

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General



Plan for 2021-22

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Statement from the Ministers



*The Honourable Christine Tell
Minister of Corrections, Policing
and Public Safety*

I am pleased to present the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety's Plan for 2021-22.

Government Direction and Budget 2021-22 is focused on protecting Saskatchewan people through the remainder of the pandemic, building the infrastructure that a strong economy needs, and growing Saskatchewan to help ensure a strong economic recovery.

This plan outlines how the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety will support the Saskatchewan Growth Plan by building safer communities, safer facilities and a safe and engaged workforce.

We will build safer communities by promoting effective policing initiatives that facilitate and support dynamic responses to gangs, drugs, and rural crime. We will respond to community needs by engaging community partners through the Gang Violence Reduction Strategy. We will collaborate with our partners through the Drug Task Force to address the impacts of crystal meth, opioids and other drugs on communities.

We will provide supports to ensure our facilities are secure and safe. This includes adequate pandemic responses for staff and inmates as well as the design and build of the new remand centre in Saskatoon. We will strive for a safe and engaged workforce by providing staff with professional development opportunities and mental health training and resources.

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Christine Tell, Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety



*The Honourable Gordon Wyant,
Q.C.
Minister of Justice and Attorney
General*

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Government Direction and Budget 2021-22 is focused on protecting Saskatchewan people through the remainder of the pandemic, building the infrastructure that a strong economy needs, and growing Saskatchewan to help ensure a strong economic recovery.

This plan outlines how the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General will support Saskatchewan's Growth Plan. We will increase access to the justice system through technological solutions such as video-conferencing and online options for resolving legal matters. We will also provide justice programming and supports that are fair, timely and easier to use.

Over the next year we will continue to build strong relationships to strengthen public confidence in the justice system. This will be done by increasing awareness and engagement in criminal law proceedings, delivering culturally responsive justice services and establishing a Serious Incident Response Team within the Public Complaints Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Wyant'.

Gordon Wyant, Q.C., Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Response to Government Direction

Protect. Build. Grow. The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to protecting Saskatchewan people through the rest of the pandemic as life returns to normal and our economy grows. Investing in infrastructure like hospitals, schools, and highways will help build a strong economy and create jobs for strong families, strong communities, and a better quality of life.

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 2021-22 annual reports.

Operational Plan

Mandate Statements

Justice and Attorney General

The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General provides access to quality justice services that respect the rule of law and protect the rights of all individuals in Saskatchewan; promotes safe and secure communities; and provides legal and justice policy advice to government.

Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

The Ministry provides supervision and rehabilitation services for adult and young offenders, promotes appropriate and effective policing, and supports community and public safety services throughout Saskatchewan.

Integrated Justice Services

Integrated Justice Services supports the objectives of the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety and the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and responds to the safety and well-being needs of communities.

Mission Statements

Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

We deliver programs and services to help ensure safe communities, safe facilities and a safe and engaged workforce.

Justice and Attorney General

We contribute to strong communities and families in Saskatchewan by protecting rights and safety and ensuring fair, timely access to justice.

Government Goals



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Ministry Goal

Safe Communities

Strategy

Promote effective policing initiatives that align with provincial priorities

Key Actions

- Facilitate and support adaptive responses to gangs, drugs, and rural crime.
- Work with partners and stakeholders to enhance overall public safety on Saskatchewan highways and roads.
- Promote and support effective policing that aligns with provincial priorities through grants and agreements.
- Promote and support effective public safety models on First Nation communities and examine the use of alternative delivery models such as the Community Safety Officer programs.
- Deliver and support specialized services such as Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN), witness protection and enhanced intelligence programs.



Strategy

Respond to community needs for increased safety and greater well-being

Key Actions

- Promote tools that enhance communication between police services and communities, such as the Everbridge Crime Watch Notification system.
- Target the impacts of crystal meth, opioids and other drugs through the provincial Drug Task Force.
- Improve programs and services designed to reduce interpersonal violence and abuse.
- Oversee the delivery of the Gang Violence Reduction Strategy Community Intervention Model with Community Based Organization (CBO) partners.
- Support communities to establish a community safety and well-being focus and develop data-driven plans that identify local risks.
- Ensure high quality, timely death investigations and continue implementing recommendations from the Coroner's Service Review.
- Provide financial assistance to residents, municipalities and other entities through the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program.

