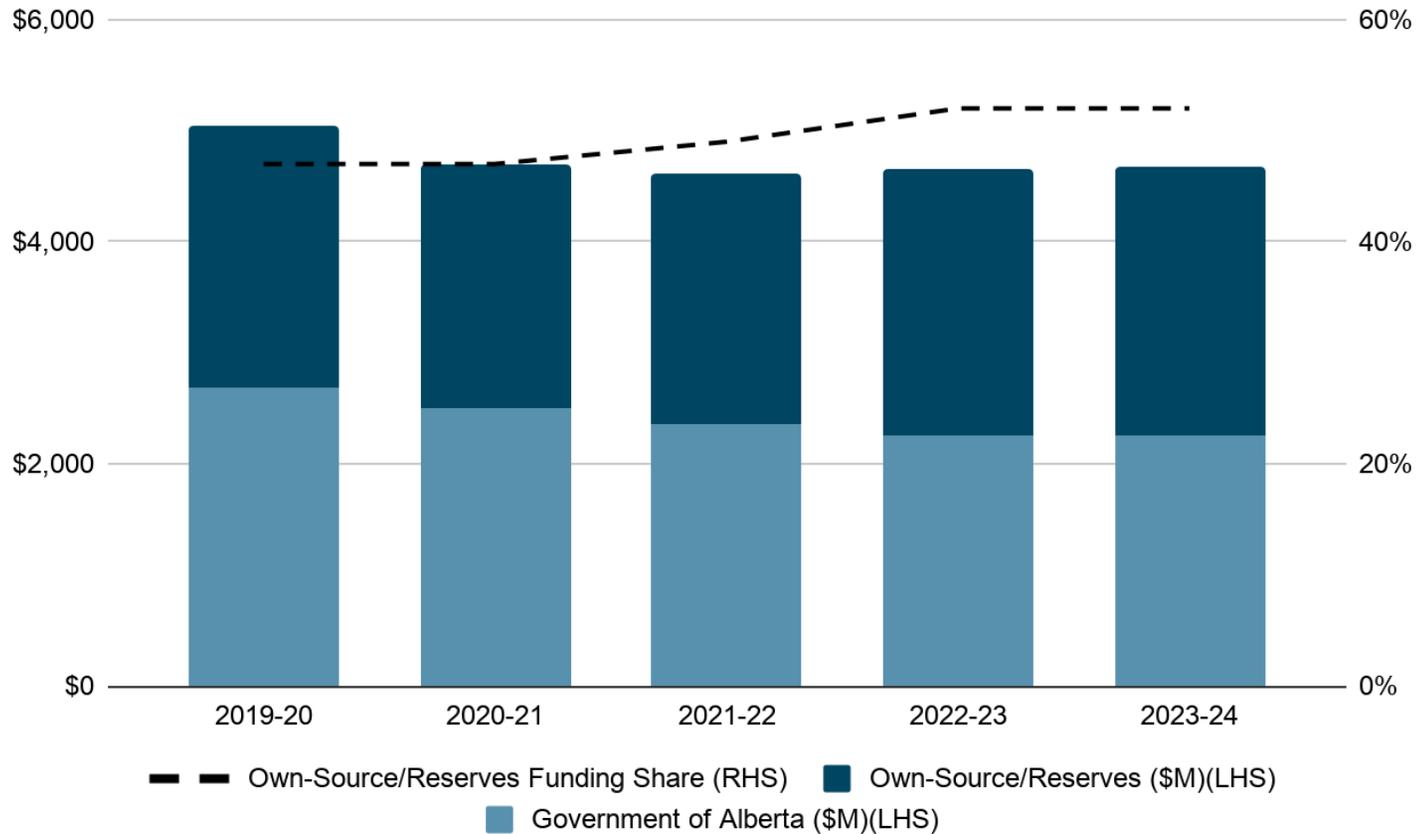


Funding Changes to Postsecondary Institutions

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 <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no change in operating grants in 2021-22 from 2020-21, including targeted grants for students with disabilities and mental health.</li> <li>However, MacEwan University has had to deal with a 10.1% reduction in provincial grant funding over the previous two years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific strategies have been publicly announced.</li> </ul>
NorQuest College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific strategies have been publicly announced.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> MacEwan University, From the president: Budget 2021 update

	operating grant funding <sup>2</sup> was 3.6% lower (-\$1.7M).	
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) <sup>3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No specific details related to Budget 2021 have been publicly announced by NAIT.</li> <li>• Grant funding for apprenticeship expansion seats saw an almost 54% decline in 2019/20 from 2016/17.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	NAIT developed a transformation plan in 2019/20 that included reductions to staffing levels and developing new revenue streams.
University of Alberta <sup>4</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The University of Alberta’s provincial grant funding was reduced by 11%, or \$60.1M, in Budget 2021.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	The University of Alberta is continuing to reduce expenditures by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decreasing administrative costs with total savings of \$95M by the end of the year;</li> <li>• grouping 13 faculties into three colleges creating economies of scale for providing administrative services;</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> NorQuest College, 2019/20 Annual Report

<sup>3</sup> NAIT, 2019/20 Annual Report

<sup>4</sup> 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"><li>• The University's total reduction in provincial funding is now \$170M over the last two and a half years.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• changing procurement processes; and</li><li>• re-thinking the use of space.</li></ul>
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\* Tuition fee increases for Alberta public universities have been capped at seven percent until 2022-23.