

A photograph of a gas station with a large orange gas can in the foreground. The gas can has a black nozzle and handle. The gas station has a green roof and white pillars. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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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 2023-24 fiscal year, the CTF raised \$6.3 million on the strength of 74,858 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 fill-up. Gas taxes include the sales taxes you see on your receipt, but also the federal excise tax, provincial excise tax 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 second week of July 2025.

Gas Price Composition
Based on \$1.39/L



Canadian Gas Taxes

Gas Price Ranking

Victoria has the highest gas prices in the country at \$1.62 per litre, with 56 cents of the total being tax. Vancouver has the second highest pump prices at \$1.60 per litre. Alberta has the lowest gas prices at \$1.27 per litre.

Gas Price Ranking					
	Province/ City	Pump Price	Pre-Tax Price	Tax Bill	Tax %
1	Victoria	\$1.62	\$1.06	\$0.56	34%
2	Vancouver	\$1.60	\$0.97	\$0.63	39%
3	Montreal	\$1.55	\$0.93	\$0.62	40%
4	Newfoundland and Labrador	\$1.52	\$1.10	\$0.43	28%
5	Quebec with regular rate	\$1.49	\$0.93	\$0.56	38%
6	P.E.I.	\$1.46	\$1.09	\$0.38	26%
7	B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$1.43	\$0.93	\$0.49	35%
8	Nova Scotia	\$1.43	\$0.94	\$0.48	34%
9	New Brunswick	\$1.41	\$0.93	\$0.48	34%
10	Manitoba	\$1.34	\$1.05	\$0.29	22%
11	Saskatchewan	\$1.33	\$1.02	\$0.31	24%
12	Ontario	\$1.32	\$0.98	\$0.34	26%
13	Alberta	\$1.27	\$0.98	\$0.29	23%

Notes:

- Numbers do not reflect the second carbon tax rates outside of B.C. and Atlantic provinces as the federal government has yet to clarify the cost to consumers.
- Totals may be off due to rounding

Gas Tax Ranking

Vancouver has the highest gas taxes in the country, costing 63 cents per litre.

However, Montreal's taxes account for the largest share of the price, with taxes making up 40 per cent of the total price of gas. That's because Montreal has high gas taxes but a lower pre-tax cost of gasoline.

Gas Tax Ranking					
	Province/ City	Tax	Pre-Tax Price	Pump Price	Tax %
1	Vancouver	\$0.63	\$0.97	\$1.60	39%
2	Montreal	\$0.62	\$0.93	\$1.55	40%
3	Quebec with regular rate	\$0.56	\$0.93	\$1.49	38%
4	Victoria	\$0.56	\$1.06	\$1.62	34%
5	B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$0.49	\$0.93	\$1.43	35%
6	Nova Scotia	\$0.48	\$0.94	\$1.43	34%
7	New Brunswick	\$0.48	\$0.93	\$1.41	34%
8	Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.43	\$1.10	\$1.52	28%
9	P.E.I.	\$0.38	\$1.09	\$1.46	26%
10	Ontario	\$0.34	\$0.98	\$1.32	26%
11	Saskatchewan	\$0.31	\$1.02	\$1.33	24%
12	Alberta	\$0.29	\$0.98	\$1.27	23%
13	Manitoba	\$0.29	\$1.05	\$1.34	22%

Note: Numbers do not reflect the second carbon tax rates outside of B.C. and Atlantic provinces as the federal government has yet to clarify the cost to consumers.

Tax Changes Since Last Year

The federal government cancelled its consumer carbon tax effective April 1, 2025. The carbon tax had been charged at \$80 per tonne or 17.6 cents per litre of gasoline. The carbon tax was set to increase to \$95 per tonne on April 1 and keep going up by \$15 every year until it reached \$170 per tonne in 2030, costing about 37.4 cents per litre of gasoline. B.C. was charging its own provincial carbon tax that reflected the rate of the federal tax, but also cancelled the consumer carbon tax on April 1, 2025.

Canadians are saving \$11.26 on every 64-litre fill up due to the end of the consumer carbon tax.

