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About the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is a federally incorporated, not-for-profit citizen's group dedicated to lower taxes, less waste and accountable government. The CTF was founded in Saskatchewan in 1990 when the Association of Saskatchewan Taxpayers and the Resolution One Association of Alberta joined forces to create a national organization. Today, the CTF has hundreds of thousands of supporters nation-wide.

The CTF maintains a federal office in Ottawa and regional offices in British Columbia, Alberta, Prairie (SK and MB), Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic. Regional offices conduct research and advocacy activities specific to their provinces in addition to acting as regional organizers of Canada-wide initiatives.

CTF offices field hundreds of media interviews each month, hold press conferences and issue regular news releases, commentaries, online postings and publications to advocate on behalf of CTF supporters. CTF representatives speak at functions, make presentations to government, meet with politicians, and organize petition drives, events and campaigns to mobilize citizens to affect public policy change.

Any Canadian taxpayer committed to the CTF's mission is welcome to join at no cost and receive Action Update emails. Financial supporters can additionally receive the CTF's flagship publication *The Taxpayer* magazine published three times a year.

The CTF is independent of any institutional or partisan affiliations. All CTF staff, board and representatives are prohibited from holding a membership in any political party. In 2024-25, the CTF raised \$6.6 million on the strength of 75,231 donations. Donations to the CTF are not deductible as a charitable contribution. The CTF does not accept foreign funding.



> Overview

The Gas Tax Honesty Report highlights the hidden taxes Canadians pay every time we fuel up. Gas taxes include the sales taxes you see on your receipt, but also the excise and carbon taxes you don't see. In some cities, you also pay a hidden transit tax.

All the gas and diesel price information in this report is from Kalibrate's price information for the week of June 30, 2026.

Gas Price Composition (Canadian Average)

Based on \$1.66/L



> Canadian Gas Taxes

Gas Price Ranking

Vancouver has the highest gas prices in the country at \$1.90 per litre, with 54 cents of the total being tax. Victoria has the second highest pump prices at \$1.87. Alberta has the lowest gas prices at \$1.55 per litre.

Gas Price Ranking				
Province/City	Pump Price	Pre-Tax Price	Tax Bill	Tax %
Vancouver	\$1.90	\$1.36	\$0.54	28%
Victoria	\$1.87	\$1.40	\$0.47	25%
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$1.86	\$1.47	\$0.39	21%
P.E.I.	\$1.80	\$1.41	\$0.39	22%
Montreal	\$1.76	\$1.14	\$0.61	35%
Quebec with regular rate	\$1.74	\$1.16	\$0.58	33%
New Brunswick	\$1.71	\$1.31	\$0.40	24%
Nova Scotia	\$1.68	\$1.25	\$0.43	26%
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$1.68	\$1.28	\$0.41	24%
Saskatchewan	\$1.61	\$1.32	\$0.30	18%
Ontario	\$1.60	\$1.25	\$0.34	22%
Manitoba	\$1.59	\$1.32	\$0.27	17%
Alberta	\$1.55	\$1.28	\$0.27	18%

Gas Tax Ranking

Montreal has the highest gas taxes in the country at 61 cents per litre, or 35 per cent of the price of gasoline.

Drivers in Montreal pay a transit tax when fueling up in the city, which is why gas taxes are higher in Montreal than in the rest of Quebec. Similarly, drivers in Vancouver and Victoria also pay transit taxes at the pumps.

Manitoba has the lowest gas taxes in the country.

Gas Tax Ranking				
Province/City	Tax	Pre-Tax Price	Pump Price	Tax %
Montreal	\$0.61	\$1.14	\$1.76	35%
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.58	\$1.16	\$1.74	33%
Vancouver	\$0.54	\$1.36	\$1.90	28%
Victoria	\$0.47	\$1.40	\$1.87	25%
Nova Scotia	\$0.43	\$1.25	\$1.68	26%
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$0.41	\$1.28	\$1.68	24%
New Brunswick	\$0.40	\$1.31	\$1.71	24%
P.E.I.	\$0.39	\$1.41	\$1.80	22%
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.39	\$1.47	\$1.86	21%
Ontario	\$0.34	\$1.25	\$1.60	22%
Saskatchewan	\$0.30	\$1.32	\$1.61	18%
Alberta	\$0.27	\$1.28	\$1.55	18%
Manitoba	\$0.27	\$1.32	\$1.59	17%

Tax Changes Since Last Year

The federal government [suspended](#) its excise tax on gasoline and diesel effective April 20, 2026. The federal excise tax is set to increase back up to 10 cents per litre of gas and four cents per litre of diesel after Labour Day. That gas tax hike means taxpayers will pay \$7 more in taxes to fill up their minivan and \$11 more to fill up their pickup truck as of Sept. 8, 2026.

