

Washington State Near General Fund Operating Budget

(based on 2015-17)

Human Services

current: \$6.4B

new: _____

- Behavioral/mental health services
- Public assistance (cash and food assistance, child support enforcement) for 740,000 families
- Long-term care for 90,000 people with medical or developmental disabilities
- Child protective services
- Foster care for 9,000 children
- Chemical dependency treatment for 3,400 people
- Treatment for 800 youth offenders
- Confinement for 265 sex offenders

Health Care

current: \$4

new: _____

- Health care for 1.8 million low-income adults and children
- Health insurance for 355,000 public employees & families
- Veterans health care & support
- Health insurance market exchange
- Services for blind/visually impaired people
- Public health programs to reduce environmental, disease, and injury hazards
- Licensing and regulation for health care professionals

Higher Education

current: \$3.5B

new: _____

- Education and training for 235,000 full-time equivalent students in state universities, community and technical colleges
- Student Achievement Council, State Need Grants, and financial aid/student support services

Debt & Other Payments

current: \$3B

new: _____

- Debt service on state and local capital bonds
- 26% of NGF funding distributed directly to local governments

Public Safety & Corrections

current: \$2B new: _____

- State prisons and community supervision for 34,000 offenders
- Training for local law enforcement

Government Operations

current: \$0.6B new: _____

- Tax collection
- Emergency management operations
- Community and economic development
- Licensing of businesses and professions
- Administration of unemployment insurance and worker benefits
- Staff and admin support of statewide elected officials, agencies, and local governments
- State Historical Society, Arts Commission, and historic preservation
- Anti-discrimination programs

Public Schools

- 295 school districts educating 1 million K-12 students
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and 370 FTEs
- 99.8% of NGF funding distributed directly to school districts

current: \$18B

new: _____

Other Education

current: \$0.3B new: _____

- Department of Early Learning
- Childcare and early learning programs for 50,000 children
- Residential schools for 185 students

Natural Resources

current: \$0.3B new: _____

- Departments of Ecology, Natural Resources, Agriculture, State Parks Commission, and local environmental partnerships
- Management of 124 state parks and 6.5 million acres of state land

Judicial Branch

current: \$0.3B new: _____

- Staff and administration for state Appeals and Supreme Courts
- Assistance to local courts
- Legal services for low-income people

Legislative Branch

current: \$0.1B new: _____

- Staff and administration for House of Representatives and Senate, including 5 research and support agencies

Washington State Operating Budget Revenue

Retail Sales Tax
(6.5% on most retail purchases)
current: **\$18B**
new: _____

Near-General Fund and Opportunity Pathways

(based on 2015-2017)

All Other
(includes taxes and fees on things like liquor (\$.04B), cigarettes (\$.08B), insurance premiums (\$1B), timber harvesting (\$1.2B), soda (\$.01), commercial fishing (\$.006), and others)
current: **\$6B**
new: _____

Business & Operations Tax
(around 0.48% for retail, wholesale, and manufacturing; 1.5% for service businesses)
current: **\$7.5B**
new: _____



Real Estate Tax

(1.3% on real estate sales)

current: **\$1.6B**

new: _____

Property Tax
(State rates combined with local rates and levies; constitutionally limited to 1% of property value UNLESS voters approve a special levy)
current: **\$4.1B**
new: _____



Public Utility Tax

(rates vary by utility – water, electricity, gas, transportation)

current: **\$0.8B**

new: _____

New Revenue Options

High-Earner Income Tax
(on households earning over \$200,000/year)
\$2.5B



Capital Gains Tax

(7% on capital gains income)

\$0.8B



Other

(close loopholes, sin/luxury items tax)

up to \$1B



Cap & Trade Tax

(tax to limit carbon emissions by businesses)

\$0.4B