

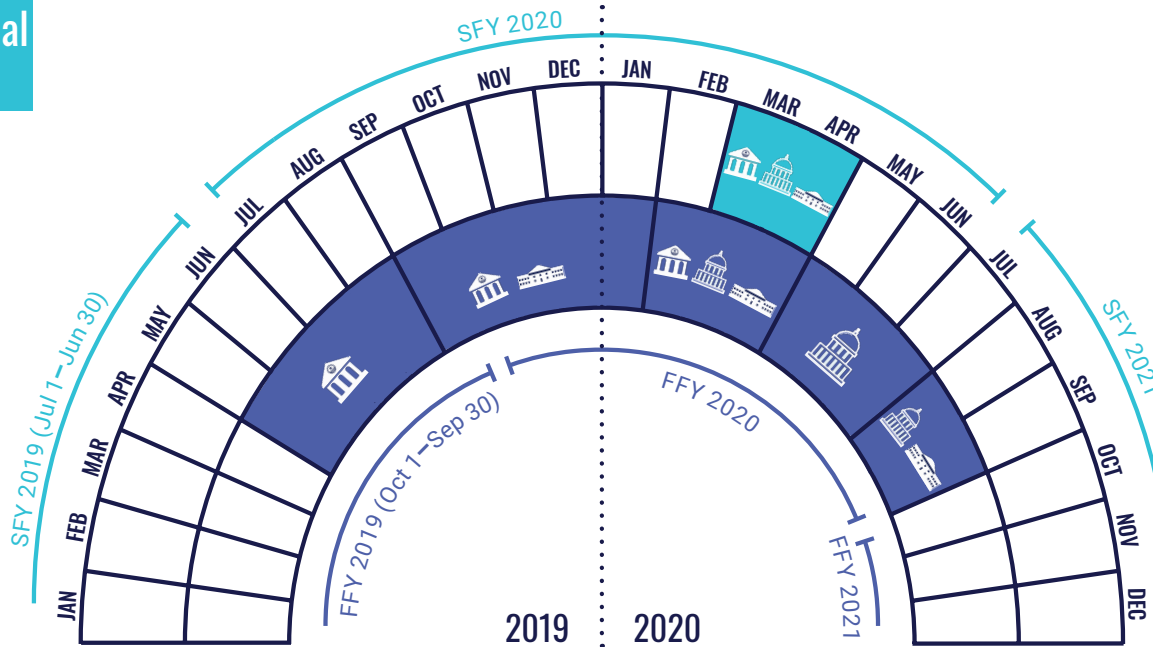
ARKANSAS STATE AND FEDERAL 2021 BUDGET CYCLES

2021 Arkansas State Fiscal Year (SFY) Budget Cycle¹

- Mar 4–12, '20:** Pre-fiscal session budget hearings 
- Mar 9, '20:** Pre-filing starts 
- Apr 8, '20:** Deadline to file identical resolution for non-appropriation bills 
- Apr 8–May 7, '20:** 2020 fiscal session* 
- Apr 22, '20:** Deadline for filing appropriation bills 

*Maximum length is 30 days unless extended by a 3/4 vote for an additional 15 days to May 22.
 **White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

¹ Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research. (2019). Important dates and deadlines 2020 fiscal session.
² AcademyHealth. (2014). Informing with evidence: when to disseminate during the federal budget cycle.



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 Agencies	 Legislative	 Executive
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Arkansas operates on a biennial budget cycle with annual appropriations. In odd numbered years, the General Assembly meets for a regular session to consider all bills. In even numbered years, budget hearings are held for the Department of Education, Institutions of Higher Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety, and any additional agencies that may be referred by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Non-appropriation bills may be introduced if both chambers pass a resolution with 2/3 vote to introduce other legislation.

2021 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Budget Cycle²

- May–Aug '19:** Agencies develop budgets 
- Sep '19–Jan '20:** Agencies submit budgets to the OMB;** OMB reviews and provides feedback 
- Feb '20:** President submits budget request on the first Monday 
- Feb–Apr '20:** Congress reviews president's budget request and holds budget hearings with agency officials 
- May–Jul '20:** House and Senate draft and approve appropriations 
- Aug–Sep '20:** House and Senate finalize bicameral appropriations legislation 
- Sep '20:** President signs the legislation into law by Sept. 31, 2020 