On Jan. 1, 2025, the Manitoba government hiked its provincial gas tax to 12.5 cents per litre. It had previously cancelled its gas tax that was 14 cents per litre for the entirety of 2024. Because the Manitoba government hiked its gas tax back up to 12.5 cents per litre, Manitobans will be paying an extra \$8 on every 64-litre fill up compared to last year.

The Newfoundland and Labrador government cut its provincial gas tax by 8.05 cents per litre in June 2022, and [extended](#) the cut until March 31, 2026. This means drivers will save \$5.15 on every 64-litre fill up.

The Ontario government temporarily cut its gas tax by 6.4 cents per litre on July 1, 2022. In [May 2025](#), the government made the tax cut permanent. The average two-car Ontario family has saved more than \$1,000 since the tax cut took effect.

Current Carbon Taxes

The Quebec government imposes a cap-and-trade carbon tax on its citizens. Quebec's carbon tax costs 8.5 cents per litre of gasoline and 11.5 cents per litre of diesel as of [May 2025](#). Quebec is the only province that imposes a carbon tax directly on consumers.

The federal government has imposed a hidden carbon tax through fuel regulations that will add up to 17 cents per litre to the price of gasoline by 2030, according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer. The cost of this second carbon tax in 2025 is unclear in most provinces, but due to the centrally-regulated fuel prices in [New Brunswick](#), [Nova Scotia](#) and [Newfoundland and Labrador](#), it has been announced that the tax will be charged at a rate between about five and eight cents per litre of gas

Cost of Second Carbon Tax 2025 (per litre)

Province	Regular	Diesel
New Brunswick	\$0.084	\$0.094
Nova Scotia	\$0.055	\$0.061
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.054	\$0.060

The B.C. 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 is around \$13 to fill 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 3.1 cents per litre of gasoline.

Tax-on-Tax (per litre)			
Province/City	Federal Tax-on-Tax	Provincial Tax-on-Tax	Total Tax-on-Tax
Vancouver	\$0.028	\$0.000	\$0.028
Victoria	\$0.024	\$0.000	\$0.024
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$0.021	\$0.000	\$0.021
Alberta	\$0.012	\$0.000	\$0.012
Saskatchewan	\$0.013	\$0.000	\$0.013
Manitoba	\$0.011	\$0.000	\$0.011
Ontario	\$0.010	\$0.015	\$0.025
Montreal	\$0.020	\$0.041	\$0.061
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.019	\$0.038	\$0.056
New Brunswick	\$0.015	\$0.029	\$0.044
P.E.I.	\$0.009	\$0.019	\$0.028
Nova Scotia	\$0.016	\$0.028	\$0.043
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.011	\$0.023	\$0.034
Canada	\$0.014	\$0.016	\$0.031

Note: Totals may be off due to rounding.

Gasoline Tax Breakdown

Gas taxes account for up to 40 per cent of the pump price. You won't see all the taxes on your receipt, but you may be paying up to seven different taxes. This is the tax breakdown you won't see on your receipt:

Gasoline Tax Breakdown (\$/L)								
Province/City	Provincial Excise Tax	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	\$0.100	\$0.068	\$0.493	\$0.021
Vancouver	\$0.085	\$0.180	\$0.185	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.076	\$0.626	\$0.028
Victoria	\$0.145	\$0.180	\$0.055	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.077	\$0.557	\$0.024
Alberta	\$0.130	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.061	\$0.291	\$0.012
Saskatchewan	\$0.150	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.063	\$0.313	\$0.013
Manitoba	\$0.125	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.064	\$0.289	\$0.011
Ontario	\$0.090	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.089	\$0.100	\$0.056	\$0.335	\$0.025
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.192	\$0.085	\$0.000	\$0.130	\$0.100	\$0.065	\$0.572	\$0.056
Montreal	\$0.192	\$0.085	\$0.030	\$0.141	\$0.100	\$0.074	\$0.622	\$0.061
New Brunswick	\$0.109	\$0.084	\$0.000	\$0.128	\$0.100	\$0.059	\$0.480	\$0.044
P.E.I.	\$0.085	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.122	\$0.100	\$0.061	\$0.368	\$0.028
Nova Scotia	\$0.155	\$0.055	\$0.000	\$0.108	\$0.100	\$0.060	\$0.478	\$0.043
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.075	\$0.054	\$0.000	\$0.127	\$0.100	\$0.063	\$0.419	\$0.034
Canada	\$0.126	\$0.047	\$0.016	\$0.072	\$0.100	\$0.062	\$0.423	\$0.031

Note: Carbon tax figure for B.C. and some Atlantic provinces includes hidden carbon tax through fuel regulations.

