

Highlights



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| Operation and maintenance budget | \$1.88 billion |
| Capital budget | \$477.32 million |
| Total budget | \$2.36 billion |

The Yukon is a dynamic and growing territory. Budget 2025–26 responds to the pressures of a rising population and challenges from the impacts of climate change and environmental emergencies, while continuing to diversify our economy.

As part of this budget, the Government of Yukon is investing in housing and other programs to enhance affordability. It also supports economic growth by strengthening businesses and critical infrastructure while prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of families and communities.

In partnership with First Nations governments, the Government of Yukon is building a prosperous Yukon on a strong foundation of reconciliation. Budget 2025–26 also ensures the environment is protected while working towards these shared goals.

Through a fiscally responsible approach, the Government of Yukon is unlocking the Yukon’s potential while ensuring Yukoners share in the benefits and continue to enjoy all that makes the territory home.

The Yukon by the numbers

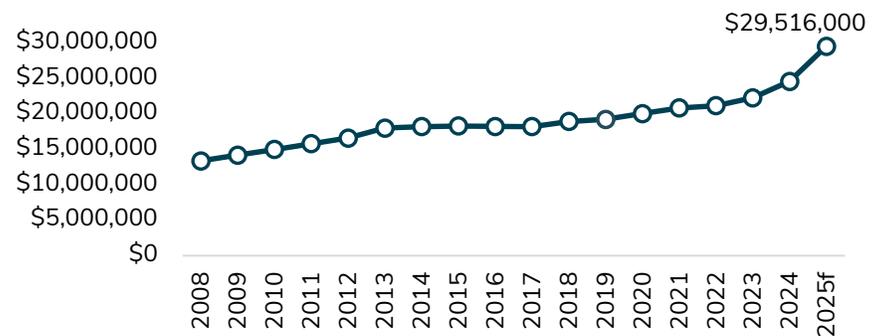
Economic indicators, 2023 to 2024

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| Population (46,640 in June 2024) | ↑ | 3.0% |
| Employment growth (26,500 employed in 2024) | ↑ | 6.0% |
| Average weekly earnings (January to November) | ↑ | 5.3% |
| Inflation | ↓ | 4.9% to 2.0% |
| Building construction | ↑ | 47.8% |
| Air arrivals, January to September | ↑ | 20.3% |
| Visitor spending | ↑ | 21.5% |

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| Participation rate, 2024 | 76.3% |
| (proportion of the working-age population either working or looking for work) | Highest in Canada |

Comprehensive Municipal Grant

This grant provides municipalities with funding for programs and services.



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Source: Department of Finance

Affordability for all

While inflation has fallen from recent highs, the cost of living continues to be a challenge across Canada and around the world. Budget 2025–26 includes funding aimed at making life more affordable for Yukoners by bringing down housing costs and through direct supports to residents.

Affordable homes



\$38.4 million to provide Yukoners with more housing options, including the replacement of the Korbo Apartments in Dawson City and the Ryder Apartments in Whitehorse.

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\$24.4 million to develop housing lots across the Yukon.

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\$5 million to aid in building affordable housing projects with partners.

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\$4.7 million in rent subsidies and supplements.

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\$1.5 million for a supportive housing program at 408 Alexander Street in Whitehorse.

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\$1 million in funding to develop community housing and respond to tenant needs.

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\$1 million to help low and moderate-income homeowners with home repairs and other improvements.

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\$1 million to develop a new support program to help Yukoners purchase their first home.

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\$1 million in loans through the Developer Build Loan Program to finance affordable housing and residential land infrastructure.

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\$900,000 as part of a \$12.9 million commitment to support Safe at Home Society's The Hearth housing project in downtown Whitehorse.

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Affordable living



Introducing a new refundable tax credit for fertility treatments and surrogacy services in 2025 of up to **\$10,000** annually.

\$4.5 million in additional investment in early learning and child care spaces and universal child care agreements to ensure high-quality child care is accessible, affordable and inclusive.

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\$3.9 million to assist Yukoners with their electricity bills.

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\$3.5 million in increases for basic social assistance rates to reflect the change in the Whitehorse Consumer Price Index.

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\$1.2 million to increase supports for extended family and community caregivers.

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\$1 million in additional financial support for parents of children with disabilities.

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\$825,000 to extend the paid sick leave program, which covers up to 40 hours of sick leave per fiscal year, to March 31, 2026.

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\$937 maximum per child per year to modest and low-income parents and families receiving the Yukon Child Benefit, an increase of two per cent over last year.

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Promoting territory-wide growth

Budget 2025–26 invests in building up social and economic infrastructure across the territory to ensure that Yukoners and Yukon businesses can thrive.

Community infrastructure



\$64.7 million for capital investments in community infrastructure supporting a variety of projects, including construction of the Dawson City Recreation Centre.

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\$50.7 million for bridges, including substantial investment in the Nisutlin Bay Bridge replacement.

