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**The Government of Alberta (GoA) Strategic Plan** identifies key priorities for government over the next three-year period. The GoA Strategic Plan, in addition to ministry three-year business plans, is updated annually as part of the government's budget process.

The 2017-20 GoA Strategic Plan includes three outcomes the government is working toward over the next three-year period. Each outcome outlines initiatives and strategies that support the achievement of outcomes and are aligned with strategies identified in ministry 2017-20 business plans. Each outcome also outlines key performance measures and performance indicators that assist in assessing the government's progress in achieving these three outcomes and the outcomes further identified and explained in ministry business plans.

*Budget 2017* is about making life better for Albertans by focusing on the following themes:

- ◆ Creating and supporting jobs
- ◆ Making life more affordable
- ◆ Protecting health care and education

The 2017-20 GoA Strategic Plan outlines three outcomes that are directly aligned with the above themes, and further identifies key initiatives and activities supporting each outcome.

## WORKING TO MAKE LIFE BETTER BY CREATING AND SUPPORTING JOBS

Stabilizing and diversifying Alberta's economy and creating good paying jobs continues to be a key focus for government. Many areas of the economy have been adversely affected by the drop in oil prices. Government is committed to acting as a shock absorber while taking steps to diversify the economy and move away from the boom-and-bust cycles that hurt Alberta families.

Government continues a significant investment in modern infrastructure – the backbone of a strong and resilient economy. The Alberta Jobs Plan commits \$32.8 billion in capital spending toward a range of projects throughout the province, including investments in hospitals, roads and bridges, schools, flood recovery, waste and waste water, affordable housing and green infrastructure. By improving the efficiency of the province's production, transportation and communications systems, the Alberta Jobs Plan will reduce business expenses and improve overall competitiveness, thereby attracting new investment and creating and supporting thousands of good-paying jobs.

Advocating for increased trade and foreign investment and establishing a world-class research and innovation system also continue to be key priorities for government. This involves working with governments at national and international forums to ensure Alberta's interests are represented. Further, working with industry to ensure policies, programs and services are in place to support businesses in creating new products or processes, attracting investment capital and capitalizing on export opportunities are key priorities for government. As well, implementing the Alberta Investor Tax Credit and the Capital Investment Tax Credit are intended to stimulate investment and drive innovation, diversification and job creation.

Supporting new opportunities and new jobs in sectors including agri-food, cultural industries, tourism, outdoor recreation, technology, and manufacturing will help achieve a resilient economy where industries flourish and where all Albertans have opportunities to improve their quality of life. Further, the approved construction of two pipelines to bring Alberta's energy products to markets will also lead to the creation of thousands of jobs. Government understands that building a resilient and diversified economy means realizing the potential of all Albertans and is committed to understanding and addressing barriers that might limit some Albertans, including women and Indigenous peoples, from fully participating in Alberta's economy.

Alberta is a province where people come together and work together in the face of tough challenges and, with great optimism and commitment, continue to build a province that all Albertans can be proud of. Through priority initiatives such as Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan and the Alberta Jobs Plan, government is committed to helping get Albertans back on their feet and making their lives better.

### Key Initiatives and Activities Supporting Outcome One

#### Investing in Infrastructure

- ◆ Alberta's Capital Plan is investing \$32.8 billion over the next four years to build and maintain the infrastructure Alberta's families and communities need such as schools, hospitals, parks, roads and transit. This includes a focus on building green infrastructure to help protect the environment and address climate change.

#### Diversifying the Economy

- ◆ The Alberta Jobs Plan creates new opportunities to diversify and build on the province's strengths in energy, agriculture, forestry, tourism and cultural industries. Through a number of programs and initiatives, government is committed to attracting investment, helping Alberta businesses grow, supporting the creation of jobs, enhancing market access and creating opportunities

through diversification, research and innovation. For example, the new Community and Regional Economic Support Program provides \$30 million over two years to fund initiatives of Alberta municipalities, communities and regions that enhance local economic conditions, leverage regional economic development resources and build local and regional capacity for sustainable economic development. Additional programs and initiatives to diversify the economy include the Petrochemicals Diversification Program which is generating more potential new investment in Alberta's economy. Further, the Modernized Royalty Framework encourages job creation and investment and will increase revenue to Albertans over time. As well, reinvesting revenue from the carbon levy back into Alberta to reduce emissions and support economic diversification through investments in green infrastructure, energy efficiency, renewable energy, bioenergy and innovation supports the creation of jobs as well.