Diesel Tax Breakdown (\$/L)								
Province/City	Provincial Excise Tax	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	\$0.040	\$0.074	\$0.444	\$0.019
Vancouver	\$0.090	\$0.180	\$0.185	\$0.000	\$0.040	\$0.085	\$0.580	\$0.025
Victoria	\$0.150	\$0.180	\$0.055	\$0.000	\$0.040	\$0.082	\$0.507	\$0.021
Alberta	\$0.130	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.040	\$0.066	\$0.236	\$0.009
Saskatchewan	\$0.150	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.040	\$0.068	\$0.258	\$0.010
Manitoba	\$0.125	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.040	\$0.069	\$0.234	\$0.008
Ontario	\$0.090	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.098	\$0.040	\$0.066	\$0.294	\$0.017
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.202	\$0.115	\$0.000	\$0.148	\$0.040	\$0.081	\$0.587	\$0.053
Montreal	\$0.202	\$0.115	\$0.000	\$0.150	\$0.040	\$0.082	\$0.590	\$0.053
New Brunswick	\$0.155	\$0.094	\$0.000	\$0.133	\$0.040	\$0.073	\$0.494	\$0.043
P.E.I.	\$0.142	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.140	\$0.040	\$0.076	\$0.398	\$0.027
Nova Scotia	\$0.154	\$0.061	\$0.000	\$0.122	\$0.040	\$0.074	\$0.451	\$0.036
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.095	\$0.060	\$0.000	\$0.142	\$0.040	\$0.078	\$0.415	\$0.029
Canada	\$0.130	\$0.054	\$0.013	\$0.080	\$0.040	\$0.072	\$0.388	\$0.025

Note: Carbon tax figure for B.C. and some Atlantic provinces includes hidden carbon tax through fuel regulations.

Tax Per Fill-Up

The average tax on a 64-litre fill-up in Canada is \$27.06, with \$1.96 of the bill being tax-on-tax.

Tax on a 64 Litre Fill-Up							
Province/City	Before Tax	Provincial Taxes	Federal Taxes	Carbon Taxes	Tax-on-Tax	Total Tax	Total
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$59.80	\$9.28	\$10.75	\$11.52	\$1.36	\$31.55	\$91.35
Vancouver	\$62.21	\$17.28	\$11.27	\$11.52	\$1.76	\$40.07	\$102.28
Victoria	\$67.84	\$12.80	\$11.33	\$11.52	\$1.54	\$35.65	\$103.49
Alberta	\$62.77	\$8.32	\$10.28	\$0.00	\$0.74	\$18.60	\$81.37
Saskatchewan	\$65.20	\$9.60	\$10.46	\$0.00	\$0.80	\$20.06	\$85.26
Manitoba	\$67.17	\$8.00	\$10.48	\$0.00	\$0.72	\$18.48	\$85.65
Ontario	\$62.47	\$11.48	\$9.97	\$0.00	\$1.58	\$21.45	\$83.92
Quebec with regular rate	\$59.75	\$20.58	\$10.56	\$5.44	\$3.61	\$36.58	\$96.33
Montreal	\$59.47	\$23.21	\$11.13	\$5.44	\$3.90	\$39.78	\$99.25
New Brunswick	\$59.75	\$15.18	\$10.16	\$5.38	\$2.81	\$30.72	\$90.47
P.E.I.	\$69.57	\$13.24	\$10.30	\$0.00	\$1.78	\$23.54	\$93.11
Nova Scotia	\$60.19	\$16.82	\$10.23	\$3.52	\$2.78	\$30.57	\$90.76
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$70.08	\$12.92	\$10.46	\$3.46	\$2.20	\$26.84	\$96.92
Canada	\$61.81	\$13.66	\$10.36	\$3.03	\$1.96	\$27.06	\$88.87

Note: Carbon tax figure for B.C. and some Atlantic provinces includes hidden carbon tax through fuel regulations.

