

BUDGETS

**Table 7.32
STATE BUDGETARY CALENDARS**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Budget guidelines to agencies</i>	<i>Agency requests submitted to governor</i>	<i>Agency hearings held</i>	<i>Governor's budget sent to legislature</i>	<i>Legislature adopts budget</i>	<i>Fiscal year begins</i>	<i>Frequency of legislative/budget cycles</i>
Alabama	September	November	January	February	Feb/May	October	Annual/Annual
Alaska	July	October	Sept/Nov	December	May	July	Annual/Annual
Arizona	June 1	September 1	Nov/Dec	January	Jan/April	July	Annual/Biennial
Arkansas	March	July	August	Sept/Dec	Jan/April	July	Biennial/Biennial
California	April/Nov	September	Sept-Nov	January 10	June 15	July	Biennial/Annual
Colorado	June	August 1	Aug/Sept	November 1	May	July	Annual/Annual
Connecticut	July	September	January	February	June/ May	July	Annual/Biennial
Delaware	August	Oct/Nov	Oct/Nov	January	June 30	July	Annual/Annual
Florida	June	September	September	January	April/May	July	Annual/Annual
Georgia	June	September	Nov/Dec	January	March	July	Annual/Annual
Hawaii	July/Aug	September	November	December	April/May	July	Annual/Biennial (a)
Idaho	June	September	...	January	March	July	Annual/Annual
Illinois	September	Oct/Nov	Nov/Dec	February	May	July	Annual/Annual
Indiana	May	August	Sept/Nov	January	April	July	Annual/Biennial
Iowa	July	October 1	Nov/Dec	January	April/May	July	Annual/Annual
Kansas	June	September	November	January	May	July	Annual/Biennial (b)
Kentucky	July	October	Nov/Dec	January	April	July	Annual/Biennial
Louisiana	September	November	Jan/Feb	Feb/Mar (c)	June	July	Annual/Annual
Maine	July	September	Oct/Dec	January	June	July	Biennial/Biennial
Maryland	June	August 31	Oct/Nov	January	April	July	Annual/Annual
Massachusetts	August	October	October	January	June	July	Annual/Annual
Michigan	August	November	December	(d)	June/July	October	Annual/Annual
Minnesota	May/June	October 15	Sept/Oct	Jan (e)	May	July	Annual/Biennial
Mississippi (f)	June	August	Sept/Oct	Nov/Jan	March/April	July	Annual/Annual
Missouri	July	October	...	January	April/May	July	Annual/Biennial (g)
Montana (h)	Jan 31/Aug 1	May/Sept 1	May-June	January	April	July	Biennial/Biennial
Nebraska	July	September	Jan/Feb	January	April	July	Annual/Biennial
Nevada	January	August	Sept/Dec	January	May/June	July	Biennial/Biennial
New Hampshire	August	October 1	November	February 15	May	July	Annual/Biennial
New Jersey	July/August	October	Nov/Dec	January	June	July	Annual/Annual
New Mexico	July	September	Sept/Dec	January	Feb/March	July	Annual/Annual
New York	July	September	Oct/Nov	January	March	April	Annual/Annual
North Carolina	January	September	Sept/Nov	February	June	July	Biennial/Biennial (i)
North Dakota	March	June/July	July/Oct	December	Jan/April	July	Biennial/Biennial
Ohio	July	Sept/Oct	Oct/Nov	February (j)	June	July	Annual/Biennial
Oklahoma	July	October	Oct/Dec	February (k)	May (l)	July	Annual/Annual
Oregon	Jan/July	September	Sept/Nov	January	Jan/June	July	Biennial/Biennial
Pennsylvania	August	October	Dec/Jan	February (m)	May/June	July	Annual/Annual
Rhode Island	July	October	Nov/Dec	February	June	July	Annual/Annual
South Carolina	August	October	...	January	June	July	Annual/Annual
South Dakota	June/July	September	Sept/Oct	December	March	July	Annual/Annual
Tennessee	August	October	November	February 1 (n)	April/May	July	Annual/Annual
Texas	March	July/Sept	July/Sept	January	May	September	Biennial/Biennial
Utah	July	September	Oct/Nov	December	Feb./March	July	Annual/Annual
Vermont	October	November	Nov/Dec	January	May	July	Annual (o)/Annual
Virginia	April/August	June/Oct	Sept/Oct	December	March/April	July	Annual/Biennial
Washington	April	September	...	December	April/May	July	Annual/Biennial
West Virginia	July	September	Oct/Nov	Jan/Feb (p)	March/April	July	Annual/Annual
Wisconsin	June	September	...	January	June/July	July	Biennial/Biennial
Wyoming	May 15	September	(q)	December	March	July	Annual/Biennial
Puerto Rico	March	Sept/Dec	Aug-Sept Dec-Jan	February	June	July	Annual/Annual

See footnotes at end of table.

STATE BUDGETARY CALENDARS — Continued

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers, *Budget Processes in the States*, 2002. For additional information see <http://www.nasbo.org>

Key:

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- (a) The state Constitution and statutes prescribe a biennium budget; in practice, a budget is submitted every year.
- (b) Twenty agencies are on a biennial budget cycle. The rest are on an annual cycle.
- (c) The governor is required to submit a copy of the executive budget to the joint legislative committee on the budget 45 days, except that during the first year of each term it shall be submitted 30 days, prior to the beginning of the regular session of the legislature. The governor shall transmit a copy to each member of the legislature on the first day of the regular session. The governor shall transmit to the legislature, no later than the eighth day of the regular session, a proposed five-year outlay program.
- (d) The governor must present the budget to the legislature within 30 days after the legislature convenes in regular session, except in a year in which a newly elected governor is inaugurated into office, when 60 days are allowed.
- (e) Fourth Tuesday.
- (f) The executive budget is submitted in January during the first year of a governor's term. Governor does not hold separate agency hearings.
- (g) There is a constitutional authority to do annual and biennial budgeting. Beginning in FY 1994, the operating budget has been on an annual basis while the capital budget has been on a biennial basis.
- (h) Montana uses an Executive Planning Process (EPP) for proposals to provide new services, add FTE, change program services or alter funding sources. The earlier dates reflect this process which is linked with the regular budget in the September 1 submittal.
- (i) The Constitution requires the preparation of a biennial budget, the General Assembly routinely conducts a short session for adjustments to the second year of the biennium.
- (j) Budget submission delayed to mid-March for new governors.
- (k) First Monday.
- (l) Last Friday.
- (m) Budget is submitted in March when governor has been elected for first full term.
- (n) The budget may be submitted by March 1 during the first year of a governor's term.
- (o) The state constitution prescribes a biennial legislature; in practice, legislature meets annually, in regular and adjourned sessions.
- (p) The constitution of West Virginia requires the Governor to submit a proposed budget to the Legislature on the second Wednesday of January each year, except the year following a gubernatorial election, at which time the proposed budget is submitted on the second Wednesday in February. The Legislature has a 60 day session that starts with the budget submission.
- (q) By November 20.