### Supporting Alberta Businesses

- ◆ Contributing more GDP per capita than small businesses anywhere in the country, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are essential to Alberta's economy. In addition to providing jobs, they inject about \$100 billion a year into the economy. As well, Alberta's small business income tax rate was lowered from three per cent to two per cent on January 1, 2017 as part of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan. This reduction will be worth \$175 million to small business owners in 2017-18, helping businesses adjust to the new costs of carbon. Further, to help SMEs commercialize new products and services, the Jobs Plan doubles funding for a technology development program through Alberta Innovates that will help hundreds of small businesses with marketing, planning, product development, testing and prototyping. Government is also investing in new export programs through the Alberta Export Expansion Program, which invests up to \$3 million per year to provide additional support to Alberta SMEs.

### Encouraging Investment and Market Diversification

- ◆ Investment attraction activities focus on engaging companies regarding opportunities that create employment for Albertans, while bringing new technologies, products, services and capital to the province. Action is also being taken to open new markets for Alberta goods and services. This includes showing leadership on the environment through Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan, demonstrating respect for Indigenous peoples and working collaboratively with other governments across Canada and around the world.
- ◆ Government is focused on increasing Alberta's capacity to diversify the agri-food and forest industries by attracting investment to Alberta's value-added agri-processing sector, expanding food-processing capacity at the Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator.
- ◆ As one of the world's major energy producers, Alberta is uniquely placed to lead on climate change action. Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan will support job creation and help build a more resilient, diversified economy and has resulted in the approval from the federal government to move forward with breaking Alberta's landlock through the construction of two pipelines to get Alberta's energy products to markets.

### Educating and Training Alberta's Workforce

- ◆ Alberta has the youngest and one of the fastest-growing populations in Canada. For Alberta to continue to succeed, young Albertans need to be ready to take advantage of opportunities in the future. That means infrastructure and resources need to be in place to educate and train Alberta's future workforce. Government is committed to connecting Albertans to jobs by developing and administering training and employment programs that respond to Albertans' and employers' current and future needs.

### WORKING TO MAKE LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

The Government of Alberta is committed to making life more affordable for Albertans in a number of ways including capping electricity rates and freezing tuition.

After receiving more than 1,000 complaints about energy-related door-to-door sales, government banned door-to-door selling of energy products to protect Albertans from being forced into energy contracts and purchases they don't want or need.

First announced in November 2015, along with enhancements to the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit (AFETC), the Alberta Child Benefit provides \$174 million in 2017-18 with up to \$2,785 each year to Alberta's most vulnerable families, in support of about 200,000 children. The AFETC supports working families with children by providing a maximum annual credit of \$773 for families with one child, and up to \$2,038 for families with four or more children.

Additionally, Alberta families began receiving rebates in January 2017, helping them adjust to the new carbon levy and reduce their carbon footprint. Alberta's carbon levy provides a financial incentive for families, businesses and communities to lower their emissions. A made-in-Alberta strategy, it drives innovation and changes behaviour by encouraging individuals and businesses to become more energy efficient and shift away from higher emission fuels and protects Albertans' pocketbooks with rebates for 66 per cent of Albertans. Government remains committed to providing Albertans with the support they need to use energy more efficiently and save money.

### Key Initiatives and Activities Supporting Outcome Two

#### School Fees

Government is taking a major step forward to make life more affordable for parents and families by eliminating instructional supply and material fees in Alberta's public schools. Government will also eliminate busing fees for children travelling to their designated school. These changes will reduce total school fees by about 25 per cent for the next school year. Work to further reduce school fees for families will continue. Further, government has extended the tuition freeze for Alberta students for a third year, to the end of the 2017-2018 academic year.

#### Energy Efficiency Programs

Government will help families, businesses, non-profits, farmers and Indigenous communities save money and increase energy efficiency with programs to support more energy-efficient appliances, heating, lighting and more. The Residential No-Charge Energy Savings Program will make life more affordable for Alberta families by helping them save energy and reduce their power bills through the latest innovations, such as LED lights and modern power bars (free of charge).

