



# MAINE

2023

## Citizen Centric Report



# About Maine

### The Pine Tree State

Founded in 1820, Maine is the northeasternmost U.S. state, celebrated for its scenic coastline, dense forests, and outdoor recreational opportunities. Augusta, the state capital, serves as the political and administrative hub, with a governor elected to four-year terms and a two chamber legislature comprising of a 35-member Senate and a 151-member House of Representatives, both serving two-year terms. The state is organized to ensure accessible governance, with legislative and executive branches working collaboratively to address public needs. Maine provides essential services to enhance quality of life, including healthcare, public education, infrastructure development, and environmental conservation.

### Mission & Vision

Maine is committed to creating a resilient, inclusive environment that focuses on improving all residents' quality of life through strategic investments in:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Economic development
- Infrastructure
- Environmental sustainability.

Maine seeks to achieve: **immediate economic recovery from the pandemic; long-term economic growth for Maine; and infrastructure revitalization**

### State's Credit Rating

Upgraded by Moody's:  
2023: Aa2  
2024: Aa1



### Principal Employers

1. MaineHealth
2. Maine State Government
3. Hannaford Bros Co

### Population

1,355,924

### Unemployment

2.4%

### Per Capita Personal Income

\$62,368

### Public School Graduation Rate

87.3%

### Percent Enrolled in MaineCare

30%

### Governor Janet Mills



"We will continue to look within ourselves and to each other for the confidence, courage, and compassion, to face the future. To weather things we've never weathered before. To defeat the dangers of today and prevent the disasters of tomorrow as we replenish our souls and renew our indomitable sense of hope. One people made up of many with one purpose, one broad vision to be the best we can for ourselves, for our family, for each other and for our state"

# 2023

## Performance

### Maine's Ongoing Environmental Commitment

In 2020, the Maine Climate Council released a four-year Climate Action Plan called "Maine Won't Wait," which was recognized in 2022 as one of the best state planning efforts in the country. As of 2021, Maine has made significant progress through state and federal investments and has **reduced greenhouse gasses by 30%** putting them ahead in their goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. Key initiatives include the nation's leading heat pump deployment program, EV charging infrastructure, and the Community Resilience Partnership supporting regional, municipal, and tribal emissions reduction efforts.

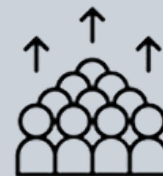
### Labor Demand, Population Distribution, an In-Migration

Labor demand is high, while supply is low. This results in record-low unemployment of **2.4%**.



This supply shortage worsens as more of the population reaches retirement age.

The Commission remains optimistic that current in-migration trends will offset the forecasted retirements. Since 2022, there has been a population **increase of 11 thousand**.



### Maine Offshore Wind Initiative

Governor Mills launched the Maine Offshore Wind Initiative to have the state run **entirely on renewable energy** by 2050 and to generate **3,000 MW** of offshore wind energy by 2040. The program also aims to establish the nation's first floating offshore wind research site in federal waters, designed by the University of Maine.



#### Free Community College

**6,577** Students have been able to attend college **tuition free** so far



#### Office of New Americans

Plan has been **approved** in the supplemental budget



#### Cabinet on Aging

A budget of **\$70 million** has been allocated to building affordable housing for the aging population

### Initiatives



#### Children's Cabinet

**85%** of Maine school districts offered public pre-K by the 2023-2024 school year, up from **79%** the previous year



#### Housing Policy

**600+** homes built, **1,000** under construction, **3,000** in pipeline



#### Delivery of Legal Services

Number of cases tried:  
2023: **130,903**  
2022: **127,687**

# Data

## Financial Information

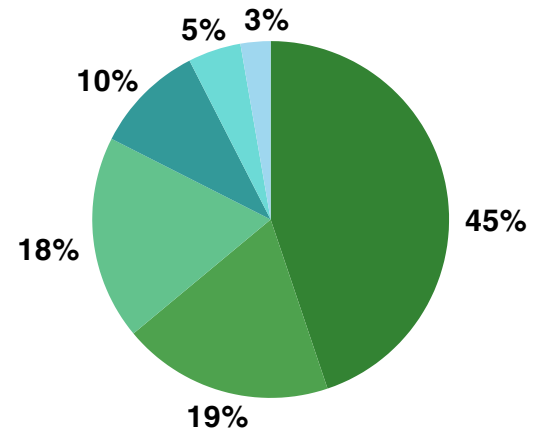
### Financial Transparency

Maine’s financial statements were audited by the state auditor and were found to be a fair representation of the state’s financial position. Additionally, the Government Finance Officers Association awarded Maine a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2022 annual report, marking the sixteenth consecutive year the state has received this honor!

