

# Budget 2024-25



+	<b>\$484 million</b>	capital
	<b>\$1.595 billion</b>	operations and maintenance
	<b>\$2.08 billion</b>	total

Budget 2024-25 improves the lives of all Yukoners as it meets the needs of our growing territory. This year's budget includes measures to address ongoing challenges associated with the rising cost of living, as well as actions which will help create healthy communities through infrastructure projects and improved health care services. It also takes steps towards responding to the climate crisis, the Substance Use Health Emergency and other challenges, while making strategic investments in housing and education as well as progress towards reconciliation with Yukon First Nations.

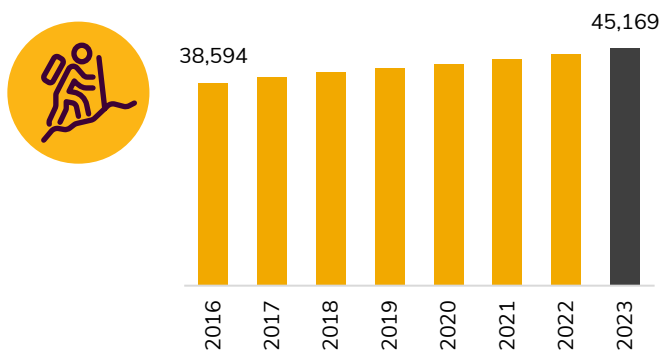
The Yukon's economy is well-positioned for further growth, supported by gains in the labour market, higher wages for workers and continued low unemployment. The Yukon now has the highest population of the three territories and remains an attractive place for people to live, work and visit.

Through strategic partnerships and close cooperation with all levels of governments, we are working towards expanding the benefits of our stable and growing economy for everyone who calls the territory home.

## A growing Yukon

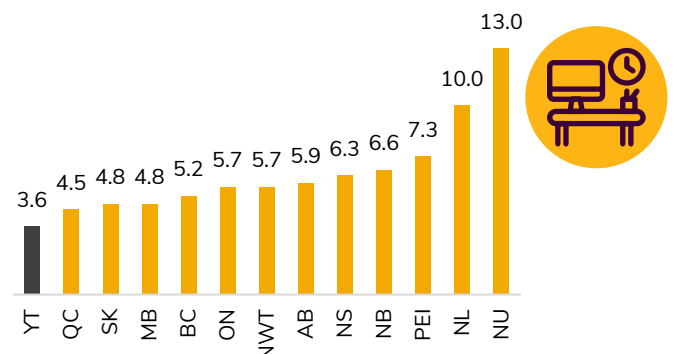
The Yukon is seeing positive trends in several areas, reaching a significant milestone in population size and once again having one of the lowest unemployment rates in Canada.

**Annual population, 2016 to 2023 (June)**



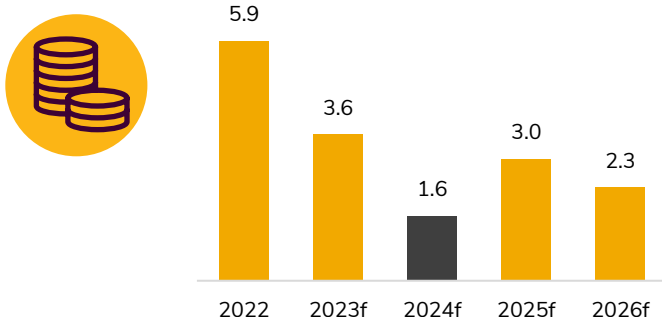
Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics

**Average unemployment rate 2023 (per cent)**



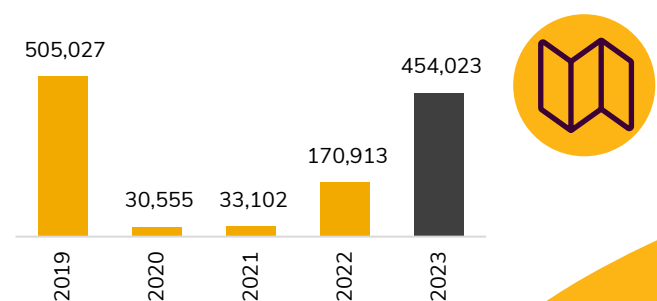
Source: Statistics Canada (seasonally adjusted data)

**Real GDP growth (per cent)**



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Source: Statistics Canada, Department of Finance

**Non-resident visitation to the Yukon, 2019 to 2023**



Source: Statistics Canada

# Making life more affordable

We are supporting Yukoners faced with the higher cost of living by responding to high inflation, improving access to housing and making sure Yukoners can access essential services at prices they can afford.