Launching in summer 2017, the Residential and Commercial Solar Program, a \$36-million rebate program, will offer rebates to homeowners, businesses and non-profits that install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Government will make it more affordable to install solar panels on homes which will be more affordable, support job growth in Alberta's residential solar industry and help families power their homes with more green energy. Bolstered by other initiatives such as the Alberta Municipal Solar Program and the On-Farm Solar PV Program, solar uptake has doubled in the province since 2015. By 2019, the new program is expected to:

- ◆ support the creation of 900 jobs in Alberta's solar sector;
- ◆ cut solar installation costs by up to 30 per cent for residences and up to 25 per cent for businesses and non-profits; and
- ◆ reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the province by approximately a half million tonnes, the equivalent of taking 100,000 passenger vehicles off the road.



### **Capping Electricity Rates**

Government is helping Albertans with the family budget by putting a ceiling on electricity prices. Rates will be capped below the average price families have paid over the last decade. If electricity prices go up past the cap, electricity bills won't. The electricity price cap of 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour will be in place for families and small businesses on the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) from June 2017 until June 2021. Consumers on the RRO plan (the majority of Albertans) will pay the market rate or the government's ceiling rate, whichever is lower.

### **Protecting Albertans**

In addition to prohibiting unsolicited door-to-door sales of energy products to protect Albertans from misleading, high-pressure sales practices, Alberta's payday lenders are now required to provide all loans with instalment plans, with no penalty for early payback. This drastically reduces the interest rate, and helps prevent Albertans from falling into a cycle of borrowing. New rules also restrict the number of times a lender can make pre-authorized withdrawals, so borrowers don't incur extra fees. These rules, now in effect, are part of *An Act to End Predatory Lending* that came into effect in August 2016. Alberta now has the strongest protection for borrowers in Canada.

### **Carbon Levy and Rebates**

Revenue from the carbon levy will be put to work right here in Alberta creating jobs, diversifying the economy and helping Albertans lower their emissions and utility bills. Two-thirds of Albertans will receive a rebate to ensure that the carbon levy does not place an unfair burden on their budgets. It will help lower- and middle-income families adjust to the carbon price.

### WORKING TO MAKE LIFE BETTER BY PROTECTING HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION

Albertans need to know that the core public services they rely on, such as health care and education, are protected.

Ensuring that Albertans have access to quality public education and the skills training they need for success in an ever-changing economy is the most important investment the government can make. This will build a better, more diversified and more resilient economy. The government also recognizes that a world-class learning and education system is of no value if it is not accessible or affordable and it will continue to work with students and post-secondary institutions to set future direction on addressing the cost of post-secondary education and training.

Albertans are community-minded people who want to live in a society that gives a hand up to people who need it and embraces diversity. Government continues its work to ensure that all children, families and communities in Alberta have the necessary resources to be successful and active participants in society. Through the establishment of the Ministry of Children's Services, government is directing further attention and resources to taking care of Alberta's children and communities. Government is committed to improving Alberta's child intervention system and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Access to a stable and effective health-care system for every family in Alberta is a priority. Government is committed to reducing the rate of growth in spending while ensuring that all Albertans have access to high-quality health care in a timely manner.

#### Key Initiatives and Activities Supporting Outcome Three

##### An Accessible, Inclusive and High-Quality Education and Training System

- ◆ Government will maintain its commitment to provide stable and predictable funding for the Kindergarten-to-Grade 12 system and will extend the tuition freeze for Alberta students for a third year, to the end of the 2017-18 academic year.
- ◆ Government has committed to a number of initiatives which cover a wide range of policies and initiatives across the education and training spectrum, including:
  - ◆ undertaking a comprehensive review and renewal of Kindergarten-to-Grade 12 curriculum in six subject areas
  - ◆ opening new schools and modernizing existing ones
  - ◆ providing more opportunities to help apprentices succeed
  - ◆ recognizing journeypersons who complete complementary training in green technologies, sectors or industries
  - ◆ working with employers and industry to ensure graduates have the skills that companies need
- ◆ Learners require a safe and respectful environment, where they are able to actively participate and learn. Government will continue to support post-secondary institutions to foster healthy and safe campuses and communities through initiatives related to mental health and the prevention of addiction and sexual violence and will lead change in establishing learning environments where all Albertans can flourish. This includes ensuring that Indigenous students have access to meaningful and relevant learning experiences that include appropriate instruction, programs and supports they need while receiving an education that reflects the rich diversity of their culture and perspectives.

