

The Prosperity Budget

A BLUEPRINT FOR SHARED GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY

Maine's prosperity is powered by the people and communities who make up our state. All of us should have the opportunity to thrive, not just survive.

Mainers are working harder than ever, but too many of us still struggle to get ahead. Meanwhile, investments in things that can reduce barriers to prosperity, such as education and health care, have lagged because public funds were diverted to budget-busting tax cuts for the wealthiest among us.

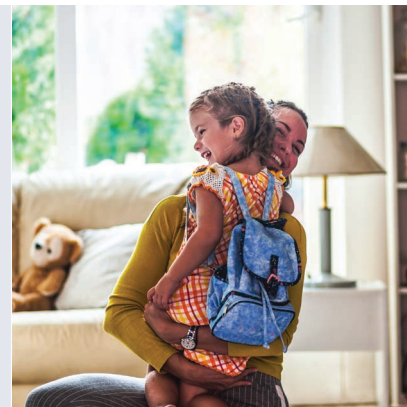
MAINE CAN DO BETTER.

Our Solution? The Prosperity Budget: A Blueprint for Shared Growth and Opportunity



The Prosperity Budget **Advances Racial Equity** by creating a permanent commission to conduct research, work with communities of color, and recommend policies to reduce racial disparities in economic outcomes.

The Prosperity Budget **funds Good Schools and Good Jobs** to lay the solid foundation of a strong economy, ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed and workers are treated with fairness and respect on the job.



The Prosperity Budget **powers a healthy economy with Healthy Families** by reducing barriers to health care for seniors, people with low incomes, and Mainers with disabilities, and by taking bold action to address Maine's opioid crisis.

The Prosperity Budget **builds out a modern infrastructure and ensures reliable public services to provide Communities with Strong Foundations** for families and businesses alike.

The Prosperity Budget **raises Revenue for a Brighter Future** by restoring fairness to our tax code, funding a down payment on shared growth and opportunity for years to come.

Our state's success is undermined when not all Mainers have an equal shot at success. The Prosperity Budget creates the conditions for a stronger economy with fewer barriers to prosperity, in which all Mainers — regardless of their race, ZIP code, or family income — can get ahead.

The Elements of Prosperity

ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY

Create a Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Populations in Maine to address our history of racist policies and practices and **erase racial disparities** in economic, health, and educational outcomes for people of color.

COMMUNITIES WITH STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Build a more modern infrastructure, including **roads, bridges, and broadband**, to connect communities and our economy.

Ensure **high-quality public services** by investigating cutbacks and reversing those that made government less reliable and effective for businesses, families, and communities.

HEALTHY FAMILIES

Spur **good health** by fully funding Medicaid, improving access to dental care, and boosting Maine's system of family planning clinics.

Support seniors, Mainers with disabilities, and those who care for them by increasing wages for direct-care workers, reducing the cost of prescription drugs, and fully funding Meals on Wheels.

Save Maine lives with **proven, effective solutions for the opioid epidemic**, including medication-assisted therapy and diversion programs that prioritize recovery over incarceration.

GOOD SCHOOLS, GOOD JOBS

Fully fund Maine's public schools for the first time ever, expand early childhood care and education, and bolster our workforce through Adult Education.

Make college more affordable by tripling the State of Maine Grant.

Boost incomes and health with **paid sick days and paid family and medical leave**, while strengthening enforcement of workers' rights to ensure fairness and respect on the job.

REVENUE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Progressive income tax reform for **growth and opportunity**, including reversal of tax breaks for the wealthiest and an improved Earned Income Tax Credit for working families.

Close loopholes that allow multi-millionaire estates and profitable corporations to avoid paying taxes.

Tap the value of Maine's tourism industry and **export Maine's taxes** by increasing the lodging and meals taxes.

