

## GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

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Governor Shapiro Unveils 2025-26 Budget Proposal to Cut Costs, Drive Economic Growth, Strengthen Public Safety, Fund Our Kids' Education, and Continue to Get Stuff Done for Pennsylvanians

Governor Shapiro's budget proposal is a commonsense plan that builds on two years of progress by solving more problems and making Pennsylvania more competitive.

The Governor's budget proposal places a special emphasis on workforce development; cuts costs for health care, housing, and energy; invests in economic development; and continues bipartisan efforts to support Pennsylvania students.

Governor Shapiro's commonsense proposal maintains a balanced budget and cuts taxes – while saving taxpayers millions of dollars by eliminating red tape and duplicative government programs.

See the full announcement of **Governor Shapiro's** 2025-26 budget proposal <u>here</u>.





Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Josh Shapiro presented his 2025-26 budget proposal to the General Assembly and the people of Pennsylvania — a commonsense plan that builds on two years of progress, continues to solveproblems, and paves the way for a stronger, more competitive Pennsylvania. The Governor's budget proposal places a special emphasis on workforce development; reduces health care, housing, and energy costs; invests in economic development; and continues bipartisan efforts to support Pennsylvania students — all while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

This budget will build on the foundation the **Shapiro Administration** has constructed over the past two years and move Pennsylvania forward as **Governor Shapiro** continues working across the aisle to get stuff done and ensure people across the Commonwealth have the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed.

"Pennsylvania is on the rise, and this budget is a clear roadmap for tackling our challenges and building on the bipartisan foundation we've created over the last two

years," said **Governor Shapiro**. "My budget proposal is focused on solving problems for Pennsylvanians, expanding our workforce, cutting costs, investing in public safety and economic development – and so much more – to keep creating more opportunity for all Pennsylvanians. This budget strikes a balance by making historic investments while maintaining fiscal responsibility, continuing to cut taxes, and ensuring our Commonwealth's surplus remains strong while we keep moving Pennsylvania forward. By working together with Democrats and Republicans in the General Assembly, we will continue to tackle the challenges we face and drive growth for a stronger, more prosperous Pennsylvania."

Since taking office, **Governor Shapiro** has delivered real results on the issues that matter most to Pennsylvanians: <u>lowering taxes</u>, <u>improving public education</u>, <u>supporting law enforcement</u>, <u>creating economic opportunity</u>, and protecting the rights and freedoms of all Pennsylvanians. His leadership has driven significant progress over the past two years — from <u>cutting costs</u> for seniors, families, and businesses, to <u>advancing infrastructure</u> and <u>economic development projects</u> — and the Governor has been focused on establishing Pennsylvania as one of the best places in the nation to live, work, and <u>raise a family</u>.

**Governor Shapiro** and his Administration know the work is far from complete. His 2025-26 budget proposal secures the Commonwealth's future with commonsense investments that will grow our economy, make the Commonwealth more competitive, and create even more opportunity for Pennsylvanians.

Pennsylvania is on the rise — and with this budget, we will continue to move forward towards more growth and more prosperity, together.

"Over the past year, I've been honored to meet with Pennsylvanians who are getting stuff done in their communities — people who are working to make their neighborhoods safer, teachers who are educating our youngest learners, advocates that are fighting for victims' voices to be heard," said **Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis**. "This budget shows we have their back, by investing more in afterschool programs that help keep kids safe and expand their horizons, more in community-based organizations that are addressing gun violence, more for early childhood education and childcare and more to support victims of crime."

See here for the Governor's full remarks as prepared for delivery.

See the full announcement of **Governor Shapiro's** 2025-26 budget proposal here.

Read the Governor's 2025-26 Budget in Brief here.

Learn more about **Governor Shapiro's** budget here at <u>shapirobudget.pa.gov</u> and see <u>here</u> for the full Commonwealth Budget documents.