

An illustration of several stylized figures walking away from the viewer on a light blue background with a faint grid pattern. The figures are in various colors (green, blue, orange, purple, etc.) and are casting long, dark shadows. The overall style is modern and minimalist.

BUDGET 2023-2024

A COMMITTED QUÉBEC

BUDGET IN BRIEF

March 2023

A committed Québec

Budget 2023-2024 lays the foundation for our work over the next four years. We are committed to building a more prosperous and greener Québec, with an effective health care system and a school network that will provide our young people with all the tools they need to succeed.

Building on the trust that Quebecers have placed in us, we are presenting a committed plan to meet the needs of the population while developing our economy to its highest potential. We are introducing one of the largest tax cuts in Québec's history. This is a strong commitment from our government, which we are proud to honour.

This budget is a budget for all Quebecers. Together, we continue to design the Québec of tomorrow.

Eric Girard

Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for
Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers

Initiatives totalling \$24B



Growing Québec's wealth

\$12.1B



Developing the potential of youth

\$2.3B



Making the health care system more effective and more humane

\$5.6B



Supporting Quebecers

\$3.6B



Diversifying and consolidating environmental measures

\$1B

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\$1.4B to implement the
2030 Plan for a Green Economy

\$12.1B to grow

Québec's wealth

**\$9.2B to lower
taxes this year**



**Relief of \$1.7B
per year for
4.6 million
Quebecers**

Up to \$814 for a person living
alone or \$1 627 for a couple



**\$888M to increase
business productivity**

- Stimulating private investment
- Encouraging business innovation
- Promoting business growth, digitization and exports



**New tax holiday
for large
investment
projects**

\$1.4B to contribute to the prosperity of the regions

- Supporting the growth of the bio-food sector
- Stimulating regional economic vitality
- Developing and promoting our tourist attractions



\$615M to address the labour shortage

- Supporting the socioeconomic integration of immigrants
- Supporting businesses in their search for workers



Adapting the Québec Pension Plan (QPP)

- Encouraging job retention for workers aged 65 or over
- Improving workers' financial security at retirement by raising the maximum pension eligibility age from 70 to 72



**Optional QPP
contributions
as of age 65**



\$2.3B to develop the potential of youth

\$1.5B to help youth succeed

- Improving student retention and success
- Improving the performance of the school network
- Making vocational training more attractive
- Accelerating maintenance of the school building inventory

\$88M to get Quebecers moving



\$717M to foster student access, retention and graduation rates in higher education

- Improving higher education graduation rates
- Enhancing the culture of innovation and supporting the adoption of technological advances
- Continuing the temporary enhancement of the Loans and Bursaries Program



\$5.6B for a more effective and more humane health care system

\$3B to make the health care system more efficient and more flexible

- Adapting the health care sector to post-pandemic realities
- Improving health care and services through lasting structural changes
- Improving the system's efficiency and creating Santé Québec



\$2B to care for seniors and informal or family caregivers

- Offering housing adapted to the needs of seniors
- Strengthening initiatives related to active aging, the fight against elder abuse, and services for informal and family caregivers



Increasing the supply of home-support services

\$565M to support the most vulnerable

- Increasing mental health, homelessness and addiction services
- Enhancing support for frontline community organizations
- Creating new places for respite care for parents of children with disabilities



Strengthening care and services for youth in difficulty

\$3.6B to support Quebecers

\$649M to promote culture and the French language



\$1B to improve housing affordability

- Developing 5 250 new social and affordable housing units
- Enhancing the housing component of the solidarity tax credit



\$440M to support families

Converting 5 000 non-subsidized childcare spaces in 2023-2024

\$722M to strengthen the accessibility and efficiency of transportation networks



\$533M to support Quebecers' quality of life

- Making the justice system more efficient
- Continuing the fight against gun violence

\$121M to continue to support First Nations and Inuit people

\$1B to diversify and consolidate environmental measures

\$520M to protect water resources

including \$500M to support the
creation of the Fonds bleu

The government
is honouring the
commitments
made at COP15

\$475M to protect biodiversity and promote access to nature

including \$443M to implement
the Plan nature 2030



\$9.0B over the next five years to fight climate change

- Enhancing the 2030 Plan
for a Green Economy
- \$1.4B more for the
2023-2028 implementation plan