##### Safe and Inclusive Communities Where All Albertans Have a Voice and Can Participate In Society

- ◆ Alberta Supports continues to connect Albertans with more than 120 government services and community supports from work or training and income-support programs to services for seniors and children and youth. Government also continues its work through Alberta Supports toward improving access to programs and services that help prevent, address and end the cycles of violence, abuse and bullying.

- ◆ In addition to providing full cooperation and support to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, government is committed to preventing and addressing gender-based violence through innovative leadership, collaboration with stakeholders and governments at all levels, and influencing decisions and actions of key partners.
- ◆ Preventing and addressing homelessness and improving housing stability for Albertans in need continues to be a key priority for government. By integrating personal, financial and health supports with housing, government is committed to ensuring all Albertans have a place to call home. Further, government is providing individual and community-based supports that empower seniors to remain independent and fully participate in the community, including the provision of low-interest home equity loans through the Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program.
- ◆ Government has also established the Ministerial Panel on Child Intervention to make recommendations to improve Alberta's child death review process, propose actions to strengthen the child intervention system, and explore the systemic issues that lead to children coming into government care.

### **Sustainable and Accessible Health Care Services and Community and Social Supports**

- ◆ Government will continue to implement the Valuing Mental Health Action Plan, with a focus on enhancing the role of primary health care, emphasizing prevention and early intervention, and acting on system enhancements, legislation and standards and ensuring all services are culturally safe and inclusive for Indigenous peoples.
- ◆ Opioid abuse has taken a toll on Albertans and is being addressed as a public health crisis. Government is implementing a range of tools to address overdoses and deaths related to fentanyl and other opioids, including improving the collection and publishing of data to better target interventions, expanding access to opioid replacement therapy and funding community agencies working to establish supervised consumption sites.
- ◆ Government will continue to work closely with the Alberta Medical Association to address the growth of physician services budget and improve the effective provision of health care to Albertans.

# OUTCOME ONE: Working to Make Life Better by Creating and Supporting Jobs

## Measures

<b>Value-Added Agricultural Products</b>	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
Number of value-added agriculture products developed and successfully introduced into market with assistance from Agriculture and Forestry	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	227	2015-16	230	233	236
<b>Note:</b> Targets are dependent on economic and financial factors including the ongoing national negotiation on a new agricultural policy framework.					
<b>Alberta Enterprise Corporation (AEC) Funds</b>	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
Cumulative number of Alberta businesses in which AEC funds have been invested	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	30	2015-16	43	63	85
<b>Value of AEC Funds Invested</b>	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
Cumulative value of AEC (and their syndicate partners) funds investment in Alberta businesses (\$ millions)	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	\$322.8	2015-16	\$362.0	\$427.4	\$469.9
<b>Tourism Expenditures</b>	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
Total tourism expenditures in Alberta (\$ billions)	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	\$8.3	2014	\$8.7	\$9.2	\$9.7
<b>Skills Training Program</b>	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
Percentage of training-for-work clients reporting they are either employed or in further education or training after leaving a skills training program	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	68%	2015	70%	70%	70%

## Indicators

<b>Labour Force Participation Rate</b>	<b>Actual</b>				
Rate of:	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
• All Albertans (aged 25-64)	84.4%	84.9%	84.6%	84.2%	84.3%
• Aboriginal Albertans living off-reserve (aged 25-64)	74.4%	80.0%	79.6%	78.5%	76.6%
• Alberta's immigrant population (aged 25-64)	83.5%	84.1%	83.3%	83.6%	83.6%
• Alberta youth (aged 15-24)	69.9%	68.2%	67.9%	67.4%	68.6%
<b>Note:</b> The term Aboriginal is used by Statistics Canada					
<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Growth</b>	<b>Actual</b>				
Percentage of manufacturing, business and commercial services GDP growth in Alberta	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	7.0%	3.2%	3.1%	3.4%	-1.6%
<b>Licensing University Technology</b>	<b>Actual</b>				
Start-ups licensing university technology per million population	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	4.8	5.3	4.6	5.2	6.8
<b>Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program</b>	<b>Actual</b>				
Percentage of Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program nominees surveyed who report that they are still residing and working in Alberta one year after obtaining permanent residency	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	87.8%	82.4%	88.5%	88.5%	83.9%
<b>Women's Labour Force Participation in Alberta</b>	<b>Actual</b>				
• All women	2011	2013	2014	2015	2016
• Aboriginal women	67.1%	67.0%	66.2%	66.6%	66.3%
	59.4%	66.0%	66.7%	65.6%	63.4%
<b>Total Research and Development</b>	<b>Actual</b>				
Total research and development investment as a percent of GDP	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%

