

Survey: 2022 Budget consultations

The 2022 Budget will build on the government's plan to create the foundation for Ontario's recovery and prosperity, while protecting our progress. We need your feedback. How can the Ontario government support your family or business? How has COVID-19 affected your priorities? What can we do to ensure a strong economic recovery and build for the future?

Closing date: February 11, 2022

This survey should take about 15 minutes to complete.

1. Faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, the government has responded with supports and investments to keep businesses running, schools open, and to protect Ontario's health care system and long-term care sector. Going forward, what steps should the government take to protect our progress against the COVID-19 pandemic. Choose the top three priorities.

- Additional supports for workers who need to reskill or find a new career
- More investments to keep Ontario's schools a safe place to learn and work
- Improved access to COVID-19 testing and vaccine/booster programs
- Investments in public health services
- Further investments in the health and long-term care sector workforce
- Additional investments in health and long-term care sector infrastructure and improvements
- Additional supports for businesses struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Additional funding for addictions and mental health supports
- No opinion
- Other

2. The provincial budget needs to balance many priorities. Choose the top three priorities that you feel are the most important.

- Helping Ontario's economy recover
- Supporting job creation and connecting people to good jobs
- Increasing affordable rental options and affordable home ownership

- Lowering taxes with tools like tax credits to help offset expenses
- Managing the cost of inflation and reducing the price of goods and essentials, such as gas
- Improving health and long-term care through infrastructure, home care supports and increasing the number of hospital beds
- Making communities safer
- Building infrastructure such as public transit, highways and bridges
- No opinion
- Other

3. The government provided a historic investment in resources to protect frontline healthcare across the province. What more could we do to protect people's health, including residents in long-term care? Please choose the top three priorities that you feel are the most important.

- Building hospitals and hospital beds
- Building long-term care beds
- Hiring more healthcare workers
- Improving long-term care oversight
- Better supports for home care aid
- Investing in more personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Increase the availability of testing options
- Improving the distribution of vaccines
- No opinion
- Other

4. To better understand the priorities of specific regions in Ontario, please identify what type of community you live in. Please choose all that apply.

- Southwestern Ontario
- Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area
- Central Ontario

- Eastern Ontario
- Northern Ontario
- Rural community
- Urban community
- Other

5. When you think about your community, what services or resources could use more government support? Please choose the top three priorities that you feel are the most important.

- Housing affordability
- Police services
- Education supports, such as before and after school programming, special education and developmental support programs
- Mental health and addiction supports
- Broadband and high-speed internet services
- Public health resources for businesses, schools and other community groups
- No opinion
- Other

6. When it comes to transit and transportation infrastructure, what priorities are important to you? Choose up to two options.

- Highways that cut down on commute time
- Improved access to major arteries such as the 400 series highways
- Solutions that improve traffic congestion in urban areas
- Infrastructure that promotes active transportation such as biking
- Building or improving public transit like subways, GO trains and Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- Transit options that create access between northern and southern Ontario, such as the Northlander and inter-city bussing
- No opinion

Other

7. The government is investing in workers. What is the best way to help people find a good job? Choose one:

Create incentives for employers to rehire and expand their workforce

More opportunities in the skilled trades and apprenticeships

Additional supports for people to reskill or switch their career

Work with the postsecondary sector to ensure programs are preparing students for the jobs of today and the future

Improve access to child care

No opinion

Other

8. The government has released an action plan to make government services simpler, easier to use, more convenient and more accessible. What further actions should we take to make government services more digitally accessible, responsive and easier to use? Please pick your top three priorities.

Reduce red tape in government services

Create business service standards

Create policies enforcing customer feedback and plans to address it

Make government services more accessible online

Improving government purchasing

Lowering business costs associated with digital integration and interaction

Create more responsive and flexible government services

No opinion

Other

9. Getting people back to work, creating more jobs and attracting investment are important priorities to help Ontario's economy. What should the government prioritize to support making Ontario a more attractive destination for people to live, work, invest and raise a family? Please pick your top three priorities.

Lower business taxes

- Lower personal taxes
- Provide tax credits
- Invest in higher learning
- Increase affordability of essential goods
- More opportunities for affordable home ownership
- Make it easier to start a business
- Increase incentives for purchasing and promoting Ontario-made products
- Invest, build and maintain infrastructure faster (such as bridges and roads)
- No opinion
- Other

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Your responses will be reviewed and may be used by the Ministry of Finance for consideration as part of the 2022 Ontario Budget. This may involve disclosing some or all comments or materials, or summaries of them, to other interested parts of the Ontario government during and after the consultation. Your feedback may also be used in a summary report about this survey. Feedback will not be attributed to specific individuals.

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