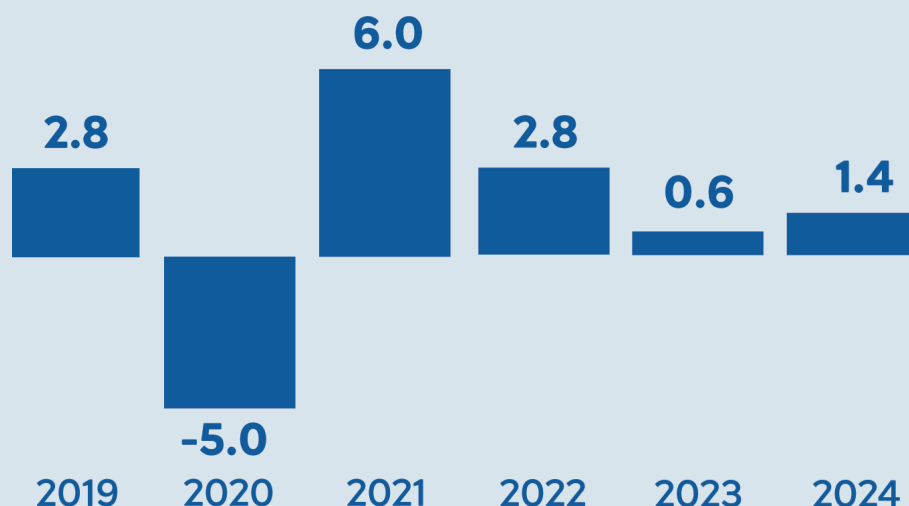
A year of transition toward a more stable economic environment

Growth will stand at 0.6% in 2023 before rising to 1.4% in 2024

Inflation and rapidly rising interest rates have slowed economic growth in recent months

Once inflation is under control and more advantageous credit conditions are available, the recovery in economic activity will accelerate starting in 2024

Economic growth in Québec (real GDP, percentage change)



Sources: Institut de la statistique du Québec, Statistics Canada and Ministère des Finances du Québec.

Responsible management of public finances

Fiscal balance is expected to be restored by 2027-2028

- The deficit will be \$4.0B in 2023-2024 then will gradually be reduced by \$1.0B per year
- Deposits in the Generations Fund will amount to \$2.4B in 2023-2024 then will gradually increase to \$2.8B in 2027-2028

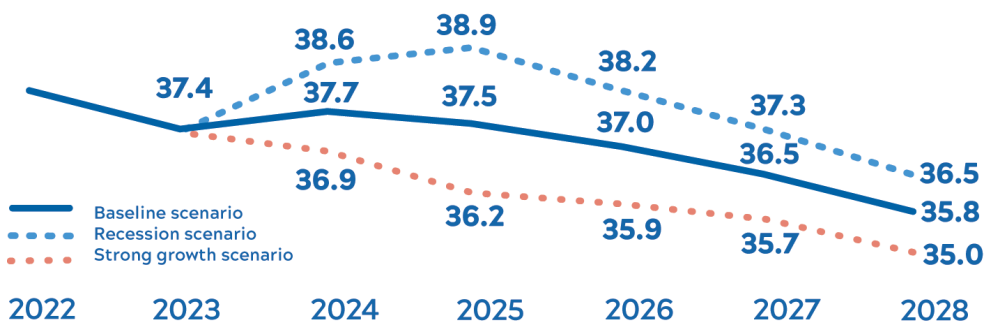


The 2023-2033 Québec Infrastructure Plan (QIP) has been enhanced by \$7.5B over 10 years, to \$150B

Reducing the debt burden remains a priority for the government

- New objective to reduce the net debt to 30% of GDP by 2037-2038
- In the current uncertain environment, the Ministère des Finances has developed two alternative growth scenarios

Net debt as at March 31 according to the scenarios
(percentage of GDP)



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