Gasoline Tax Breakdown 2030

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

In 2030, the hidden federal carbon tax from 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 second carbon tax through provincial fuel regulations, which adds about 18 cents per litre to the price of gasoline, according to Canadians for Affordable Energy.

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 second week of July 2025. In 2030, Canadians will pay 64 cents per litre of gasoline in taxes alone, on average.

Gasoline Tax Breakdown 2030 (\$/L)								
Province/City	Provincial Excise Tax	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	\$0.100	\$0.068	\$0.493	\$0.021
Vancouver	\$0.085	\$0.180	\$0.185	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.076	\$0.626	\$0.028
Victoria	\$0.145	\$0.180	\$0.055	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.077	\$0.557	\$0.024
Alberta	\$0.130	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.069	\$0.469	\$0.020
Saskatchewan	\$0.150	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.072	\$0.492	\$0.021
Manitoba	\$0.125	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.100	\$0.072	\$0.467	\$0.020
Ontario	\$0.090	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.103	\$0.100	\$0.064	\$0.527	\$0.047
Quebec with regular rate	\$0.192	\$0.400	\$0.000	\$0.161	\$0.100	\$0.081	\$0.934	\$0.104
Montreal	\$0.192	\$0.400	\$0.030	\$0.172	\$0.100	\$0.090	\$0.984	\$0.108
New Brunswick	\$0.109	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.137	\$0.100	\$0.063	\$0.579	\$0.057
P.E.I.	\$0.085	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.139	\$0.100	\$0.069	\$0.563	\$0.053
Nova Scotia	\$0.155	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.118	\$0.100	\$0.066	\$0.609	\$0.060
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$0.145	\$0.170	\$0.000	\$0.145	\$0.100	\$0.073	\$0.633	\$0.062
Canada	\$0.126	\$0.222	\$0.016	\$0.085	\$0.100	\$0.071	\$0.620	\$0.052

Note: This assumes the current temporary tax cut expires in Newfoundland and Labrador, and the full provincial excise tax is charged.

In 2030, the average tax paid on a 64-litre fill-up will be \$39.66, with \$3.36 of the bill being tax-on-tax.

Tax on a 64 Litre Fill-Up 2030							
Province/City	Before Tax	Provincial Taxes	Federal Taxes	Carbon Taxes	Tax-on-Tax	Total Tax	Total
B.C. outside of Vancouver and Victoria	\$59.80	\$9.28	\$10.75	\$11.52	\$1.36	\$31.55	\$91.35
Vancouver	\$62.21	\$17.28	\$11.27	\$11.52	\$1.76	\$40.07	\$102.28
Victoria	\$67.84	\$12.80	\$11.33	\$11.52	\$1.54	\$35.65	\$103.49
Alberta	\$62.77	\$8.32	\$10.82	\$10.88	\$1.28	\$30.02	\$92.79
Saskatchewan	\$65.20	\$9.60	\$11.00	\$10.88	\$1.34	\$31.48	\$96.68
Manitoba	\$67.17	\$8.00	\$11.02	\$10.88	\$1.26	\$29.90	\$97.07
Ontario	\$62.47	\$12.35	\$10.52	\$10.88	\$3.00	\$33.74	\$96.21
Quebec with regular rate	\$59.75	\$22.59	\$11.57	\$25.60	\$6.63	\$59.76	\$119.51
Montreal	\$59.47	\$25.22	\$12.13	\$25.60	\$6.92	\$62.96	\$122.43
New Brunswick	\$59.75	\$15.73	\$10.44	\$10.88	\$3.64	\$37.05	\$96.80
P.E.I.	\$69.57	\$14.33	\$10.85	\$10.88	\$3.41	\$36.06	\$105.62
Nova Scotia	\$60.19	\$17.48	\$10.60	\$10.88	\$3.81	\$38.96	\$99.15
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$70.08	\$18.59	\$11.06	\$10.88	\$3.98	\$40.53	\$110.61
Canada	\$61.81	\$14.56	\$10.92	\$31.63	\$3.36	\$39.66	\$101.47

Note: This assumes the current temporary tax cut expires in Newfoundland and Labrador, and the full provincial excise tax is charged.

Methodology Notes

Prices are based on Kalibrate data for the second week of July 2025:

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