

Ministry of Corrections and Policing Ministry of Justice and Attorney General



Plan for 2020-21

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Statement from the Ministers



*The Honourable
Christine Tell
Minister of Corrections
and Policing*

I am pleased to present the Ministry of Corrections and Policing's Plan for 2020-21.

Government Direction and Budget 2020-21 is focused on growth for a better quality of life – fostering a strong economy, creating strong communities and strong families – and Building a Strong Saskatchewan.

This plan outlines how the Ministry of Corrections and Policing will support the Saskatchewan Growth Plan's commitment to building safer communities. We will build safer communities by promoting effective policing priorities and supporting our community partners in the development and delivery of crime prevention and reduction initiatives. We will increase safety by improving reintegration and rehabilitation outcomes for offenders, and enhancing support for the complex need of our clients.

To support this work, the ministry has developed a provincial Gang Violence Reduction Strategy. This strategy will engage community partners to support those wishing to leave the gang lifestyle behind. It will also include enhanced addictions programming in Correctional Facilities through Dedicated Substance Abuse Treatment Units.

We will strive for a safe and engaged workforce that works to ensure Saskatchewan's communities remain healthy and peaceful. As part of this commitment, we are implementing a mental health training program for staff working within our provincial correctional facilities.

Christine Tell
Minister of Corrections and Policing



*The Honourable
Don Morgan, Q.C.
Minister of Justice and
Attorney General*

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Government Direction and Budget 2020-21 is focused on growth for a better quality of life – fostering a strong economy, creating strong communities and strong families – and Building a Strong Saskatchewan.

This plan outlines how the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General will support Saskatchewan's Growth Plan. We will strive for a safe and engaged workforce that works to ensure the people of Saskatchewan have timely and fair access to justice. We will increase access to justice by providing justice programs and services that are more convenient and easier to use. We will develop and maintain strong partnerships with our stakeholders to improve public confidence in the justice system.

Over the next year we will enhance our internal systems and processes, improve and expand video-conferencing capacity and improve online justice services. We will work to provide our staff with the opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge to ensure the best standard of service to our clients. We will work to ensure our continued capacity to deliver quality legal and policy advice to government.

Don Morgan, Q.C.
Minister of Justice and
Attorney General

Response to Government Direction

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to *Building a Strong Saskatchewan*. Investing in strong communities and strong families creates opportunities for a better quality of life for the people of our province. Maintaining a strong economy will enable us to build upon the past decade of growth and continue to provide the services, jobs and infrastructure that meets Saskatchewan's needs.

Saskatchewan's Vision

"... to be the best place in Canada – to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life."



A Strong Economy



Strong Communities



Strong Families

Saskatchewan's vision and three goals provide the strategic direction for organizations to align their programs and services to build a strong Saskatchewan.

All organizations will report on progress in their 2020-21 annual reports.

Operational Plan

Mandate Statement

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing provides a fair justice system that promotes safe and secure communities; provides supervision and rehabilitation services for adult and young offenders; and ensures that effective policing programs uphold the rule of law and protect society and the rights of individuals.

The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General provides a fair justice system that upholds the law and protects the rights of all individuals in Saskatchewan; promotes safe and secure communities; and provides legal and justice policy advice to government.

Integrated Justice Services enables the strategic integration of the justice system through the provision of joint services, processes and functions to the Ministry of Corrections and Policing, and the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

Ministry Vision

All Saskatchewan residents thrive in safe and fair communities.

Mission Statement

We contribute to the economic and social well-being of all Saskatchewan residents by protecting their rights and safety and ensuring fair and timely access to justice.

Government Goals



A Strong Economy



Strong Communities



Strong Families

This supports the government direction from the Growth Plan.

Ministry Goal

Safe and Strong Communities.

Strategy

Promote effective policing priorities.

Key Actions

- Develop policing models that support provincial priorities.
- Expand the Police and Crisis Team model to support clients facing mental health issues.

Strategy

Support effective crime prevention and reduction initiatives.

Key Actions

- Implement programs to reduce gang violence.
- Expand services to reduce interpersonal violence and abuse.



Strategy

Improve community safety and well-being and inclusion.

Key Actions

- Provide guidance to communities to develop and implement community safety plans.

Performance Measures

Gang Violence Reduction Strategy

Number of client contacts in outreach program.

Calls for Service

Track changes in calls for service in communities with safety plans in place.

