

General Fund Financial Status

The General Fund Financial Status provides a summary of the State's financial condition including the impact of the Governor's 2001-2003 biennium budget and taxation proposals. While Nebraska operates with a biennial budget, the version of the Status shown in this document includes an additional two years of estimated revenues and appropriations for planning purposes.

The revenue portion of the Status shows the net General Fund receipts for the current fiscal year and the next biennium that were adopted by the Economic Forecasting Advisory Board at its meeting in October of 2000. The net receipts projected for the following biennium were presented to the Tax Rate Review Committee in November of 2000 by the Legislative Fiscal Office. The Governor's 2001-2003 recommendations propose certain transfers which are reflected in the revenue portion of the General Fund Financial Status.

- The Governor is proposing the transfer of \$15.5 million in FY 2001-02 and \$15.5 million in FY2002-03 from the Securities Act Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- The Governor is proposing the transfer of \$30.0 million in FY 2002-03 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund in addition to the \$35.0 million that is already scheduled by law to be transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund in FY 2001-02.
- The Governor is proposing the transfer of \$2.0 million in FY 2001-02 and \$2.0 million in FY 2002-03 from the Insurance Cash Fund to the General Fund and transfers of equal amounts from the General Fund to the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund to support State technology initiatives.

The revenue portion of the General Fund Financial Status reflects the impact on the General Fund of reauthorizing the Quality Jobs Act and Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust; also, reflects legislation changing accounting for refunds, rebates, and third-party payments related to medical services financed by the Health and Human Services System.

The Appropriations shown for the current fiscal year FY 2000-01 are those adopted during the 1999 Session of the Legislature and further amended during the 2000 Session of the Legislature. The Status also shows recommended FY 2000-01 budget adjustments and an allocation for the 2001 claims bill for consideration during the 2001 Session of the Legislature. The Governor's budget recommendations for the next biennium and an allocation for Governor and agency legislation with General Fund impact is shown for FY 2001-02 and FY 2002-03.

The ending balance portion of the Status shows the projected General Fund Balance at the end of each biennium and the calculated reserve amount. For the next biennium, the biennial period for which the Governor is making recommendations, the projected balance exceeds the statutory minimum requirement of three percent. This same condition exists for planning purposes for the following biennium. The balances shown on the General Fund Financial Status do not include balances in the Cash Reserve Fund.

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General Fund Financial Status	Current FY2000-01	Next Biennium FY2001-02 FY2002-03		Following Biennium FY2003-04 FY2004-05	
Beginning Balance					
Beginning Cash Balance	\$315,589,812	\$204,148,721	\$182,156,948	\$181,404,448	\$190,101,023
Cash Reserve Fund Transfer-Automatic	(77,576,670)	(49,298,587)			
Carryover Obligations from Prior Year	(120,935,600)				
Allocation for Potential Deficits		(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Unobligated Beginning Balance	117,077,542	149,850,134	177,156,948	176,404,448	185,101,023
Revenues					
Net Receipts	2,530,000,000	2,657,000,000	2,807,000,000	2,976,000,000	3,165,000,000
General Fund Transfers-Out	(8,850,000)	(2,350,000)		(350,000)	(350,000)
General Fund Transfers-In	In Receipts	17,500,000	17,500,000		
Cash Reserve Fund Transfers	28,000,000	35,000,000	30,000,000		
Governor or Agency Legislation		(5,000,000)	(8,500,000)	(12,665,800)	(13,777,800)
General Fund Net Receipts	2,549,150,000	2,702,150,000	2,843,650,000	2,962,984,200	3,150,872,200
Appropriations					
State Operations & Higher Education	910,903,461	990,541,917	1,056,650,880		
Aid to Individuals & Governments	1,501,438,914	1,665,779,852	1,766,583,570		
Capital Construction	46,446,858	11,700,000	11,700,000		
Subtotal	2,458,789,233	2,668,021,769	2,834,934,450	2,949,287,625	3,096,167,006
Claims Bill	379,055				
Deficit Recommendation	2,910,533				
Governor or Agency Legislation		1,821,417	4,468,050		
General Fund Appropriations	2,462,078,821	2,669,843,186	2,839,402,500	2,949,287,625	3,096,167,006
Ending Balance					
Dollar Ending Balance	204,148,721	182,156,948	181,404,448	190,101,023	239,806,217
Biennial Reserve (%)	4.14%	--	3.29%	--	3.96%
Variance from Minimum Reserve	54,694,908	--	15,366,095	--	56,449,105
Minimum Reserve	149,453,813	--	166,038,353	--	183,357,112
Annual Spending Growth	5.0%	8.4%	6.4%	3.9%	5.0%
Two Year Average Growth	5.0%	--	7.4%	--	4.4%