

Status of the General Fund

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GENERAL FUND STATUS STATEMENT

2025-27 BIENNIUM

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026



Beginning balance:

Beginning unobligated balance - July 1, 2025	\$1,329,508,210	
Balance obligated for authorized carryover of appropriations	89,771,253	
Total beginning balance		\$1,419,279,463

Revenues:

Revenues collected to date	\$3,176,408,821	
Remaining forecasted revenues	2,110,892,192	
Total revenues		5,287,301,013
Total available		\$6,706,580,476

Expenditures:

Legislative appropriations - One time	(\$143,234,260)	
Legislative appropriations - Ongoing	(6,113,180,565)	
Special session appropriations - One time	(6,825,000)	
Contingent Appropriation - HB1015	(13,600,000)	
2025-27 authority used in 2023-25	10,195	
Authorized carryover from previous biennium	(89,771,253)	

Total authorized expenditures		(6,366,600,883)
Estimated ending balance - June 30, 2027		\$339,979,593 ^{1/}

1/ NDCC Section 54-27.2-02 provides that any end of biennium balance in excess of \$65.0 million must be transferred to the budget stabilization fund, up to a cap of 15.0 % of general fund appropriations.

Selected Special Funds Balances

Fund	Balance
Budget Stabilization Fund (May 31 RIO balance)	\$986,643,213
Legacy Fund (May 31 RIO balance plus June and August oil tax allocation)	\$15,280,945,728
Foundation Aid Stabilization Fund (Aug 31 balance)	\$591,044,379
Social Services Fund (Aug 31 balance)	\$399,614,245
Strategic Investment and Improvement Fund - \$986,118,570 committed (May 31 balance)	\$1,160,139,656

Oil Update

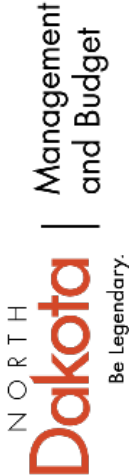
August 31, 2026 (Based on June 30, 2026 Production)

	Forecast	Actual to Date
Average Price:	\$58.85	\$66.45
Average Production:	1,146,154	1,152,710
Oil Revenue:	\$2,387,504,000	\$2,737,554,218
Effective Tax Rate:	8.96%	9.17%

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND FORECASTS

Compared to the Legislative Forecast

2025-27 Biennium - August 2026



Revenues and Transfers	Fiscal Month Original 2025 Legislative Forecast	Fiscal Month Actual	Fiscal Month Variance	Fiscal Month Percent	Biennium To Date Original 2025 Legislative Forecast	Biennium To Date Actual	Biennium To Date Variance	Biennium To Date Percent
Sales Tax	116,052,719	115,614,813	(437,906)	-0.4%	1,494,219,185	1,512,140,904	17,921,719	1.2%
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	8,503,223	7,154,280	(1,348,943)	-15.9%	103,260,849	95,243,160	(8,017,689)	-7.8%
Individual Income Tax	31,568,554	7,910,779	(23,657,775)	-74.9%	506,267,142	384,041,034	(122,226,108)	-24.1%
Corporate Income Tax	2,056,604	3,732,060	1,675,456	81.5%	265,599,357	273,478,219	7,878,862	3.0%
Insurance Premium Tax	207,226	-	(207,226)	-100.0%	56,929,520	58,556,993	1,627,473	2.9%
Oil & Gas Production Tax	-	-	-	0.0%	345,881,165	345,881,165	-	0.0%
Oil Extraction Tax	-	-	-	0.0%	154,118,835	154,118,835	-	0.0%
Gaming Tax	14,420	15,446	1,026	7.1%	320,571	312,118	(8,453)	-2.6%
Lottery	-	-	-	0.0%	7,019,903	8,600,000	1,580,097	22.5%
Cigarette & Tobacco Tax	1,906,703	1,444,942	(461,761)	-24.2%	24,011,974	21,659,072	(2,352,902)	-9.8%
Wholesale Liquor Tax	936,182	1,098,978	162,796	17.4%	12,578,802	12,912,474	333,672	2.7%
Mineral Leasing Fees	2,941,102	3,886,576	945,474	32.1%	40,873,256	33,608,378	(7,264,878)	-17.8%
Departmental Collections	1,254,990	16,702,338	15,447,348	1230.9%	40,770,584	69,201,990	28,431,406	69.7%
Interest Income	2,370,911	5,029,699	2,658,788	112.1%	37,010,317	71,145,452	34,135,135	92.2%
Budget Stabilization Fund-Interest	-	-	-	0.0%	48,307,000	45,117,239	(3,189,761)	-6.6%
State Mill & Elevator-Transfer	-	-	-	0.0%	10,000,000	12,512,382	2,512,382	25.1%
Bank of North Dakota-Transfer	-	-	-	0.0%	70,000,000	70,000,000	-	0.0%
Gas Tax Administration	-	-	-	0.0%	1,100,730	1,100,730	-	0.0%
Miscellaneous	-	158,781	158,781	100.0%	-	6,778,676	6,778,676	100.0%
Total Revenues and Transfers	167,812,634	162,748,692	(5,063,942)	-3.0%	3,218,269,190	3,176,408,821	(41,860,369)	-1.3%

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Report from 32 agencies on the potential impact of a 5% decrease in federal funds.