## We are...

### Improving access to housing

- **\$27.3 million** to build affordable homes, community housing and Housing First projects and replace aged-out units.  
Main Estimates pages 20-9, 20-10 and 20-13
- **\$6 million** to assist the Safe at Home Society to develop supportive housing units in Whitehorse.  
Main Estimates pages 20-9 and 20-15
- **\$5.5 million** in loans for individuals and developers to buy and build houses, and for homeowners to repair their principal residence.  
Main Estimates pages 20-9 and 20-14
- **\$8.3 million** to fund the development of rental housing.  
Main Estimates pages 20-9, 20-13 and 20-15
- **\$2 million** to renovate and rehabilitate units owned by the Yukon Housing Corporation.  
Main Estimates page 20-10
- **\$1.2 million** in rental subsidies through the Canada-Yukon Housing Benefit.  
Main Estimates pages 20-10, 20-13 and 20-15

### Providing affordable child care

- **\$42.5 million** in continued funding for early learning and child care.  
Main Estimates pages 8-12, 8-16 and 8-19

### Providing assistance to seniors and families

- **\$3.5 million** for the Yukon Seniors' Income Supplement that increases the monthly income for Yukon seniors.  
Main Estimates pages 13-9 and 13-18
- **\$1.6 million** for the Yukon Child Benefit to make life more affordable for modest and low-income parents and families, now and over the long-term.  
Main Estimates page 11-14

### Ensuring Yukoners have dental care

- **\$5.4 million** to continue the Yukon-wide dental program.  
Main Estimates page 13-8

### Helping with the cost of utilities

- **\$3.5 million** to continue funding the Interim Electrical Rebate.  
Main Estimates pages 19-4 and 19-7

### Supporting workers

- **\$750,000** to extend the Temporary Paid Sick Leave program to March 31, 2025.  
Main Estimates pages 7-7 and 7-11



# Looking after people and communities

By creating a more integrated and person-centred health care system and supporting infrastructure improvements in and around Yukon communities, we are helping Yukoners create thriving, sustainable places to live.

## We are...

### Investing in a healthy Yukon

- **\$30 million** in additional funding for insured health services.  
Main Estimates page 13-8
- **\$15.3 million** in additional funding to meet the needs of the Yukon Hospital Corporation.  
Main Estimates pages 13-13 and 13-22
- **\$9.4 million** to establish a new health authority.  
Main Estimates pages 13-7 and 13-15
- **\$5.1 million** to complete the Mental Wellness Unit at Whitehorse General Hospital.  
Main Estimates page 13-13
- **\$4.4 million** to increase the number of educational support staff and wellness specialists in Yukon schools.  
Main Estimates pages 8-9 and 8-11
- **\$2.8 million** to bolster health human resources.  
Main Estimates pages 13-7 and 13-15
- **\$1.4 million** for the walk-in clinic in Whitehorse.  
Main Estimates page 13-10
- **\$750,000** to redesign the courtyard at Whistle Bend Place in Whitehorse to improve accessibility.  
Main Estimates page 13-12

- **\$597,000** in additional funding for community recreation and active living initiatives.  
Main Estimates pages 6-9, 6-16 and 6-18
- **\$365,000** in additional funding to improve the regulation of health professionals.  
Main Estimates page 6-7
- **\$155,000** to track climate-related illnesses and train health care providers on this issue.  
Main Estimates page 13-8

### Addressing the Substance Use Health Emergency

- **\$2.6 million** to implement the Substance Use Health Emergency Strategy.  
Main Estimates pages 13-7, 13-10, 15-7 and 15-12
- **\$1.3 million** for a managed alcohol program to reduce the harms related to alcohol use disorder.  
Main Estimates page 13-10
- **\$510,000** in additional funding for court-monitored drug treatment programs.  
Main Estimates page 15-12 and 15-17



## Encouraging more land development

- **\$25.9 million** to develop lots across the Yukon.