Strategy

Deliver rehabilitative programs that help reduce recidivism

Key Actions

- Continue to develop partnerships to expand educational opportunities for young offenders that will help them effectively transition back into their communities.
- Improve case management, supervision and reintegration services for offenders.
- Provide access to appropriate rehabilitative programming for adults and youths in custody.
- Provide continuity of health care for those in custody and clients transitioning to the community, including addictions and mental health.
- Expand electronic monitoring and GPS program.

Performance Measures

Decrease rates of interpersonal violence and abuse.

Increase positive perception of safety in communities that have safety and well-being plans.

Increase the number of clients that successfully transition through the Community Intervention Model.

Decrease number of opioid-related deaths.

Increase number of communities that have Community Safety Officer Programs.



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Safe Facilities

Strategy

Ensure adequate space and secure infrastructure

Key Actions

- Improve safety by reducing contraband entering facilities.
- Ensure adequate pandemic responses are in place to maintain a safe environment for staff and inmates.
- Design and break ground on the new remand centre at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.

Strategy

Provide supports to ensure staff and inmate safety

Key Actions

- Enhance information systems internally and with partners to support common clients.
- Develop options for clients who require intensive supervision.
- Expand the use of mental health and suicide risk screening tools for inmates.

Performance Measures

Reduce violent events in our facilities.
Reduce staff injuries.

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Ministry Goal

Safe and Engaged Workforce

Strategy

Support our people to achieve their potential



Key Actions

- Enable staff to engage in planning and innovative problem solving.
- Improve recruitment and retention strategies.
- Provide mental health wellness training and resources for staff.
- Facilitate appropriate training, mentoring and professional development opportunities.
- Deliver prevention based programming to reduce injuries in the workplace.

Strategy

Improve engagement through communication and recognition

Key Actions

- Ongoing engagement with frontline staff by senior managers and executive teams.
- Improve internal communications.
- Provide meaningful and timely employee recognition.

Performance Measures

Decrease percent of OHS claims related to mental health.

Increase employee engagement index scores.

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Ministry Goal

Access to Justice

Strategy

Modernize courts and tribunals

Key Actions

- Provide technological solutions to make court processes faster and easier.
- Develop a capital plan based on the courts facility review to meet capacity, client and technology needs.
- Provide supports to increase usage of video-conferencing and other technology across the justice system.
- Work with system partners to expand technological solutions for legal counsel.
- Develop public facing online solutions to support timely resolution of legal matters.



Strategy

Provide a fair and timely justice system

Key Actions

- Help people who are representing themselves before the courts.
- Explore system changes to improve case management and promote early resolution.
- Expand and evaluate restorative justice approaches and practices throughout the criminal justice system.
- Ensure families going through separation, divorce and other family law matters receive early supports.
- Support therapeutic court approaches to address substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence factors in criminal offending.
- Conduct a multi-year review of the effectiveness of services provided through the criminal justice system.

Strategy

Make it easier for people to manage their legal problems

Key Actions

- Develop tools to promote knowledge of the justice system and access to legal assistance.
- Develop innovation projects to deliver online services that help clients navigate justice system services.

Strategy

Use data insights to inform decision making and deliver better results

Key Actions

- Develop system supports for access to information, privacy protection, data sharing and information management.
- Improve data analytics and information management to inform decision making.
- Develop service standards and client satisfaction measures to identify areas for improvement.

Performance Measures

Increase restorative justice referral rates.
Increase percentage of appearances by video-conferencing.
Improve child Support Recalculation client satisfaction rates.
Monitor criminal justice system statistics and measures.
Reduce average number of adjournments.
Improve time to case resolution in adult criminal court.
Implement mandatory early dispute resolution in family law.



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Strong Relationships

Strategy

Strengthen public confidence in the justice system

Key Actions

- Support businesses and consumers through the modernization of public-facing legislation, regulations, policies and services.
- Enhance police oversight by developing a Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) within the Public Complaints Commission.

Strategy

Deliver culturally responsive justice services

Key Actions

- Coordinate the provincial response to federal justice initiatives.
- Improve the experience of Aboriginal people in the justice system.
- Develop educational material about the justice system for new Canadians.

Performance Measures

Improve timeliness of Public Complaints Commission decisions.

