

FACT SHEET | An Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota

Minnesotans work hard. They pay their taxes, and play by the rules. In return, they expect all the opportunities they need to create a better life for themselves and for their families. That is why Governor Dayton is fighting to deliver an Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota – a set of specific solutions to our state’s challenges to help ensure that when Minnesotans work hard and play by the rules, their lives, their communities, and our shared future will be better for it.

Jobs

- **Growing Opportunity for Families and Businesses** – Minnesota’s economy is strong and growing, with more than 252,100 jobs added over the last six years and one of the best, most productive workforces in the world. Despite that progress, too many people are still struggling to get ahead, and some regions of the state are still facing high unemployment and stagnant wages. That is why Governor Dayton is committed to cutting taxes for the middle class and partnering with businesses and entrepreneurs to create new jobs. The Opportunity Agenda will cut [taxes for the middle class](#), repair [roads and bridges](#), [expand opportunity](#), and [grow jobs](#).

Education

- **The Engine of Opportunity and Success** – The opportunity to succeed and create jobs is built on a world-class education. That is why Governor Dayton is committed to improving educational opportunities for every Minnesotan, everywhere in Minnesota. The Dayton Administration is committed to helping hardworking Minnesotans access more training and education so that our workforce can continue to out-innovate the competition and succeed in a modern economy. The Opportunity Agenda will expand access to [early learning opportunities](#) and ensure that no matter where you live, all Minnesotans receive [excellent educations](#).

Government Reform

- **State Government at the Speed of Business** – Minnesotans expect and deserve a government that’s accountable to hardworking taxpayers, and works at the speed of business to deliver the high-quality services people expect. Governor Dayton has worked for years to make Minnesota government work better, by clearing out and cleaning up outdated laws that make government more complicated, cutting down on the red tape and paperwork that gets in the way of everyday life, and ensuring Minnesota state government is responsive to the people it serves. This year, Governor Dayton’s Opportunity Agenda will make further [reforms to state government](#) to improve customer service, ensure your data is secure, and secure a [strong financial future](#) for our state.

Quality of Life

- **Clean, Safe, and Healthy Communities** – Minnesotans work hard and play by the rules. In return, they expect a nation-leading quality of life, including: clean, safe, healthy communities to live and raise their families in, and great recreational opportunities to enjoy all that Minnesota has to offer. Governor Dayton is committed to delivering on that promise for all Minnesotans. By giving Minnesotans more [affordable choices for health care](#), ensuring every community has [clean, affordable water](#), and protecting the [safety and security of all Minnesotans](#), we can ensure a better future for everyone, everywhere in our state.