

The Maclver Institute

Our Wisconsin: Budget Scorecard

	2011-13	2017-19	2019-21	Notes
All funds spending	\$66,055,627,900, a 1.8% or \$1.1 billion increase from the base (2011-13 budget. Source , page 11)	\$76,471,810,600, a 3.1% or \$2.3 billion increase from the base. (2017-19 budget. Source , page 15)	\$84,200,550,095, a 8.9% or \$6.4 billion increase from the base. (2019-21 budget, Governor's recommendations. Source , page 7)	For each budget, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau releases a nonpartisan summary of budget provisions. The first six rows of this chart all use the source cited at the top of their respective columns. Figures for 2019-21 are Gov. Tony Evers' budget recommendations rather than finalized numbers. The base used is the second year of the previous budget, doubled. All funds includes bonding.
GPR spending	\$29,027,930,800 a 2.5% or \$697 million increase from the base. (2011-13 budget, page 11)	\$34,621,744,100, a 3.9% or \$1.3 billion increase from the base. (2017-19 budget, page 15)	\$38,393,858,000, a 7.9% or \$2.8 billion increase from the base. (2019-21 budget, page 7)	GPR, or General Purpose Revenue, is also known as the "general fund." The vast majority of tax revenue collected by the state goes into this fund.
Total bonding	\$1,731,700,900, a 52% or \$1.8 billion decrease from the base. (2011-13 budget, page 11)	\$771,303,200, a 18% or \$119 million increase from the base. (2017-19 budget, page 15)	\$2,534,487,296, a 229% or \$1.8 billion increase from the base. (2019-21 budget, 2019-21 capital budget)	Figures include bonding in both the operating biennial budget and the capital budgets. Evers' operating budget would bond \$443.8 million, and the capital budget would add over \$2 billion more in building projects.
All funds positions	67,466.49, a 1.5% or 1,032.74 position decrease (2011-13 budget, page 20)	70,384.07, a 0.04% or 27.33 position decrease (2017-19 budget, page 26)	71,990.57, a 1.0% or 701.02 position increase (2019-21 budget, page 11)	From all revenue sources, including federal, the state employs more than 71,000 people. About half of those employees work for the University of Wisconsin System.
GPR positions	35,774.59, a 0.04% or 12.93 position increase (2011-13 budget, page 20)	35,268.40, a 0.52% or 185.32 position decrease (2017-19 budget, page 26)	35,669.96, a 1.1% or 390.81 position increase (2019-21 budget, page 11)	Approximately half of all state positions are funded from GPR, while the other half are funded from federal sources, program revenue, or segregated funds.
Rainy day fund size	\$16.6 million (2011. Source , page 74)	\$320.1 million (2018. Source , page 74)	\$320.1 million (2018. Source , page 74)	Wisconsin's Budget Stabilization Fund is also known as the "rainy day fund." The pot of money is considered to be a financial cushion in case of a future economic downturn. Evers' budget recommendations do not make an investment in this fund, so the figure remains the same as under Walker.

The 2011-13 biennial budget was Gov. Scott Walker's first, and the 2017-19 budget his last. Both of those columns show final figures. The 2019-21 column is Gov. Tony Evers' first biennial budget. At this time, it displays his budget recommendations, as the document has not yet been signed into law.