

# AFY 2026 and FY 2027 Budget Summary

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The revenue for the State's Amended Fiscal Year (AFY) 2026 is \$42.3 billion, while the State Revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 is projected to be \$38.5 billion. The Governor's budget proposes a one-time tax rebate to return an additional \$1 billion to taxpayers and supports lowering the income tax rate to 4.99%. Below are additional budget highlights that may be of interest to Georgia counties.

## Budget Highlights:

- \$2.3 billion to modernize transportation systems, expand freight capacity, and improve mobility across urban, suburban, and rural communities. This also provides additional support for local government road maintenance and critical bridge repairs.
- \$4.7 billion investment in public transportation infrastructure.
- \$33 million for local gov targeted water, sewage, and energy infrastructure
- \$35 million to establish a new natural gas infrastructure
- \$9.9 million in one-time funding for the buildout of Next Generation 911
- \$11 million to establish the Georgia Forestry Innovation Initiative

## State Economist Highlights

- Personal income tax collection grew (+) 1.3%, despite rate cuts (FY 2025)
- Personal income tax collection grew (+) 2.6% up personal (YTD), despite rate cuts
- Corporate income tax collection fell by (-) 9.9% (FY 2025)
- Corporate income tax collection fell by (-) 4.4% corporate tax (YTD)

## AFY 2026

### Department of Transportation

- \$200 million for interchange conversions on SR 316.
- \$100 million for rehabilitation and replacement of rural bridges.
- \$250 million for local maintenance and improvement grants through the Department of Transportation's Local Road Assistance Program.
- \$1.8 billion for the extension and bi-directional expansion of I-75 express lanes in Clayton and Henry counties.

### **Department of Human Services**

- \$41.5 million for utilization growth and increased costs of care in the Out-of-Home Care program.
- \$2.6 million to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.
- \$6.2 million for Gateway system modifications to reduce the SNAP payment error rate and ensure federal compliance.

### **Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

- \$243,750 to restore funds for jail-based competency restoration of the Cobb County Jail.
- \$20.7 million to provide funds for a 40-bed forensic restoration facility at East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta-Richmond County.

### **Department of Community Health**

- \$92.8 million for Medicaid and PeachCare, including \$26.1 million for Medicare Part B premiums, and \$3 million for the Medicare Part D federal claw back.

### **Department of Agriculture**

- \$660,000 for the continuation of the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program.

### **Department of Community Affairs**

- \$50 million for the State Housing Trust Fund to establish a homelessness grant program.

### **Georgia Environmental Finance Authority**

- \$35 million for a natural gas pipeline program to improve access and economic development in rural communities.

### **Department of Economic Development**

- \$15 million for rural site development to assist local governments with site preparation for economic development opportunities.
- \$3 million for marketing of Georgia tourism opportunities and updating agency marketing materials.

### **Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority**

- \$5 million for repairs and completion of the riverwalk at the Savannah Convention Center.

### **Georgia World Congress Center Authority**

- \$10 million for infrastructure and security costs related to the 2028 Super Bowl.
- \$12 million for the replacement of electrical equipment at the Georgia World Congress Center.

### **Department of Revenue**

- \$6,500,000 for a software upgrade to the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).

### **Secretary of State**

- \$5 million to conduct a full recount by hand during the 2026 election cycle.
- \$1.8 million to utilize a text-based ballot scanning technology for tabulation of all votes statewide.

### **Department of Corrections**

- \$13.4 million for managed access and drone detection systems to prevent contraband in facilities.
- \$137,802 for start-up costs for three security threat group regional coordinators.
- \$2.5 million for public safety supplies and equipment, statewide.
- \$1.1 million for operations of five modular correctional units.
- \$1.1 million per diem rate increases at Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize the 446 additional beds added in HB 68 (2025 Session).
- \$336,851 for additional programming through offender reentry services and a high school diploma program.
- \$6.2 million for jail subsidy payments to local jails for housing Department of Corrections inmates.
- \$89.6 million for design and construction of replacement locking controls, statewide.
- \$84.7 million for design and construction of fire alarm replacements, perimeter security and lighting, thermal cameras, and CCTVs, statewide.
- \$13.1 million to replace and outfit 252 vehicles, statewide.
- \$2.9 million to replace 6 buses and 3 vans, statewide.
- \$2.9 million for food and farm equipment, statewide.
- \$921,000 to design the Walker State Prison kitchen.
- \$285,000 to purchase a warden house at Emmanuel Women's Facility.