Main Estimates page 6-10

## Supporting a more equitable society

- **\$2.1 million** in rental subsidies for people escaping gender-based violence.

Main Estimates pages 20-10, 20-13 and 20-15

- **\$320,000** to implement the LGBTQ2S+ Inclusion Action Plan and increase inclusion in the Government of Yukon's programs and services.

Main Estimates pages 18-6 and 18-8

## Improving public safety

- **\$4.1 million** to implement the Yukon's agreement with Canada on the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence.

Main Estimates pages 13-9, 13-16, 13-20, 15-7, 15-12, 15-17, 15-18, 18-6, 18-7 and 18-8

- **\$3.2 million** for upgrades and improvements to RCMP detachments across the Yukon.

Main Estimates page 15-13

- **\$1.7 million** in additional RCMP funding.

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- **\$800,000** in additional funding to address gun and gang violence.

Main Estimates pages 15-12 and 15-17

- **\$313,440** in additional funding for court services.

Main Estimates page 15-8

- **\$2.7 million** in additional funding to enhance the resilience of wildland fire management.

Main Estimates pages 6-8 and 6-16

- **\$1.3 million** for community wildland fire prevention and mitigation that includes FireSmart and Government of Yukon-led fuel management projects, including the Whitehorse South Fuel Break.

Main Estimates page 6-8 and 6-18

- **\$50,000** to develop community wildfire protection plans.

Main Estimates page 6-8

## Encouraging sustainable services

- **\$2.3 million** in additional funding for the Comprehensive Municipal Grant to support Yukon communities in delivering services.

Main Estimates pages 6-9 and 6-18

## Building up our infrastructure

- **\$49.6 million** to improve a significant transportation link in the Yukon with the Nisutlin Bay Bridge replacement in Teslin.

Main Estimates pages 14-11 and 14-18

- **\$5 million** to continue work on replacing the Big Creek Bridge west of Watson Lake.

Main Estimates page 14-11

- **\$20.1 million** to build new schools or renovate existing schools in Burwash Landing, Ross River and Whitehorse.

Main Estimates page 8-9

- **\$17 million** for further rehabilitation and reconstruction of parts of the North Klondike Highway.

Main Estimates pages 14-11 and 14-18

- **\$1.4 million** for improvements to the Alaska Highway in Whitehorse.

Main Estimates page 14-11

- **\$11.5 million** to complete the Dempster Fibre Project, which will provide more reliable internet service.

Main Estimates page 14-14

- **\$5.4 million** to improve campgrounds and repair or replace boat launches.

Main Estimates pages 10-9 and 10-14

## Managing waste more effectively

- **\$1 million** for diversion credits for recyclable waste.

Main Estimates pages 6-9 and 6-25

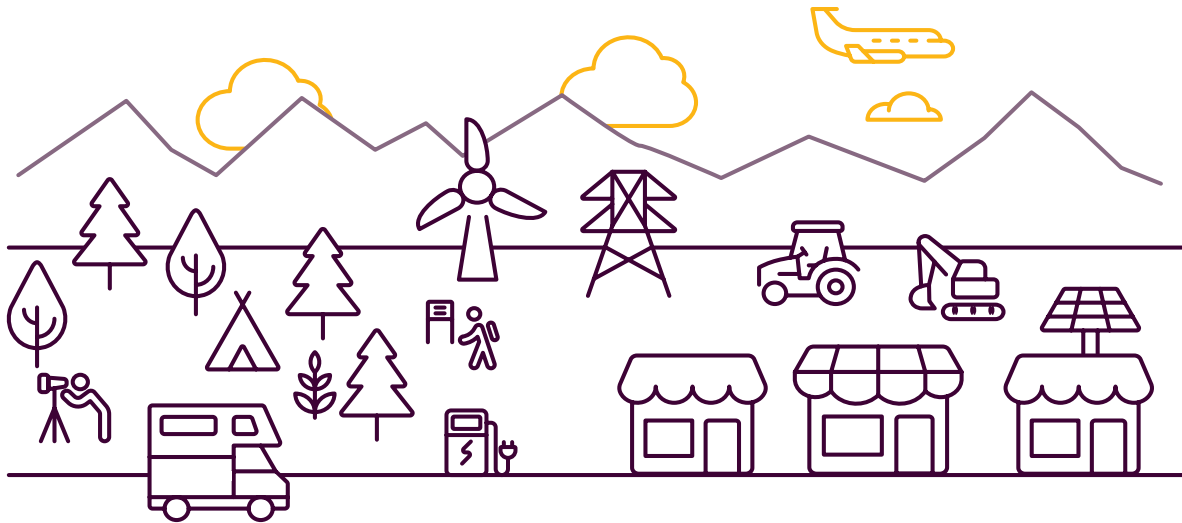
## Supporting francophone Yukoners

- **\$1.1 million** for French first-language programming in Dawson City.