The Newfoundland and Labrador government cut its provincial gas tax by 8.05 cents per litre in June 2022 and made the cut permanent in March 2026. This means drivers will save \$5.15 on every 64-litre fill up.

Carbon Taxes

The Quebec government imposes a cap-and-trade carbon tax on its citizens. Quebec's carbon tax costs 9.4 cents per litre of gasoline and 12.7 cents per litre of diesel as of [May 2026](#). Quebec is the only province that imposes a carbon tax directly on consumers.

Fuel Regulations

The federal government imposes a hidden carbon tax through fuel regulations. The regulations require producers to reduce the carbon content of their fuels. If they can't meet the requirements, they must purchase credits, increasing costs that are passed onto Canadians purchasing gasoline or diesel. There are no rebates with this carbon tax.

This hidden carbon tax currently costs up to seven cents per litre of gasoline and six cents per litre of diesel, according to [analysis](#) from the Parliamentary Budget Officer. It will cost up to [17 cents per litre](#) of gasoline when the regulations are fully implemented in 2030.

The British Columbia government continues to impose a hidden carbon tax on motor fuels through regulations embedded in its Low Carbon Fuel Standard. While the cost of this hidden carbon tax fluctuates based on global markets, on average, it costs British Columbians 18 cents per litre of gasoline, which adds about \$13 to fuel up the average family's minivan.

Tax-on-Tax

Every time you buy gasoline, you are charged a tax-on-tax. That's because some governments calculate sales taxes after all the per-litre taxes are added. That means you pay taxes on all the per-litre taxes governments added to the price. The tax-on-tax costs the average Canadian driver an extra 2.7 cents per litre of gasoline.

Tax-on-Tax (per litre)			
Province/City	Federal Tax-on-Tax	Provincial Tax-on-Tax	Total Tax-on-Tax
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$0.016	\$0.000	\$0.0163
Vancouver	\$0.023	\$0.000	\$0.0225
Victoria	\$0.019	\$0.000	\$0.0190
Alberta	\$0.010	\$0.000	\$0.0100
Saskatchewan	\$0.011	\$0.000	\$0.0110
Manitoba	\$0.010	\$0.000	\$0.0098
Ontario	\$0.008	\$0.013	\$0.0208
Montreal	\$0.019	\$0.038	\$0.0578
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.018	\$0.035	\$0.0533
New Brunswick	\$0.009	\$0.018	\$0.0269
P.E.I.	\$0.008	\$0.016	\$0.0233
Nova Scotia	\$0.011	\$0.020	\$0.0315
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.007	\$0.015	\$0.0218
Canada	\$0.012	\$0.014	\$0.0266

> Gasoline Tax Breakdown

Gas taxes account for up to 35 per cent of the pump price in Canada. You won't see all the taxes on your receipt, but you may be paying up to seven different taxes as of Sept. 8, 2026. The table shows the tax breakdown you won't see on your receipt.

Gasoline Tax Breakdown (\$/L)									
Province/City	Provincial Excise Tax	Fuel Regulations	Consumer Carbon Tax	Transit Tax	Provincial Sales Tax	Federal Excise Tax	Federal Sales Tax	Total Tax	Tax-On-Tax
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$0.145	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.080	\$0.405	\$0.016
Vancouver	\$0.085	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.185	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.091	\$0.541	\$0.023
Victoria	\$0.145	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.055	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.089	\$0.469	\$0.019
Alberta	\$0.130	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.074	\$0.274	\$0.010
Saskatchewan	\$0.150	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.077	\$0.297	\$0.011
Manitoba	\$0.125	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.076	\$0.271	\$0.010
Ontario	\$0.090	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.113	\$0.000	\$0.071	\$0.344	\$0.021
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.192	\$0.070	\$0.094	\$0.000	\$0.151	\$0.000	\$0.076	\$0.582	\$0.053
Montreal	\$0.192	\$0.070	\$0.094	\$0.030	\$0.152	\$0.000	\$0.076	\$0.614	\$0.058
New Brunswick	\$0.109	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.149	\$0.000	\$0.074	\$0.402	\$0.027
P.E.I.	\$0.085	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.156	\$0.000	\$0.078	\$0.389	\$0.023
Nova Scotia	\$0.155	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.133	\$0.000	\$0.074	\$0.432	\$0.032
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.075	\$0.070	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.162	\$0.000	\$0.081	\$0.388	\$0.022
Canada	\$0.125	\$0.085	\$0.020	\$0.018	\$0.086	\$0.000	\$0.075	\$0.409	\$0.027

Note: The federal excise tax is scheduled to increase back up to 10 cents per litre of gasoline on September 8, 2026.

