

# Massachusetts State Budget Timeline

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<b>Governor</b>	<b>House Ways &amp; Means</b>	<b>House Ways &amp; Means</b>	<b>Full House</b>	<b>Full Senate</b>	<b>Conference Committee</b>	<b>Governor</b>
Governor releases proposed budget on the 4th Wednesday in January	<b>Senate Ways &amp; Means</b> House and Senate Ways & Means Committees begin to analyze budget and hold joint public hearings.	<b>Senate Ways &amp; Means</b> House and Senate Ways & Means Committees continue budget analysis and public hearings.	House Ways & Means Committee reports budget to full House; representatives file amendments for debate and vote.	Senate Ways & Means Committee reports budget to full Senate; senators file amendments for debate and vote.	Conference Committee (3 Senators & 3 Representatives) combine House and Senate budgets into one bill. House and Senate vote to send final budget to Governor.	Governor signs budget within 10 days of receiving it.
			<b>Senate Ways &amp; Means</b> Senate Ways & Means Committee analyzes final House budget.			<b>House</b>
						<b>Senate</b> Legislative veto override, if needed.