Main Estimates pages 8-9 and 8-18

- **\$356,000** for new technologies to deliver health services in French.

Main Estimates pages 12-6 and 12-8



## Investing in our collective future

We are focusing on the future of the Yukon by supporting key sectors of our economy, laying the groundwork for green energy projects, and making progress towards reaching our climate goals by carrying out actions from the *Our Clean Future* strategy.

### We are...

#### Supporting the growth of tourism

- **\$75 million** for ongoing critical improvements to the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport.  
Main Estimates pages 14-11 and 14-18
- **\$1.6 million** in funding for sustainable community tourism development projects.  
Main Estimates pages 17-10 and 17-15
- **\$75,000** to support the development of new and emerging entrepreneurs offering innovative visitor experiences and services within the Yukon's tourism sector.  
Main Estimates pages 17-10 and 17-15

#### Helping businesses grow and innovate

- **\$2 million** for the Economic Development Fund, which supports businesses pursuing innovation and diversification.  
Main Estimates pages 7-7 and 7-10
- **\$1.9 million** to support agriculture and agri-food projects that increase local food production.  
Main Estimates pages 9-8 and 9-14
- **\$1.7 million** in direct funding to help create a thriving technology and innovation ecosystem by implementing the Innovation Yukon strategy.  
Main Estimates pages 7-7 and 7-10
- **\$1.7 million** to support the film and sound recording industries.  
Main Estimates pages 7-7 and 7-10

#### Attracting more health professionals

- **\$818,000** for recognizing employment credentials for health professionals from other countries.  
Main Estimates pages 7-7 and 7-9

#### Advancing our climate goals

- **\$12 million** to install low-carbon energy systems and make energy retrofits through continuation of the Green Infrastructure Program.  
Main Estimates pages 14-12 and 14-18
- **\$7.8 million** to lower carbon emissions from government buildings.  
Main Estimates pages 14-12, 14-14 and 14-18
- **\$2.9 million** to build climate change resilience and for adaptation projects, including flood mapping and forecasting.  
Main Estimates pages 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 9-11, 9-14, 9-16, 10-8 and 10-14
- **\$2.8 million** for increasing renewable energy production, improving energy efficiency, promoting green transportation and reducing emissions.  
Main Estimates pages 9-12 and 9-17
- **\$2.7 million** in funding for energy efficient homes and commercial buildings.  
Main Estimates pages 6-14, 9-12, 9-15 and 9-17

## Bringing more green energy to our grid

- **\$8.8 million** to increase the Yukon's renewable energy supply, including exploring a connection to British Columbia's energy grid.

Main Estimates pages 9-12, 19-4, 19-6 and 19-7

- **\$5.6 million** to bring a battery storage solution to the Yukon's energy grid.

Main Estimates pages 19-4 and 19-6

- **\$2.5 million** in support for independent power producers developing new generation projects.

Main Estimates pages 19-4 and 19-7

## Protecting the environment

- **\$803,000** in additional funding for initiatives advancing the Canada-Yukon Nature Agreement.

Main Estimates pages 10-7 and 10-14

# Advancing reconciliation

By partnering with First Nations governments on various shared priorities, we are moving forward on reconciliation.

## We are...

### Providing culturally appropriate services

- **\$4.4 million** towards a land-based healing program.

Main Estimates pages 13-10 and 13-21

- **\$1 million** for additional members in the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program.

Main Estimates page 15-12

- **\$706,000** for community safety officer programs operated by First Nations governments.

Main Estimates pages 15-7, 15-16 and 15-18

- **\$198,000** to fund Indigenous court workers and the writing of Gladue reports.

