

Massachusetts State Budgets (1919 – Current)

[Massachusetts Constitutional Amendment Article LXIII](#) oversees the state’s current budgetary procedure, and [Massachusetts General Law chapter 29, section 6E](#) legally requires the governor and legislature to produce a balanced budget for each fiscal year. Article LXIII wasn’t ratified until 1918 and was the result of many years of reviewing the efficiency of state finances. In 1916 the Commission on Economy and Efficiency, as described in a [report to the legislature](#), discovered that large amounts of state revenue was being expended without appropriation. The Commission concluded that such an unsystematic budgetary process made it near impossible for the state to balance its finances. This report and other early calls for budget reform paved the way to the procedure that the state continues to use today.

Since 1919, official state budgets have been published as “general appropriations acts,” and supplementary appropriations have been published as separate acts whenever necessary. This resource intends to compile links to general appropriations acts from 1919-current; supplementary acts from this date range can be located by searching either the [State Library’s acts and resolves database](#) (1692-2010) or the [state legislature’s session laws database](#) (1997-current).

Pre-1919 appropriations were published in various ways and can be searched for by narrowing down dates and using keywords in the [Library’s acts and resolve database](#) (1692-2010). Keep in mind that early appropriations were made under different systems so they will not look the same nor be as comprehensive.

Notes on fiscal years

FY1919 - FY1942: the fiscal year began on December 1st and ended on November 30th

FY1943: the fiscal year began on December 1st and ended on June 30th

FY1944 - current: the fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th

Fiscal Year Budget	General Appropriations Act
FY1919	Chapter 153 of the Special Acts of 1919
FY1920	Chapter 225 of the Acts of 1920
FY1921	Chapter 203 of the Acts of 1921
FY1922	Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1922
FY1923	Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1923
FY1924	Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1924
FY1925	Chapter 211 of the Acts of 1925
FY1926	Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1926
FY1927	Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1927
FY1928	Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1928
FY1929	Chapter 146 of the Acts of 1929
FY1930	Chapter 115 of the Acts of 1930
FY1931	Chapter 245 of the Acts of 1931

FY1932	Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1932
FY1933	Chapter 174 of the Acts of 1933

Fiscal Year Budget	General Appropriations Act
FY1934	Chapter 162 of the Acts of 1934
FY1935	Chapter 249 of the Acts of 1935
FY1936	Chapter 304 of the Acts of 1936
FY1937	Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1937
FY1938	Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1938
FY1939 & FY1940	Chapter 309 of the Acts of 1939
FY1941 & FY1942	Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1941
FY1943	Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1943
FY1944 & FY1945	Chapter 370 of the Acts of 1943
FY1946	Chapter 404 of the Acts of 1945
FY1947	Chapter 309 of the Acts of 1946
FY1948	Chapter 219 of the Acts of 1947
FY1949	Chapter 198 of the Acts of 1948
FY1950	Chapter 307 of the Acts of 1949
FY1951	Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1950
FY1952	Chapter 490 of the Acts of 1951
FY1953	Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1952
FY1954	Chapter 489 of the Acts of 1953
FY1955	Chapter 453 of the Acts of 1954
FY1956	Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1955
FY1957	Chapter 501 of the Acts of 1956
FY1958	Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1957
FY1959	Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1958
FY1960	Chapter 433 of the Acts of 1959
FY1961	Chapter 507 of the Acts of 1960
FY1962	Chapter 495 of the Acts of 1961
FY1963	Chapter 591 of the Acts of 1962
FY1964	Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1963
FY1965	Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1964
FY1966	Chapter 824 of the Acts of 1965
FY1967	Chapter 411 of the Acts of 1966
FY1968	Chapter 414 of the Acts of 1967
FY1969	Chapter 380 of the Acts of 1968
FY1970	Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1969

FY1971	Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1970
FY1972	Chapter 719 of the Acts of 1971
FY1973	Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1972
FY1974	Chapter 659 of the Acts of 1973
FY1975	Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1974
FY1976	Chapter 684 of the Acts of 1975
FY1977	Chapter 283 of the Acts of 1976
FY1978	Chapter 361 of the Acts of 1977
FY1979	Chapter 367 of the Acts of 1978
FY1980	Chapter 393 of the Acts of 1979
FY1981	Chapter 329 of the Acts of 1980
Fiscal Year Budget	General Appropriations Act
FY1982	Chapter 351 of the Acts of 1981
FY1983	Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1982
FY1984	Chapter 289 of the Acts of 1983
FY1985	Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1984
FY1986	Chapter 140 of the Acts of 1985
FY1987	Chapter 206 of the Acts of 1986
FY1988	Chapter 199 of the Acts of 1987
FY1989	Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1988
FY1990	Chapter 240 of the Acts of 1989
FY1991	Chapter 150 of the Acts of 1990
FY1992	Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1991
FY1993	Chapter 133 of the Acts of 1992
FY1994	Chapter 110 of the Acts of 1993
FY1995	Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1994
FY1996	Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1995
FY1997	Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996
FY1998	Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1997
FY1999	Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1998
FY2000	Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999
FY2001	Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000
FY2002	Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2001
FY2003	Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002
FY2004	Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2003
FY2005	Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004
FY2006	Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2005