Highlights

2021-22 Budget Highlights:

The justice system has received funding and resources in 2021-22 to address a number of items, including:

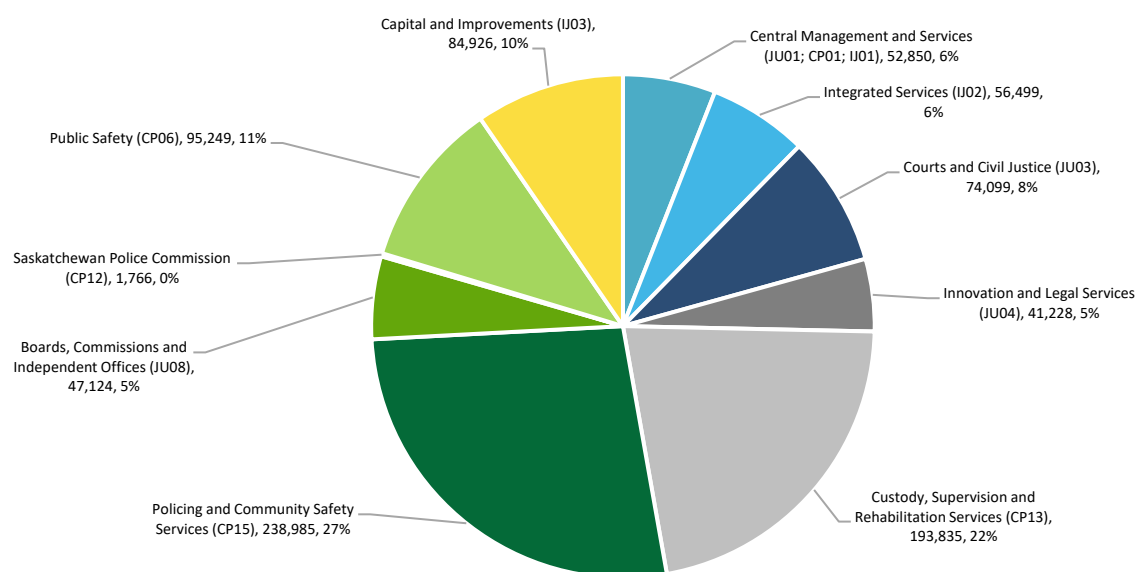
- providing an ongoing justice system response to the pandemic;
- establishing the Saskatchewan Firearms Program;
- devoting more resources to reducing domestic and sexual violence;
- expanding the Police and Crisis Team (PACT) model to the Estevan region;
- adding resources within the Office of Residential Tenancies to improve client experience;
- providing additional resources to the Internet Child Exploitation Unit;
- funding the implementation phase of the Provincial Offenses Project as part of the E-Justice Initiative;
- continuing the planning and construction of a new remand centre at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre;
- replacing and upgrading Saskatoon Urban Camp facilities;
- completing construction of cultural lodges in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert correctional facilities;
- enhancing features in provincial correctional facilities;
- expanding the Child Recalculation Service to allow more families to access its services;
- continuing to install technology to detect contraband being brought into secure custody facilities;
- implementing a Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) within the Public Complaints Commission;
- adding resources within the First Nation Community Policing Service contract with Public Safety Canada;
- implementing a mental health training program for staff in correctional facilities;
- continuing construction of an upgraded admitting unit at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre;
- continuing expansion and maintenance of video-conferencing technology within the court system;
- completing the implementation of early dispute resolution options for families;
- continuing implementation of the Gang Violence Reduction Strategy; and
- providing disaster assistance programs.

Financial Summary

2021-22 Estimates	(in thousands of dollars)
Central Management and Services (JU01; CP01; IJ01)	52,850
Integrated Services (IJ02)	56,499
Courts and Civil Justice (JU03)	74,099
Innovation and Legal Services (JU04)	41,228
Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services (CP13)	193,835
Policing and Community Safety Services (CP15)	238,985
Boards, Commissions and Independent Offices (JU08)	47,124
Saskatchewan Police Commission (CP12)	1,766
Public Safety (CP06)	95,249
Capital and Improvements (IJ03)	84,926
Total Appropriation	886,561
Capital Asset Acquisition	-84,176
Non-Appropriated Expense Adjustment	8,596
TOTAL EXPENSE	810,981

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

Justice System 2021-22 Appropriation



For more information

Please visit the ministry websites at:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/corrections-policing-and-public-safety>

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/justice>