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\$41 million for improvements to the Alaska Highway and the North Klondike Highway.

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\$10 million in funding for upgrades to roads in areas with high resource potential through the Yukon Resource Gateway Project.

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\$3.3 million for road safety improvements throughout the Yukon.

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\$3 million in support for community projects with long-term, sustainable economic and social benefits through the Community Development Fund.

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\$1.6 million to modernize landfills.

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\$1.3 million to build a staff housing duplex in Burwash Landing.

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\$200,000 for planning new sites and amenities at Pine Lake Campground, as well as an updated trail network.

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Investments in education



\$14.6 million for the new collective agreement with the Yukon Association of Education Professionals.

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\$1.7 million increase for educational assistants, school wellness specialists and learning assistance teachers.

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\$1.2 million in additional funding for post-secondary student grants.

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\$984,000 increase for teacher and clerical positions, based on enrollment.

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Promoting territory-wide growth

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Economic infrastructure



\$75.5 million towards improvements at Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport.

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\$2 million to support projects with economic benefits for Yukon communities through the Economic Development Fund.

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\$1.6 million for the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership to strengthen the Yukon's agriculture sector.

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Supporting Yukon businesses and cultural industries



\$2.5 million for museums and First Nations cultural centres.

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\$2.5 million in funding programs to develop and sustain the Yukon's arts community.

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\$1.7 million in funding for media productions and developing and performing visual media artists.

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\$1.6 million to implement the *Innovation Yukon* strategy, supporting technological growth and entrepreneurship.

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\$1 million to support Yukon businesses affected by U.S. trade decisions.

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Building prosperity through reconciliation

Reconciliation with Yukon First Nations benefits all Yukoners through respectful relationships and collaboration on joint priorities. The Government of Yukon is working in partnership with First Nations to bring programs and services to Yukon communities.

Economic reconciliation



\$15.7 million to build the Kêts'ádañ Kù community school in Burwash Landing.

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\$12.7 million investment in the Sāde Initiative solar power project in Watson Lake, led by First Kaska Utilities Limited Partnership.

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\$1.1 million to support ongoing discussions, negotiations, consultation and engagement with First Nations governments.

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\$943,000 in funding for community wildfire mitigation and First Nations wildfire agreements.

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Building prosperity through reconciliation (continued)

Economic reconciliation

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Continuing to implement the multi-faceted *Breaking Trail Together* projects and initiatives for an inclusive public service with Yukon First Nations government partners.

Cultural and community protection



\$5.4 million for continued support of the First Nation School Board.

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\$1.2 million to support partners in the implementation of *Changing the Story to Upholding Dignity and Justice: Yukon's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-spirit+ People Strategy*.

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\$1 million to design and construct a new trail on Charcoal Ridge in Tombstone Territorial Park in partnership with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Development Corporation.

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\$811,000 for First Nations governments to develop wellness support roles to meet student needs.

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\$750,000 towards the Family Preservation Wellness Centre, which will provide temporary housing, led by the Council of Yukon First Nations.

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\$700,000 towards the Residential Schools Missing Children Project.

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\$400,000 to develop two First Nation Patient Navigator programs to improve Indigenous peoples' access to the health care system.

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Safe and healthy families and communities

Yukoners deserve to have a high standard of care and to feel safe in their communities. The Government of Yukon puts a high priority on the wellbeing of families, homes and communities, and is taking initiative to create a safer and healthier Yukon.

Community safety



\$4.9 million for wildfire prevention, mitigation and planning.

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\$4.1 million in spending to advance projects that support the *National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence*.

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\$2.1 million in rent subsidies to help survivors of gender-based violence access safe housing.

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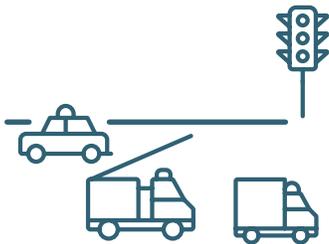
\$1 million to plan for a new Coroner's Services Building.

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Safe and healthy families and communities (continued)

Community safety

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\$820,000 for increased honoraria for volunteer firefighters and volunteer community responders providing emergency medical services.

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\$733,000 for a new fire rescue truck for the Fire Marshal's Office.

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\$495,000 to support implementation of the LGBTQ2S+ Inclusion Action Plan across government and with community partners.

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\$797,000 in additional funding for legal aid.

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\$579,000 to implement the Downtown Whitehorse Safety Response Action Plan, including crime prevention programming with the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce for businesses and organizations.

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\$200,000 towards enhancing access to French-language legal services.

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\$193,500 for a feasibility study on creating a Canadian Institute for Arctic Security to analyze geopolitical, economic and environmental issues in the North.

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Health and wellness



\$47 million in additional funding for Insured Health to meet the costs of providing health care to our growing and aging population.

