

Canadian Taxpayers Federation Tax Issue Survey
National Survey
n=1,000, Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$
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The following questions deal with the federal personal income tax system in Canada. We are talking about taxes on individuals like yourself, not businesses and corporations.

Q1.1 Would you say federal income tax rates are much too low, somewhat too low, about right, somewhat too high or much too high?

Much too low	2%
Somewhat too low	3%
About right	25%
Somewhat too high	33%
Much too high	32%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Q1.2 Do you find the federal income tax system to be very simple, somewhat simple, somewhat complicated or very complicated?

SIMPLE	32%
Very simple	7%
Somewhat simple	25%
COMPLICATED	63%
Somewhat complicated	46%
Very complicated	17%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Q1.3 Would you say the tax system is very unfair, somewhat unfair, somewhat fair or very fair to taxpayers?

Very unfair	17%
Somewhat unfair	40%
Somewhat fair	35%
Very fair	5%
Don't know/Refused	4%
Total	100%

Q2. If the federal government decided to cut taxes, what should the priority should be?
[RANDOMIZE]

Personal income taxes	45%
Gas taxes	18%
The GST	10%
Payroll taxes like CPP and EI	10%
Capital gains tax	5%
Taxes on business	3%
All of them	2%
None of them	1%
Tax breaks on seniors	0%
Other	2%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Q3. Which of these two tax methods of reducing taxes do you prefer ...

Target tax relief to specific taxpayers or specific activities such as seniors, parents, environmentally friendly activities and so on.	44%
Provide tax relief to all taxpayers regardless of their income level or the activities they undertake.	51%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Q4. What would you prefer to do...

Complete your own income tax return by hand	42%
Take a trip to the dentist	52%
Don't know/Refused	6%