Main Estimates pages 15-9, 15-16 and 15-18

### Partnering with First Nations

- **\$250,000** for the Indigenous outreach liaison position and the Indigenous artists and cultural carriers micro-grant funding program.

Main Estimates pages 17-8, 17-12 and 17-14

### Taking action on missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people

- **\$776,000** to implement recommendations from *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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- **\$285,000** in additional funding for the Family Information Liaison Unit, a service for families of missing and murdered Indigenous people.

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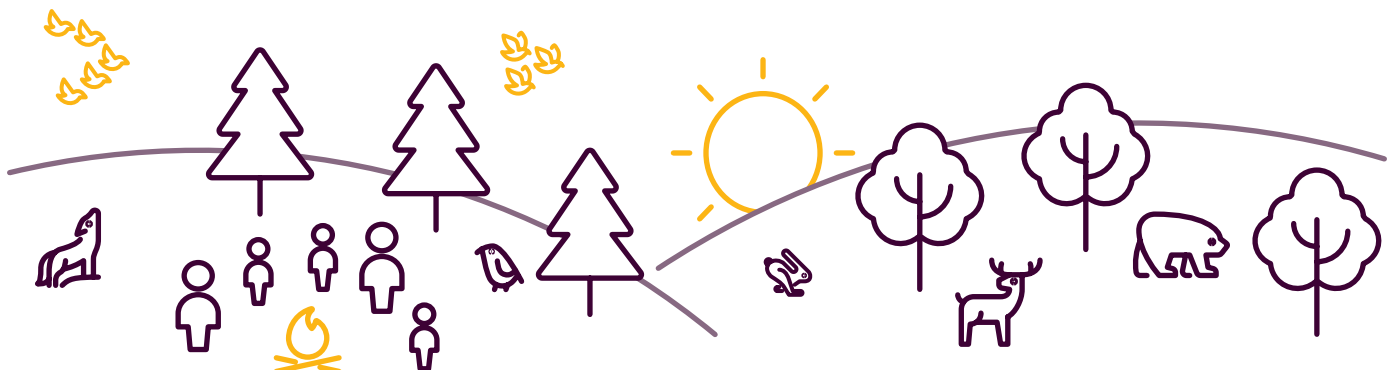
### Practising effective land management

- **\$265,000** for resources to support regional land use planning.

Main Estimates page 9-8

- **\$110,000** in support for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation to manage heritage sites.

Main Estimates pages 17-8 and 17-13



# Community highlights

We are making progress on a number of capital projects throughout the Yukon.

## Old Crow

- 10-unit mixed-use housing
- Health and wellness centre replacement
- New public works facility

## Dawson City

- 34-housing unit Korbo Multiplex
- Design for Lower Dome Road lot development
- Duplex construction
- New recreation centre
- Reservoir replacement
- Robert Service School upgrades
- Underground and road upgrades

## Pelly Crossing

- Road upgrades
- Selkirk First Nation early childhood development centre

## Carmacks

- Public works, firehall and EMS building

## Beaver Creek

- Lagoon
- Solar farm project

## Burwash Landing

- Boat launch
- Kêts'ádań Kù School
- Kluane First Nation wind farm project

## Haines Junction

- Biomass district heating system
- Underground and road upgrades
- Water well replacement
- Willow Acres lot development

## Carcross

- Ghuch Tlâ Community School repairs and upgrades

## Whitehorse

- 45 housing unit Ryder Apartment replacement
- Alaska Highway safety improvements
- Battery storage project
- Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport major reconstruction and upgrades
- Gymnastics and climbing facility
- Mental Wellness Unit at Whitehorse General Hospital
- Planning for replacement of École Whitehorse Elementary School
- Public transit upgrades
- Range Point Road lot development
- Sport and recreation facility upgrades
- Whistle Bend Place courtyard redesign
- Whistle Bend residential development
- Whistle Bend Elementary School

## Mayo

- Facilities upgrades
- Reservoir replacement
- Underground and road upgrades
- Water treatment facility upgrades

## Keno

- Firehall water service

## Faro

- Underground and road upgrades

## Ross River

- Ross River School structural upgrades

## Teslin

- Energy retrofits
- Nisutlin Bay Bridge replacement

## Watson Lake

- 10-plex housing first project
- Frances Avenue lot development and lift station
- Underground and road upgrades
- Ventilation upgrades in three buildings