Demand for emergency services

Track emergency room diversions based on Police and Crisis Team responses.

Government Goals



A Strong Economy



Strong Communities



Strong Families

This supports the government direction from the Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan.

Ministry Goal

Safe Facilities.

Strategy

Effective housing, management and rehabilitation of the offender population.

Key Actions

- Initiate a correctional systems alignment review.

Strategy

Enhance support for clients with complex needs.

Key Actions

- Continue to utilize the mental health correctional beds at Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford (SHNB).
- Improve safety for all in correctional facilities.



Performance Measures

Capacity

Track trends in occupancy at SHNB.

Incidents arising from contraband

Establish target to reduce security-related incidents at facilities.

Government Goals



A Strong Economy



Strong Communities



Strong Families

This supports the government direction from the Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan and Worksafe Saskatchewan.

Ministry Goal

Safe and Engaged Workforce.

Strategy

Foster a culture of safety, diversity, and inclusion.

Key Actions

- Deliver mental health wellness training to staff.
- Deliver inclusive workplace training to staff.

Performance Measures

Mental health related OHS claims by staff

- Percent of claims related to mental health and wellness.
- Percent of training completed.

Government Goals



A Strong Economy



Strong Communities



Strong Families

This supports the government direction from the Growth Plan.

Ministry Goal

Access to Justice.

Strategy

Offer accessible justice programs and services.



Key Actions

- Improve and expand video-conferencing technology.
- Plan and initiate new online tools for digital access to justice services.
- Offer additional public guardian services for vulnerable clients.
- Expand paralegal support to improve service delivery.

Strategy

Support client-centred early resolution.

Key Actions

- Centralize support for administrative tribunals to ensure consistent legal service.
- Support families going through divorce and separation to facilitate early resolution.
- Improve linking data and information across the justice sectors.

Performance Measures

Video Conferencing technology usage

Establish measures and monitor trends in usage of video-conferencing technology to support timely access to justice.

Government Goals



A Strong Economy



Strong Communities



Strong Families

This supports the government direction from the Growth Plan and the Truth and the Reconciliation Calls to Action.

Ministry Goal

Strong Relationships.

Strategy

Improve public confidence in the justice system.

Key Actions

- Increase awareness among the public about their rights and obligations in order to support engagement and confidence in the justice system.

Performance Measures

Participation Rates

Participation rates of victims and witnesses in criminal trials.

Highlights

2020-21 Budget Highlights:

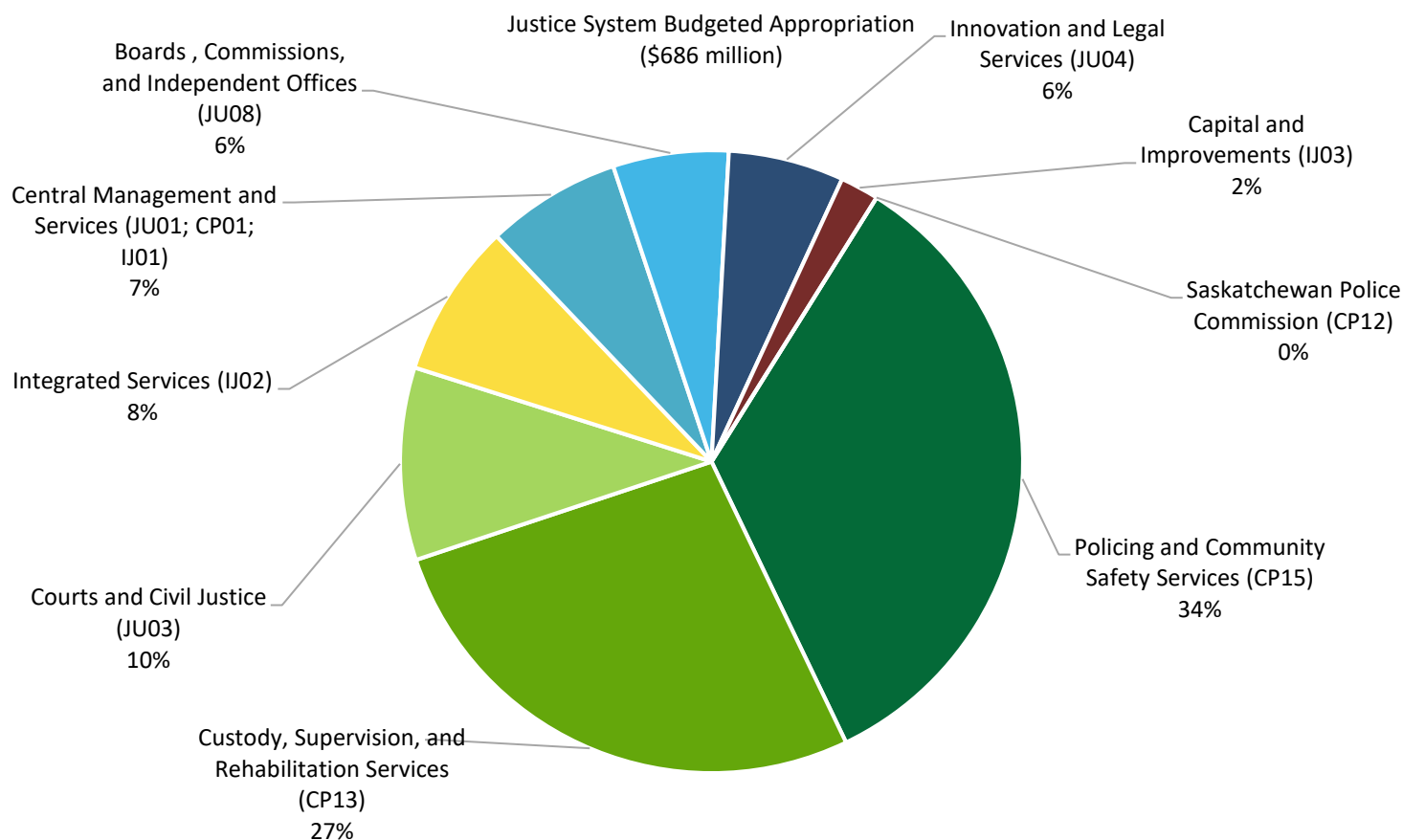
The justice system has received funding and resources in 2020-21 to address a number of items:

- To expand the Community Outreach Worker program to another location;
- To expand the Children Exposed to Violence program to two additional communities;
- To fund the planning phase of the E-Justice Initiative, an online dispute resolution tool that will transform how civil, quasi-criminal, and administrative disputes are resolved in the justice system;
- To expand the use of paralegals to support certain legal services within the justice system;
- To provide early dispute resolution options for families;
- To enhance the work of the Public Complaints Commission through an amended civilian police oversight model;
- To provide additional resources to the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee to address increasing caseloads and to enhance services;
- To pilot the Office of Tribunal Counsel, an office of independent legal counsel for provincial administrative tribunals;
- To expand the Police and Crisis Team model to the Moose Jaw Police Service;
- To add resources within the First Nation Community Policing Service contract with Public Safety Canada;
- To implement a mental health training program for frontline staff employed within the correctional facilities;
- To support the expansion and maintenance of video conferencing technology within the court system;
- To redesign the admitting unit at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre;
- To undertake enhancements of security features in the correctional facilities;
- To invest in technology to detect contraband being brought into the secure custody facilities;
- To complete enhancements to sheriff services at the Court of Queen's Bench, including civil enforcement; jury management; and court security;
- To integrate the Prosecutions case management system with two more municipal police services in order to reduce manual, paper processes; and
- To continue implementation of the Gang Violence Reduction Strategy, including support for intensive community outreach program, expansion of Dedicated Substance Abuse Treatment units, new prosecutorial resources, and enhancement to the criminal intelligence and analytics unit.

Financial Summary

Justice System 2020-21 Estimates	(in thousands of dollars)
Central Management and Services (JU01; CP01; IJ01)	\$50,359
Integrated Services (IJ02)	\$53,940
Courts and Civil Justice (JU03)	\$70,220
Innovation and Legal Services (JU04)	\$39,996
Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services (CP13)	\$184,826
Policing and Community Safety Services (CP15)	\$229,707
Boards, Commissions and Independent Offices (JU08)	\$43,859
Saskatchewan Police Commission (CP12)	\$1,749
Capital and Improvements (IJ03)	\$11,800
Total Appropriation	\$686,456
Capital Asset Acquisition	\$(11,050)
Non-Appropriated Expense Adjustment	\$8,023
Total Expense	\$ 683,429

For more information, see the Budget Estimates at: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/budget>



For More Information

Please visit the Ministry's website at <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/justice>

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