## Government Revenues

(in thousands)

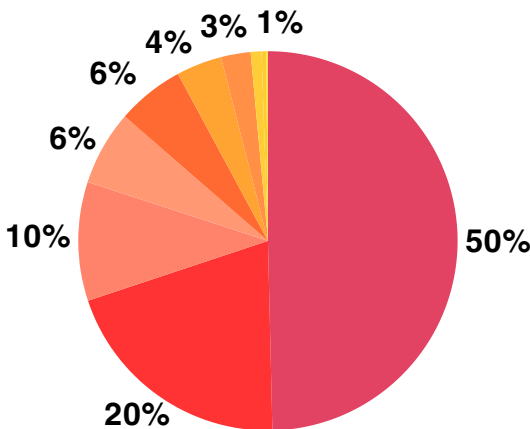
	2023	2022	% Change
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 5,689,721	\$ 5,721,551	-0.6%
Individual Income Taxes	2,428,123	2,703,462	-10.2%
Sales & Use Taxes	2,348,331	2,222,622	5.7%
Other Taxes	1,270,075	1,271,667	-0.1%
Charges for Services	609,580	643,485	-5.3%
Other	345,008	189,130	82.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,690,838</b>	<b>\$ 12,751,917</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>



Maine’s Revenue in 2023 was about \$12.7 billion, which represents a 0.5% decrease from 2022 revenues. ‘Other’ revenues included in the total increased by 82.4%, primarily due to an increase in unrestricted investment earnings. This helped to increase Maine’s financial position.

## Government Expenses

(in thousands)



	2023	2022	% Change
Health & Human Services	\$ 5,974,642	\$ 5,680,639	5.2%
Education	2,439,809	2,691,379	-9.3%
Governmental Support Operations	1,220,177	1,618,142	-24.6%
Transportation Safety & Development	767,090	732,881	4.7%
Justice & Protection	691,174	565,778	22.2%
Economic Development & Workforce Training	468,971	738,928	-36.5%
Natural Resources Development & Protection	303,327	256,581	18.2%
Business Licensing & Regulation	110,792	67,848	63.3%
Interest Expense	47,790	37,835	26.3%
Arts, Heritage & Cultural Enrichment	17,327	14,250	21.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,041,099</b>	<b>\$ 12,404,261</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>

Maine’s Expenses decreased by 2.9% for a total of about \$12 billion in 2023. This decrease is largely contributed to expense savings in governmental support operations and education activities. This could be largely contributed to the use of federal Coronavirus relief funds for the final available year.



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# Outlook

## Strategic Direction

### Long Term Economic Growth

“The Maine seafood industry continues to be a powerful economic engine for our state. The dedication to sustainability and premium quality by our fishermen, aquaculturists and dealers is a source of tremendous pride for everyone who calls Maine home.” - Governor Mills



Fishing is a main contributor to Maine’s economy, with around **\$319 million** being contributed annually. Because of this, it is important to ensure Maine’s environment health. There are legislative mandates that require the control of pollution of air, water, and land. Maine’s legal requirement is to decrease greenhouse gas emissions by **45% by 2030** and **80% by 2050** and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

### Infrastructure Revitalization

The state of Maine has seen struggles with internet and keeping the state up to date with a quickly evolving world and economy.



In 2024, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allowed Maine to allocate **\$272 million** of **Broadband Infrastructure Funding** to significantly improve internet statewide. Looking forward, this will create opportunities in the workforce, education, and telemedicine, while reducing state costs in healthcare and infrastructure resulting from retirees.

### Educational Initiatives

The state of Maine’s workforce accommodates a large population from the Baby Boom generation and expects an increase in labor demand as retirement approaches. Educational factors are hugely important for preparing to offset the labor demand.



In 2021, Maine’s legislature approved **\$1 billion** in funds to allocate towards improving education. Current initiatives include:

- Investment in Early Learning Opportunities
- The Extended Learning Opportunity Program helps to educate the youth about career opportunities
- Maine’s CTE schools provide students applied learning opportunities that prepare them to meet the state's needs for skills in the workforce

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