# OUTCOME TWO: Working to Make Life More Affordable

## Measures

<b>Municipal Client Satisfaction</b> Percentage of municipal clients satisfied with overall quality of service regarding grant programs that support environmental stewardship (biennial survey)	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	93%	2014-15	n/a	95%	n/a
<b>Energy Consumption</b> Energy consumption intensity in megajoules per gross square metre in government-owned and operated facilities	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	1,623	2015-16	1,650	1,642	1,634
<b>Note:</b> The targets for energy consumption intensity have been adjusted based on updates to the methodology and baseline data.					
<b>Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Practices</b> Average percentage of improved environmentally sustainable agriculture practices adopted by producers (biennial survey)	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	55%	2015-16	57%	n/a	59%
<b>Electrical Generation from Renewables</b> Percentage of electricity produced in Alberta from renewable sources (megawatts)	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	9.45%	2015	30% of electricity generation from renewables by 2030		
<b>Consumer Protection Initiatives</b> Number of new or expanded consumer protection initiatives advanced under the consumer's agenda	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	4	2015-16	6	6	6

## Indicators

<b>Total Greenhouse Gas Emissions</b> Total million tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent (greenhouse gas) emitted from source categories	<b>Actual</b>				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	242	246	260	272	274
<b>Note:</b> Greenhouse gas emissions have a two-year reporting lag period.					
<b>Provincial Air Quality Index</b> Percentage of good air quality days in urban areas based on Alberta's ambient air quality objectives for fine particulate matter, ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide	<b>Actual</b>				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	95%	97%	96%	97%	95%
<b>Note:</b> The Air Quality Index reflects the overall provincial air quality based on ambient air quality objectives of five major pollutants: fine particulate matter, ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide. The Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards focus on long-term ambient levels of fine particulate matter and ozone in the province's six air zones and complement the Air Quality Index by guiding air quality management actions.					
<b>Municipal Solid Waste to Landfills</b> Kilograms of municipal solid waste, per capita, disposed of in landfills	<b>Actual</b>				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	717	691	911	669	661
<b>Note:</b> Municipal solid waste to landfills has shifted to a performance indicator as the results are highly influenced by external factors and Environment and Parks has limited contribution toward achieving performance metric results which aligns. The 2013 actual is not reflective of historical trends due to the Southern Alberta floods.					
<b>Regulatory Compliance</b> (Alberta Energy Regulator) Percentage of inspections that are in compliance with regulatory requirements	<b>Actual</b>				
	2014-15		2015-16		
	99%		99%		
<b>Note:</b> The result for 2014 is based on the available data since July 2014 when the AER began transitioning to a new compliance assurance framework.					