Diesel Tax Breakdown (\$/L)									
Province/City	Provincial Excise Tax	Fuel Regulations	Consumer Carbon Tax	Transit Tax	Provincial Sales Tax	Federal Excise Tax	Federal Sales Tax	Total Tax	Tax-On-Tax
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$0.150	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.088	\$0.418	\$0.017
Vancouver	\$0.090	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.185	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.101	\$0.556	\$0.023
Victoria	\$0.150	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.055	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.099	\$0.484	\$0.019
Alberta	\$0.130	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.080	\$0.270	\$0.010
Saskatchewan	\$0.150	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.084	\$0.294	\$0.011
Manitoba	\$0.125	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.081	\$0.266	\$0.009
Ontario	\$0.090	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.128	\$0.000	\$0.080	\$0.358	\$0.020
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.202	\$0.060	\$0.127	\$0.000	\$0.181	\$0.000	\$0.091	\$0.661	\$0.058
Montreal	\$0.202	\$0.060	\$0.127	\$0.000	\$0.185	\$0.000	\$0.093	\$0.667	\$0.058
New Brunswick	\$0.155	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.173	\$0.000	\$0.086	\$0.474	\$0.032
P.E.I.	\$0.142	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.176	\$0.000	\$0.088	\$0.466	\$0.030
Nova Scotia	\$0.154	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.148	\$0.000	\$0.082	\$0.445	\$0.030
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.095	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.174	\$0.000	\$0.087	\$0.416	\$0.023
Canada	\$0.129	\$0.076	\$0.028	\$0.014	\$0.100	\$0.000	\$0.085	\$0.433	\$0.027

Note: The federal excise tax is scheduled to increase back up to four cents per litre of diesel on September 8, 2026.

> Tax per Fill-Up

The average tax on a 64-litre fill-up in Canada is \$26.17, with \$1.70 of the bill being tax-on-tax.

Tax on a 64 Litre Fill-Up								
Province/City	Before Tax	Provincial Taxes	Federal Taxes	Fuel Regulations	Consumer Carbon Tax	Tax-on-Tax	Total Tax	Total
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$81.70	\$9.28	\$5.13	\$11.52	\$0.00	\$1.04	\$25.93	\$107.63
Vancouver	\$87.23	\$17.28	\$5.80	\$11.52	\$0.00	\$1.44	\$34.60	\$121.83
Victoria	\$89.86	\$12.80	\$5.71	\$11.52	\$0.00	\$1.22	\$30.03	\$119.88
Alberta	\$81.93	\$8.32	\$4.74	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$0.64	\$17.54	\$99.47
Saskatchewan	\$84.16	\$9.60	\$4.91	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$0.70	\$18.99	\$103.15
Manitoba	\$84.35	\$8.00	\$4.84	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$0.62	\$17.32	\$101.67
Ontario	\$80.11	\$12.99	\$4.52	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$1.33	\$21.99	\$102.10
Quebec with regular rate	\$74.12	\$21.95	\$4.84	\$4.48	\$5.99	\$3.41	\$37.27	\$111.39
Montreal	\$72.99	\$23.95	\$4.88	\$4.48	\$5.99	\$3.70	\$39.31	\$112.29
New Brunswick	\$83.73	\$16.49	\$4.76	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$1.72	\$25.73	\$109.47
P.E.I.	\$90.11	\$15.44	\$5.00	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$1.49	\$24.92	\$115.03
Nova Scotia	\$80.16	\$18.43	\$4.73	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$2.02	\$27.64	\$107.80
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$94.28	\$15.16	\$5.18	\$4.48	\$0.00	\$1.39	\$24.82	\$119.10
Canada	\$79.94	\$14.65	\$4.79	\$5.43	\$1.30	\$1.70	\$26.17	\$106.11

> Taxes in 2030

In 2030, Quebec's cap-and-trade carbon tax is projected to cost about [23 cents](#) per litre of gasoline.

