQUEST
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requesting \$15,793,800 in new funding - a 7.2% increase.
Department of Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested \$29,150,600 in new funding. Includes \$2.4 million to provide IT support to DSPS. The agency also requested 25 new positions.
Department of Safety and Professional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requesting \$20,679,000 in new funding - a 16.9% increase. The agency also requested 70 new positions.
Department of Public Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requesting \$2,476,436,100 in new funding - a 15% increase. This is despite serving fewer students than during the previous budget and after districts received \$1.5 billion in federal recovery funding.
University of Wisconsin System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system is requesting \$435,816,800 in new funding. They requested \$100 million to cover "inflationary costs of goods and services." The system requested 783 new positions.
WI Technical College System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Technical College System is requesting \$82,643,800 in new funding - a 6.7% increase.
Department of Corrections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agency is requesting \$228,529,700 in new funding - a 7.8% increase.
Department of Workforce Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agency is requesting \$58,384,500 in new funding - 7.9% increase.
Department of Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS is requesting \$3,737,044,800 in new funding - a 12.3% increase. The agency came up with this number after re-estimating the cost of the Medicaid program among other things. DHS is also asking for 248 new positions.
State Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The treasurer is asking for an additional \$562,000, which amounts to a 215% increase!
Secretary of State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretary of State is requesting \$423,200 in additional funding a 73.4% increase.

**Increases are spending over and above the base year doubled, all funds.*