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\$24.5 million in additional funding for the Yukon Hospital Corporation to meet demand for acute care and increase bed capacity.

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\$4.2 million for maintenance and repair projects at Yukon hospitals.

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\$2.3 million for additional support for long-term care beds at Whistle Bend Place.

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\$1.2 million for planning an expansion of Whitehorse General Hospital.

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\$4.8 million for school food programs to support students' mental and physical health.

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\$2.2 million to continue implementing the Substance Use Health Emergency Strategy.

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\$1 million for the Foreign Credential Recognition Navigation Service that assists internationally educated health care professionals have their foreign credentials recognized in the Yukon.

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\$1 million in additional funding for personal support workers to ensure Yukoners can age with dignity.

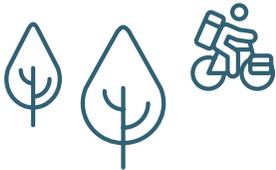
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Protecting our environment

The Yukon is known for its natural beauty. The Government of Yukon is committed to growing our green economy while preserving Yukoners' way of life.

Our Clean Future



\$6.4 million in support for energy retrofits and renewable energy projects through the Green Infrastructure Program.

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\$5.8 million for building retrofits to minimize energy loss.

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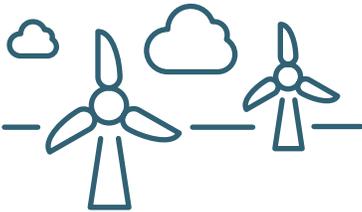
\$806,000 in additional funding to develop flood hazard maps in 14 communities.

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\$302,000 in additional funding to update building codes.

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Green economy



\$12.4 million for renewable energy incentive programs.

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\$1.5 million for Innovative Renewable Energy Initiative program funding to support renewable energy projects.

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\$876,000 in additional funding for the affordable heat pump program.

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\$275,000 for territory-wide wetland mapping.

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Remediating mine sites



\$118 million to continue to respond to the Eagle Gold Mine heap leach failure.

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\$21.5 million for reclamation work at Minto Mine.

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\$5.5 million for year one of a two-year water treatment plan at Wolverine Mine.

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Wildlife management



\$50,000 to explore the use of new technologies for wildlife surveys to inform wildlife management decisions.

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Sustainable communities



\$827,000 to support the curbside recycling program in Whitehorse.

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\$200,000 to establish a new park at Chasàn Chùa/McIntyre Creek in Whitehorse.

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Investing in our communities

The Government of Yukon is making progress on capital projects throughout the territory.

Old Crow

- ▷ Airport runway improvements
- ▷ New public works facility planning

Dawson City

- ▷ 34 unit Korbo Apartments replacement
- ▷ Airport runway and site improvements
- ▷ Clear Creek Bridge repair
- ▷ Recreation Centre
- ▷ Reservoir
- ▷ Robert Service School roof repair and upgrades

Pelly Crossing

- ▷ Health facility planning
- ▷ Road upgrades

Beaver Creek

- ▷ Lagoon
- ▷ Nelnah Bessie John School upgrades

Carmacks

- ▷ Public works, firehall and emergency medical services building

Burwash Landing

- ▷ Boat launch
- ▷ Kêts'ádań Kù School
- ▷ Staff housing duplex

Haines Junction

- ▷ Airport roof replacement
- ▷ Blanchard solar installation
- ▷ Infrastructure upgrades
- ▷ Water well replacement

Carcross

- ▷ Roadway safety improvements

Marsh Lake

- ▷ Alaska Highway roadway clearing
- ▷ Lewes River Bridge lighting improvements
- ▷ Road safety improvements

Whitehorse

- ▷ 45 unit Ryder Apartments replacement
- ▷ Alaska Highway improvements
- ▷ Beringia Interpretive Centre lighting and fire alarm system upgrades
- ▷ Biathlon facility
- ▷ Copper Ridge Place courtyard surface repair
- ▷ Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport runway replacement
- ▷ LNG plant heat recovery system
- ▷ Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre energy, ventilation and heating upgrades

Mayo

- ▷ Arena upgrades
- ▷ J.V. Clark School roof replacement
- ▷ Public works facilities upgrades
- ▷ Reservoir
- ▷ Water well expansion

Keno

- ▷ Road upgrades

Faro

- ▷ Water, sewer and road improvements

Ross River

- ▷ Ross River School structural upgrades

Teslin

- ▷ Community six-plex design
- ▷ Nisutlin Bay Bridge replacement
- ▷ Teslin Tlingit Council Public Building green energy retrofit

Watson Lake

- ▷ Airport runway improvements
- ▷ Big Creek Bridge replacement
- ▷ Johnson Elementary School mechanical systems upgrade
- ▷ Sâde Initiative solar power project

Other investments in communities

\$5 million in additional funding for the Comprehensive Municipal Grant.

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\$88,000 available for newly-elected municipal officials and municipal government staff to access professional development and training.

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