Report on Federal Funds by State Agency
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Agency	Agency estimating decrease in total federal funds by 5% or more?	%	Explain	Decrease due to caseload?	Decrease due to project completion?	Decrease due to one-time?	Will agency request funds offset decrease?	Agency's plan to operate with reduced federal dollars?
108 SOS	Yes	25	Help America Vote Act (HAVA) awarded funds are being expended; it is unknown if NDSOS will receive future formula grants or if future awards will be provided at the same funding level. There has been a reduction in federal sources over the past few years; future awards are unknown, and awards are dependent on the amounts appropriated to the Election Assistance Commission by US Congress. • 2025 – \$272,727 • 2026 – \$819,000	No	No	No	Yes, likely in 29-31 biennium. If future awards are reduced the Secretary of State will continue to request more state funds to offset the gap for the maintenance of voting equipment and to maintain election security and administration activities for statewide elections.	The Secretary of State may need to put forth an emergency commission request or deficiency appropriation if we can't scale back activities related to election security and administration for statewide elections.
112 IT	No		Our base budget did not include federal fund authority. We did have carry over authority for some federal fund projects. We will need to carry a portion of this authority into 2027-29. It will be more than 5% less than in 2025-27.				No, we do not anticipate requesting state funds as an offset.	Projects will close next biennium. Should not have ongoing operational cost for these particular projects.
117 Auditor	No							

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125 AG	No							
127 Tax	Yes	25	Agency has not received \$125K that has been asked for in appropriations in prior years due to program changes. Reducing to \$100K for the 2027-29 biennium appropriations request.	No	No	No	No, this is for dyed fuels testing and changes made at FWHA have reduced funding along with the grant being combined with several other states in the application process and then split out to each state.	With the current funds on hold we have reduced testing and associated expense related to the program.
201 DPI	No							
250 Library	No							
252 School for Deaf	No		Federal funds distributed to NDSD by DPI should remain stable. Federal Funds accounts for approximately 1% of our current appropriation.					
270 CTE	No							
303 DEQ	No							

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321 Veterans Affairs	No							
325 DHHS	No						Some DHHS Federal Funds are decreasing, such as SNAP grants and Admin. due to new Federal Regulations. In these types of events, DHHS will be requesting additional General Fund during the 2027-29 Legislative Session.	In other scenarios where HHS is not requesting additional General Fund, the agency may reduce or eliminate services if a different funding source cannot be obtained to continue providing services at the current level.
360 P&A	No							
380 Job Service	No							
401 Ins. & Securities	No							
405 Industrial	Yes	100	Federal funds were one-time funding.	No	No	Yes	n/a	n/a
406 Labor	No							
408 PSC	No							
412 Aeronautics	Yes	20	A higher level of federal funds were received in the 2025-2027 biennium for the full pavement rehabilitation of the International Peace Garden Airport.	No	No	Yes	No	There will be no impact to agency operations in the 2027-29 biennium due to the anticipated decrease in federal funds.
473 Housing Fin.	No							

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474 Minerals	Yes	82.4	Appropriated on-going Federal grants expected to increase slightly by \$21,000, but appropriated one-time Federal grants will decrease \$1,444,377.	No	No	Yes	n/a	n/a
504 HP	Yes	8.7	We have been notified to expect a reduction in federal fiscal 2027. We have built in a federal portion cut in addition to our 10% general fund reduction.	No	No	No	Not likely. Most of federal money is due to the MCSAP grant and reduction would likely just lead to a repurposing of positions from MCSAP into state funded trooper vacancies.	n/a
530 DOCR	No						DOCR has not received the BJA Treatment Court grant that has been received in the past, and agency does plan on requesting funds for cost to continue in a decision package that will be submitted along with our agency 2027-29 biennium budget.	
540 Adj. General	No							
601 Commerce	No							
602 Agriculture	No							
701 Historical	Yes	7	Our agency is removing two Federal grants from our base budget.	No	No	Yes	n/a	n/a
709 Arts	No							
720 G&F	No							

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750 P&R	No							
770 Water	Yes	21	NW Area Water Supply Biota Water Treatment Plant project Phase 1 near completion. As result, federal expenditures for project expected to decline during 2027–29 biennium, remaining federal funding primarily supporting Phase II. Federal funding from FEMA anticipated to decrease due to federal program changes. Because DWR scales FEMA-funded activities based on level of available federal funding, a reduction in funding is expected to result in fewer FEMA- funded projects during 2027–29 biennium.	No	No	Yes		
801 DOT	No							

End of table.