In 2030, the hidden federal carbon tax embedded in fuel regulations will also add up to 17 cents per litre to the price of gasoline, [according](#) to the Parliamentary Budget Officer. Drivers in B.C. already pay a hidden carbon tax through provincial fuel regulations, which adds about 18 cents per litre to the price of gasoline.

The breakdown below shows the total tax bill Canadians can expect to pay in 2030. This assumes that the pre-tax gas price remains the same as it was during the week of June 30, 2026, and that the federal excise tax is hiked back up to 10 cents per litre.

In 2030, Canadians will pay 65 cents per litre of gasoline in taxes alone, on average. Given the scheduled gas tax increases, current gas prices would increase from \$1.66 per litre to \$1.90 per litre in 2030.

Gasoline Tax Breakdown 2030 (\$/L)

Province/City	Provincial Excise Tax	Fuel Regulations	Consumer Carbon Tax	Transit Tax	Provincial Sales Tax	Federal Excise Tax	Federal Sales Tax	Total Tax	Tax-On-Tax
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$0.145	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.085	\$0.510	\$0.021
Vancouver	\$0.085	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.185	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.096	\$0.646	\$0.028
Victoria	\$0.145	\$0.180	\$0.000	\$0.055	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.094	\$0.574	\$0.024
Alberta	\$0.130	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.084	\$0.484	\$0.020
Saskatchewan	\$0.150	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.087	\$0.507	\$0.021
Manitoba	\$0.125	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.086	\$0.481	\$0.020
Ontario	\$0.090	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.129	\$0.100	\$0.081	\$0.570	\$0.047
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.192	\$0.170	\$0.230	\$0.000	\$0.185	\$0.100	\$0.093	\$0.969	\$0.104
Montreal	\$0.192	\$0.170	\$0.230	\$0.030	\$0.186	\$0.100	\$0.093	\$1.001	\$0.108
New Brunswick	\$0.109	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.169	\$0.100	\$0.084	\$0.632	\$0.057
P.E.I.	\$0.085	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.176	\$0.100	\$0.088	\$0.619	\$0.053
Nova Scotia	\$0.155	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.151	\$0.100	\$0.084	\$0.660	\$0.060
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.075	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.182	\$0.100	\$0.091	\$0.618	\$0.052
Canada	\$0.125	\$0.171	\$0.050	\$0.018	\$0.101	\$0.100	\$0.086	\$0.650	\$0.052

In 2030, the average tax paid on a 64-litre fill-up will be \$41.59, with \$3.34 of the bill being tax-on-tax.

Tax on a 64 Litre Fill-Up 2030								
Province/City	Before Tax	Provincial Taxes	Federal Taxes	Fuel Regulations	Consumer Carbon Tax	Tax-on-Tax	Total Tax	Total
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$81.70	\$9.28	\$11.85	\$11.52	\$0.00	\$1.36	\$32.65	\$114.35
Vancouver	\$87.23	\$17.28	\$12.52	\$11.52	\$0.00	\$1.76	\$41.32	\$128.55
Victoria	\$89.86	\$12.80	\$12.43	\$11.52	\$0.00	\$1.54	\$36.75	\$126.60
Alberta	\$81.93	\$8.32	\$11.78	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$1.28	\$30.98	\$112.91
Saskatchewan	\$84.16	\$9.60	\$11.95	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$1.34	\$32.43	\$116.59
Manitoba	\$84.35	\$8.00	\$11.88	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$1.26	\$30.76	\$115.11
Ontario	\$80.11	\$14.01	\$11.56	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$36.45	\$116.56
Quebec with regular rate	\$74.12	\$24.10	\$12.32	\$10.88	\$14.72	\$6.63	\$62.02	\$136.15
Montreal	\$72.99	\$26.10	\$12.36	\$10.88	\$14.72	\$6.92	\$64.06	\$137.05
New Brunswick	\$83.73	\$17.77	\$11.80	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$3.64	\$40.45	\$124.19
P.E.I.	\$90.11	\$16.72	\$12.04	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$3.41	\$39.64	\$129.75
Nova Scotia	\$80.16	\$19.58	\$11.77	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$3.81	\$42.23	\$122.39
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$94.28	\$16.44	\$12.22	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$3.31	\$39.54	\$133.82
Canada	\$79.94	\$15.59	\$11.86	\$10.93	\$3.20	\$3.34	\$41.59	\$121.53

Methodology Notes

Prices are based on Kalibrate data for the week of June 30, 2026:

<https://charting.kalibrate.com/>