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Overview

- The FAO's Economic and Budget Outlook compares the FAO's latest forecast with the 2022 Ontario Budget, over the 2022-23 to 2027-28 period.
- The presentation will focus on Ontario's:
 - Economic outlook and risks 0
 - Budget balance and fiscal sustainability indicators 0
 - Revenue outlook 0
 - Spending outlook 0

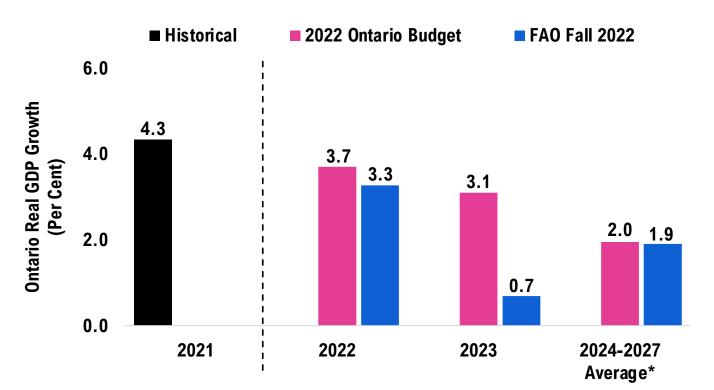




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Ontario's rapid economic recovery set to slow

- Ontario posted strong economic growth of 4.3 per cent in 2021, and is expected to grow by 3.3 per cent in 2022.
- Next year, Ontario's economy is projected to slow significantly, growing by just 0.7 per cent in 2023.



Source: 2022 Ontario Budget and FAO.



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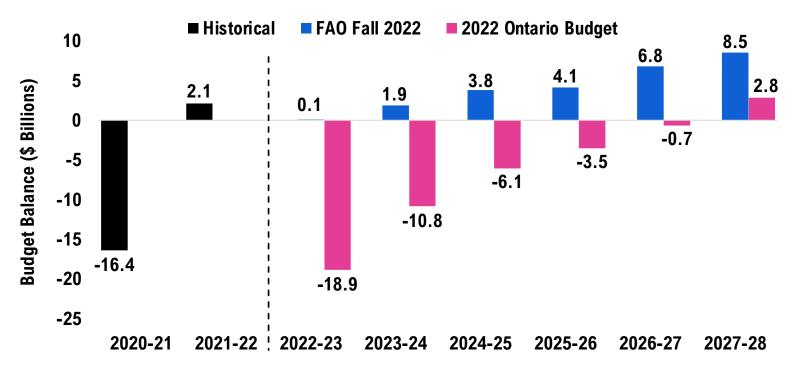
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FAO projects growing budget surpluses

- Budget surplus in 2021-22 from strong economy and extraordinary revenue growth.
- Growing budget surpluses expected under current policies as revenue growth projected to slow but still outpace program spending.



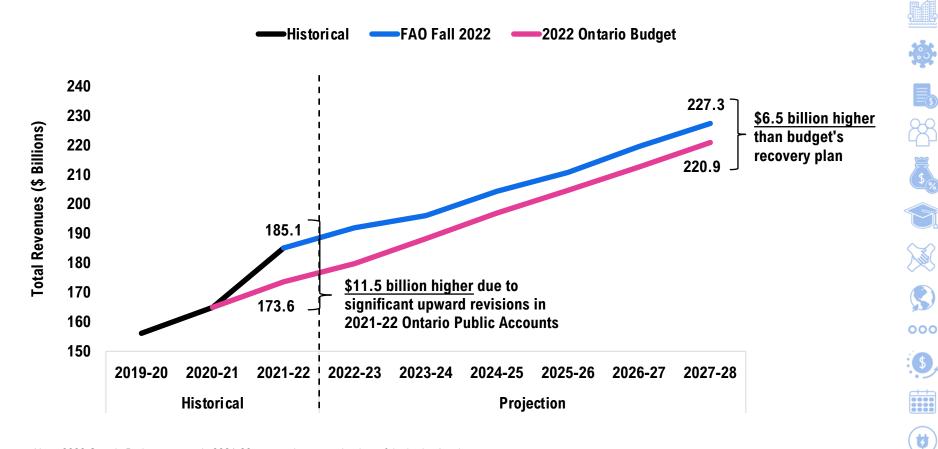
Note: The budget balance from the 2022 Ontario Budget is shown before the reserve. Source: Ontario Public Accounts, 2022 Ontario Budget and FAO.



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Revenue expected to be higher than Budget

• FAO revenue projection \$6.5 billion higher than the 2022 Budget in 2027-28.



Note: 2022 Ontario Budget revenue in 2021-22 were estimates at the time of the budget's release. Source: Ontario Public Accounts, 2022 Ontario Budget and FAO.

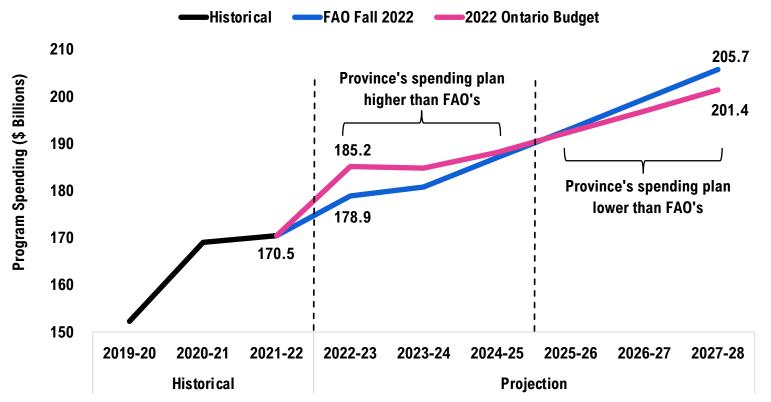


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Program spending to rise above government's projection

FAO program spending projection \$4.3 billion higher than the 2022 Budget in 2027-28.



Source: Ontario Public Accounts and FAO analysis of the 2022 Ontario Budget and information provided by the Ministry of Finance.



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Government spending plan contains funding shortfalls in every program sector, offset by historically high unallocated contingency funds

	Program Spending Difference, Province vs. FAO, \$ millions						
Sector	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Health	502	-2,014	-4,879	-5,233	-5,526	-6,232	-23,382
Education	-436	-168	-403	-1,119	-1,815	-2,015	-5,955
Postsecondary Education	47	-245	-262	-505	-728	-959	-2,651
Children's and Social Services	189	-393	-753	-904	-1,063	-1,340	-4,263
Justice	-134	-320	-385	-468	-502	-524	-2,333
Other Programs	1,542	538	-433	-640	-1,001	-1,454	-1,448
Sum of Sector Differences	1,710	-2,601	-7,115	-8,868	-10,636	-12,523	-40,033
Contingency Funds (Excluded from FAO sector projections)	4,550	6,600	8,200	8,200*	8,200*	8,200*	43,950*
Total Program Spending Difference	6,260	3,999	1,085	-668	-2,436	-4,323	3,917

* Contingency fund amounts from 2025-26 to 2027-28 are FAO estimates.

Note: Negative values indicate that the Province's spending plan is below the FAO's projection (i.e., a "shortfall"), while positive values indicate that the Province's spending plan is above the FAO's projection. Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP) expense is included in the education sector. Source: FAO analysis of the 2022 Ontario Budget and information provided by the Ministry of Finance.



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