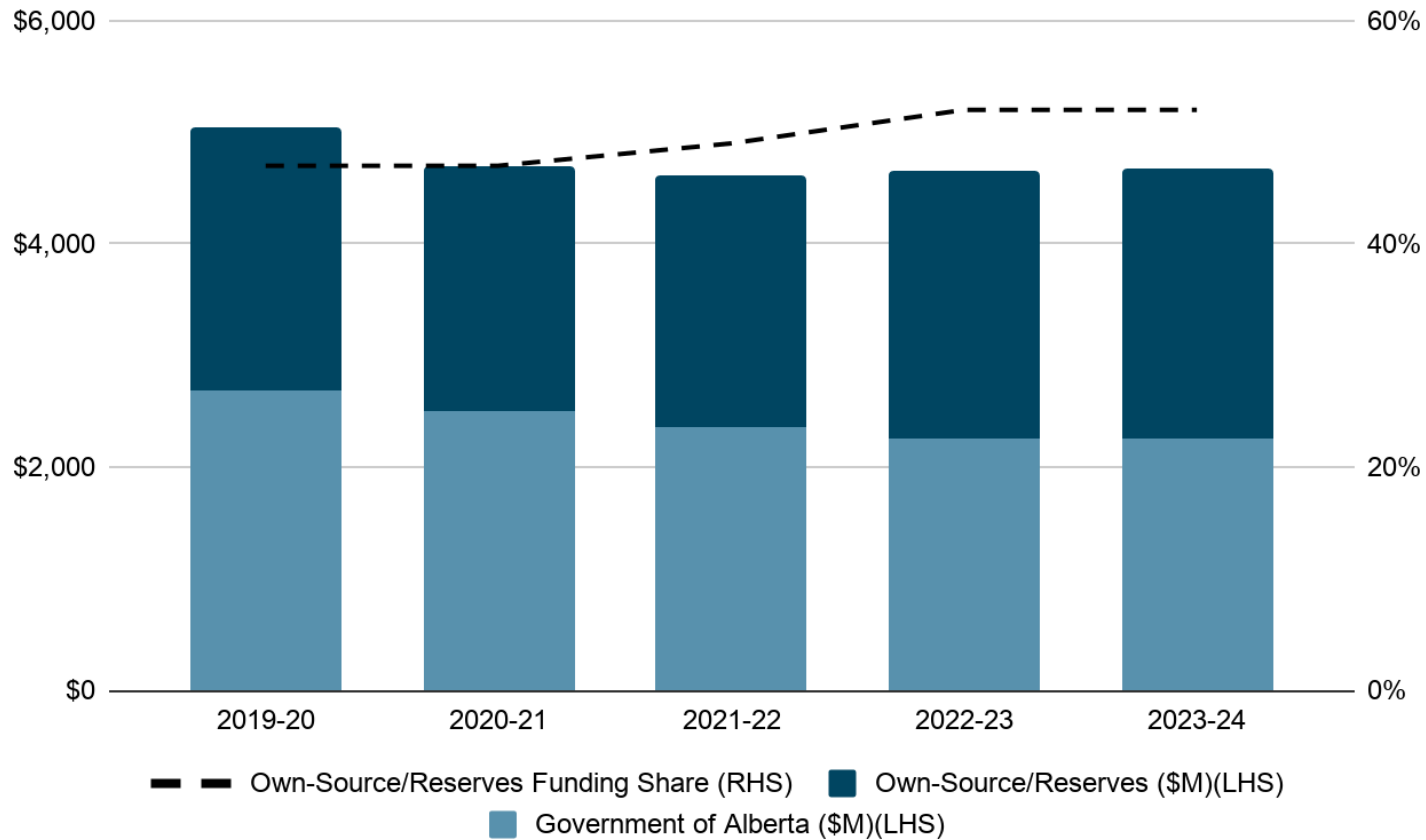


Funding Changes to Postsecondary Institutions

Chart 1. Funding sources for post-secondary institutions



Source: Budget 2021, page 104; 2019-20 refers to actual, 2020-21 refers to forecast, 2021-22 refers to estimate, 2022-23 and 2023-24 refer to targets. Series charted on the left vertical axis are denoted by “LHS” whereas series charted on the right vertical axis are denoted by “RHS”.

Table 1. Ministry of Advanced Education operating support for post-secondary

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Operating Support for Post-Secondary Institutions (\$Ms)	2,305	2,169	2,028

Source: Budget 2021 Estimates; 2019-20 refers to actual, 2020-21 refers to forecast, and 2021-22 refers to estimate.

Table 2. Summary of funding reductions for Edmonton post-secondary institutions

Post-secondary Institution	2021 Budget Impact on Operating Grants	Strategies to Address Budget Impacts*
MacEwan University ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no change in operating grants in 2021-22 from 2020-21, including targeted grants for students with disabilities and mental health. However, MacEwan University has had to deal with a 10.1% reduction in provincial grant funding over the previous two years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific strategies have been publicly announced.
NorQuest College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the time of writing, a publicly released statement by NorQuest College on the impacts of Budget 2021 was not available. However, on a year-over-year basis as of June 30, 2020, reported provincial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific strategies have been publicly announced.

¹ MacEwan University, From the president: Budget 2021 update

	operating grant funding ² was 3.6% lower (-\$1.7M).	
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific details related to Budget 2021 have been publicly announced by NAIT. • Grant funding for apprenticeship expansion seats saw an almost 54% decline in 2019/20 from 2016/17. • In light of findings from the Mackinnon report, NAIT anticipated a reduction in provincial funding of up to 20% over the provincial budget cycle, which led to the development of its transformation plan. 	NAIT developed a transformation plan in 2019/20 that included reductions to staffing levels and developing new revenue streams.
University of Alberta ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Alberta’s provincial grant funding was reduced by 11%, or \$60.1M, in Budget 2021. • The reduction is viewed as disproportionate as it is almost one half of the total cut to the provincial post-secondary sector, whereas 25% of Alberta’s post-secondary 	The University of Alberta is continuing to reduce expenditures by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decreasing administrative costs with total savings of \$95M by the end of the year; • grouping 13 faculties into three colleges creating economies of scale for providing administrative services;

² NorQuest College, 2019/20 Annual Report

³ NAIT, 2019/20 Annual Report

⁴ University of Alberta, From the President’s Desk: Budget 2021 Update

	<p>students attend the University of Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The University's total reduction in provincial funding is now \$170M over the last two and a half years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• changing procurement processes; and• re-thinking the use of space.
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* Tuition fee increases for Alberta public universities have been capped at seven percent until 2022-23.