

Survey: 2023 Budget consultations

The 2023 Budget will build on strengthening Ontario's economy and the progress we have made on our plan to build Ontario together. But we need your feedback. Tell us how the Ontario government can support your family or business during these uncertain economic times and what we can do to ensure a strong economic recovery and build for the future.

Closing date: February 10, 2023

This survey should take about 15 minutes to complete.

1. Faced with economic uncertainty, historically high inflation and rising interest rates, the government has responded with investments to build Ontario's economy together and support families and businesses. Going forward, what steps should the government take to protect our progress and the people of Ontario during these uncertain economic times. Choose the top three priorities.

- Additional supports and investments in training for workers who need to reskill or find a new career opportunity.
- Further investments in the health and long-term care sector workforce.
- Continued investments in infrastructure such as public transit, highways and bridges.
- Additional supports and tax incentives for small businesses.
- Additional supports for families, seniors and workers to help keep costs down with the increased cost of living.
- Continuing to manage the debt burden and eliminate Ontario's deficit.
- Investing in home-grown manufacturing to help increase economic growth and productivity.
- No opinion.
- Other

2. To help manage the provincial finances, a budget needs to balance many priorities. Choose the top three priorities that you feel are the most important.

- Helping Ontario's economy recover.
- Building Ontario's workforce by supporting job creation, investing in training programs 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 reducing transit expenses.
- 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 continues to explore ways to improve health care and build a stronger health care workforce. What are the most important priorities to help build Ontario's healthcare system? Please choose the top three priorities that you feel are the most important.

- Building and improving hospitals and other health care facilities.
- Investing in long term care homes and upgrading existing long-term beds.
- Building Ontario's health care workforce.
- Improving long-term care oversight.
- Better supports for home care aid.
- Investing in training for more skilled health care workers.
- Investing in mental health care and supports.
- No opinion.
- Other

4. 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 support.

- Broadband and high-speed internet services.
- Public health resources for businesses, schools and other community groups.
- Access to health care and health services.
- No opinion.
- Other

5. 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

6. The government is working to fill labour shortages impacting business and the economy by investing in workers. What should the government prioritize to help address the labour shortage? Please choose the top three priorities.

- Create incentives for employers to rehire and expand their workforce.
- Invest and modernizing the apprenticeship and skills training systems.
- Provide additional supports for people to reskill or switch their career.
- Support youth employment and training.
- Improve access to childcare.
- Support new skilled newcomers that come to Ontario to fill labour market gaps.
- No opinion.
- Other

7. Important priorities to help Ontario's economy include creating more jobs and attracting investment. 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

8. The government is focused on keeping costs down for families, seniors and workers during these uncertain economic times. What should the government prioritize to increase affordability for Ontarians? Please pick your top three priorities:

- Increase affordability of essential goods.
- Increase options for rental and affordable housing.
- Lowering taxes through tax credits to help offset expenses.
- Proposing initiatives to keep commuter costs down.
- No opinion.
- Other

9. 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 Hamilton Area (GTHA)
- Central Ontario

- Eastern Ontario
- Northern Ontario
- Rural community
- Urban community
- 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 2023 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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