# OUTCOME THREE: Working to Make Life Better by Protecting Health Care and Education

## Measures

<b>High School Completion</b> High school completion rate of students within five years of entering grade 10	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	82.1%	2014-15	83.0%	83.3%	83.5%
<b>Post-secondary Transition</b> Percentage of students entering post-secondary programs (including apprenticeship) within six years of entering grade 10	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	59.4%	2014-15	60.2%	60.2%	60.2%
<b>Literacy</b> A   E: Acceptable   Excellence* Percentages of students who achieved standards on Language Arts diploma examinations	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	A   E	A   E	A   E	A   E	A   E
	87.8%	2015-16	88.4%	88.4%	88.5%
11.3%					
<b>Note:</b> *The acceptable standard results include the standard of excellence results. Performance measure targets are considered met if the result is not significantly different from the target value using statistical tests.					
<b>Sponsored Research Revenue</b> Sponsored research revenue attracted by Alberta's comprehensive academic and research institutions (\$ millions)	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	851.2	2014-15	863.9	874.3	883.0
<b>Unplanned Readmissions of Mental Health Patients</b> Percentage of patients readmitted within 30 days of leaving hospital	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	8.6%	2015-16	8.5%	8.4%	8.3%
<b>Access to Primary Care through Primary Care Networks</b> Percentage of Albertans enrolled in a Primary Care Network	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	78%	2015-16	79%	80%	81%
<b>Access to Continuing Care Spaces</b> Percentage of clients placed in continuing care within 30 days of being assessed	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	60%	2015-16	65%	68%	71%
<b>Influenza Immunization</b> Percentage of Albertans who have received the recommended annual influenza immunization • Seniors aged 65 and over • Children aged 6 to 23 months • Residents of long-term care facilities	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	63%	2015-16	80%	80%	80%
	36%		80%	80%	80%
90%					
<b>Note:</b> These are the national targets and are set at the level required to prevent disease outbreaks and to protect vulnerable populations (e.g., those who are not eligible for certain vaccines such as infants, pregnant women or immune-compromised individuals).					
<b>Family Enhancement and Child Protection Services</b> Percentage of children and youth with a new intervention file who did not have a file closure in the previous 12 months	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	85%	2015-16	87%	87%	87%
<b>Note:</b> Includes children and youth that are in care and not in care.					
<b>Family Violence and Bullying</b> Percentage of Albertans who have information to better help in situations of family violence and bullying (biennial survey): • Family Violence • Bullying	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	75%	2015-16	78%	n/a	81%
71%					
74%					
77%					
<b>Indigenous Children in Care</b> Percentage of Indigenous children in foster care / kinship care who are placed with Indigenous families	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	40%	2015-16	50%	53%	53%
<b>Family Support for Children and Disabilities Program</b> Percentage of families who indicate the services provided had a positive impact on their family (biennial survey)	<b>Last Actual</b>		<b>Target</b>		
	Results	Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	90%	2014-15	n/a	92%	n/a

# OUTCOME THREE: Working to Make Life Better by Protecting Health Care and Education

## Indicators

<b>International Literacy (15 years old)</b>		<b>Actual</b>				
Performance of Alberta students in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of Reading Literacy		2003	2006	2009	2012	2015
• Alberta		543	535	533	525	533
• Canada		528	527	524	523	527
• OECD Average		494	492	497	498	493
<b>Note:</b> For comparability, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) average is based on the results of the countries included in the PISA 2003 assessment.						
<b>Post-secondary Education</b>		<b>Actual</b>				
Percentage of Albertans age 18–34 participating in post-secondary education		2012	2013	2014	2015	
		17%	17%	17%	17%	
<b>Health Expenditures</b>		<b>Actual</b>				
Per capita provincial government expenditures (\$ actual dollars)		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
		\$4,588	\$4,618	\$4,662	\$4,703	\$4,793
<b>Note:</b> Forecasted result for 2016.						
<b>Life Expectancy at Birth</b>		<b>Actual</b>				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
• First Nations		70.79	72.15	72.52	71.60	70.38
• Non-First Nations		82.00	82.03	82.07	82.19	82.30
<b>Awareness of Elder Abuse</b>		<b>Actual</b>				
Post-training, the percentage of community service providers who reported increased awareness of how to identify, prevent and report elder abuse		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16		
		94%	85%	84%		
<b>Child Intervention Services as a Percentage of the Child Population in Alberta</b>		<b>Actual</b>				
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
• Percentage		2.2%	2.0%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%
• Number of children receiving Child Intervention Services		18,438	17,264	15,577	14,578	15,321
• Children in Alberta		854,594	872,917	891,452	909,072	929,305
<b>Core Housing Needs</b>		<b>Actual</b>				
Percentage of Alberta rental households in core housing need:		2001	2006	2011		
• All rental households		23.1%	22.8%	23.2%		
• Senior-led households		33.5%	37.4%	41.9%		
• Lone-parent families		42.4%	39.6%	41.2%		
• Aboriginal households		31.1%	28.1%	31.5%		
<b>Note:</b> A Canadian household is deemed in core housing need if its shelter does not meet the acceptable standards for adequacy, affordability, or suitability; and the household would have to pay more than 30 per cent of its before-tax income for housing that meets acceptable standards. This indicator was developed by the Canadian Housing Mortgage Corporation. It is updated every five years with data from the Census and the National Household Survey. The term Aboriginal is used rather than Indigenous, as that is how survey respondents have self-identified in the national household survey responses in 2001, 2006 and 2011.						

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