### **Georgia Public Defenders Council**

- \$5.5 million to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue representation in large multi-defendant cases.

### **Department of Public Safety**

- \$1 million transfer from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for the protection of communities through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

### **Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA)**

- \$5.7 million to meet the federal Emergency Management Performance Grant match requirement (due to changes in federal funding).
- \$9.9 million for the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) New Gen 9-1-1 GIS buildout.
- \$1 million from DPS for the Protection of Communities Grant Program.

### **Department of Natural Resources**

- \$16.9 million in bond funds for major renovations and improvements at State Parks and Department facilities.
- \$270,147 for the Solid Waste Trust Fund generated through scrap tire fees.
- \$3.1 million for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund generated through solid waste tipping fees, hazardous waste fees, and hazardous substance reporting fees.
- \$1 million for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund generated through the sale of Lifetime Sportsman Licenses to provide funding for conservation and management of wildlife and fisheries resources.
- \$10.7 million for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program for parks and trails improvements, and land acquisitions critical to wildlife conservation.
- \$200,000 for increases in input costs for fish spawning at hatcheries.

## **FY 2027**

### **Department of Transportation**

- \$15.5 million for the Transportation Trust Fund generated through Hotel/Motel Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees.
- \$3.9 million for the Georgia Transit Trust Fund generated through Hired Transport Fees.

### **Department of Human Services**

- \$46.4 million to reflect a reduction in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative reimbursement from 50% to 25%.
- \$21.3 million for utilization growth and increased costs of care in the Out-of-Home Care program.

- \$12 million for a SNAP payment accuracy innovation effort to reduce the SNAP payment error rate.
- \$456,374 for judicial circuit contracts to restore FY 2021 budget reductions.

### **Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

- \$2.3 million for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program slots.
- \$1.6 million to annualize the operations of a 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus-Muscogee County.
- \$250,000 for jail-based competency restoration in the Cobb County Jail.
- \$2.3 million for mobile crisis response teams to support mental health crisis services.
- \$2.9 million to support mental health crisis intervention services through '988' hotline.
- \$9.3 million for the Georgia Housing Voucher Program for 404 additional housing vouchers.
- \$1.1 million to annualize the operational costs of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.

### **Department of Community Health**

- \$2.1 million in the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce for 105 new residency slots in primary care medicine.
- \$2.4 million in the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce to support the medical student capitation for 380 certified Georgia residents.
- \$12,567 for the seventh year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.

### **Department of Public Health**

- \$2 million to expand the maternal home visiting program to an additional 21 counties to increase access to maternal fetal medicine in rural communities.
- \$1.2 million in bond funds for improvements and renovations to district offices and public health laboratories.

### **Department of Agriculture**

- \$1 million for personnel to reflect increased retention of Consumer Protection positions.
- \$985,000 in bond funds for repairs and equipment necessary to recommission the Tifton Laboratory in Tift County.

### **Department of Revenue**

- \$102,546 for increased postage costs associated with motor vehicle registration and licensing.

### **Secretary of State**

- \$4,640 to eliminate one-time funds for precinct card mailings due to the passage of SB 424.

### **Department of Corrections**

- \$26.8 million for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff-to-offender ratios.
- \$377,168 for three security threat group regional coordinators.
- \$2.1 million for operations of five modular correctional units.
- \$1 million for per diem rate increases at Jenkins Correctional Institution and Riverbend Correctional Institution to fully utilize the 446 additional beds added in HB 68 (2025 Session).
- \$4.2 million to add 160 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 103 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution.
- \$992,819 for additional programming through offender reentry services and a high school diploma program.

### **Department of Public Safety**

- \$3 million to design and construct a new state patrol facility for LaFayette Post 41.
- \$115,000 for furniture for the new Swainsboro Post.
- \$115,000 for furniture for the new Sylvania Post.

### **Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA)**

- \$1.4 million to meet federal matching requirements.
- \$1 million transfer from GBI for gang case management system support.
- Continuation of the \$1 million DPS transfer for Protection of Communities.

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