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Canadian Tax Facts 2022

Every year, people need to update themselves on the tax facts of the country where they live or own a business. Whether they are paying sales tax, indirect tax, individual tax, or corporate income taxes, they should know the ins and outs of the tax system to know of their possible tax deductions, exemptions, incentives.

This article provides updated Canadian tax facts that can potentially help anyone make informed decisions, especially if they wish to go into international trade or crypto trading.

Canada's population - overview

Canada's population	36,991,981 (2021 census) Source
Total children under 19	8,075,533 youth under 19 (as of July 1, 2021) Source
Canadians over 65	7,081,792 (as of July 1, 2021) Source
Canadian centenarians	12,822 (as of July 1, 2021) Source

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Amount of tax collected in Canada	
Personal taxes collected – 2020-2021	\$174.8 billion (2020-2021) Source
Corporate taxes collected – 2019-2020	\$54.1 billion (2020-2021)
Non-resident	\$8.1 billion (2020-2021)
<u>Other taxes and duties</u>	
Goods and services	\$32.4 billion (2020-2021)
Energy taxes	\$4.9 billion (2020-2021)
Customs import duties	\$4.3 billion (2020-2021)
Other excise tax/duties	\$5.4 billion (2020-2021)
Employment Insurance	\$22.4 billion (2020-2021)
Pollution pricing	\$4.4 billion (2020-2021)
Other	\$5.7 billion (2020-2021) Source
What is the “tax gap” and what is the amount	The tax gap is the difference between the taxes that are actually paid and those that are owed. It was between \$16.9 billion and \$22 billion in 2019-2020, or 6.4% of total tax revenues. Source
Number of convicted Canadian tax evaders	27 taxpayers convicted of tax evasion of more than \$45 million collectively: more than \$3.1 million in fines. (2017-2018) (expecting an update soon on this page) Source

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Individual taxpayers in Canada	
Total number taxpayers who pay taxes	30,864,118 million Canadian filed a tax return (2021) Source
Tax filers who paid all the federal and provincial income tax	18.4 million (latest year available 2017) Source
Canadians who pay no income tax. Why?	40% of Canadians pay no taxes Source One of the main reasons is low-income taxpayers get paid back through benefits and tax credits – so it's out of one hand and back in the other. In many cases, they can get more money back than they owe in taxes. Based on tax laws, higher-income taxpayers can reduce what they owe through RRSP deductions, charitable donations, and tax-free benefits. Source
Federal personal tax rates	15% on the first \$50,197 of taxable income, plus 20.5% on the next \$50,195 of taxable income (on the portion of taxable income over 50,197 up to \$100,392), plus 26% on the next \$55,233 of taxable income (on the portion of taxable income over \$100,392 up to \$155,625), plus 29% on the next \$66,083 of taxable income (on the portion of taxable income over 155,625 up to \$221,708), plus

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	<p>33% of taxable income over \$221,708</p> <p>The tax bracket is based on your net income after deductions. You can use a tax calculator for this. Calculate the federal tax first, the provincial rate second, then add the two together to get the combined federal/provincial tax rate.</p> <p>Source</p>
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Provincial tax rates

British Columbia	<p>5.06% on the first \$42,184 of taxable income</p> <p>7.7% on the next \$42,184 up to \$84,369</p> <p>10.5% on the next \$84,369 up to \$96,866</p> <p>12.29% on the next \$96,866 up to \$117,623</p> <p>14.7% on the next \$117,623 up to \$159,483</p> <p>16.8% on the amount over \$159,483 up to \$222,420</p>
Alberta	<p>10% on the first \$131,220 of taxable income</p> <p>12% on the next \$131,221 - %157,464</p> <p>13% on the next \$157,465-\$209,952</p> <p>14% on the next \$209,953-\$314,928</p> <p>15% on the amount over \$314,928</p>
Saskatchewan	<p>10.5% on the first \$46,677 of taxable income</p> <p>12.5% on \$45.677 up to \$130,506</p> <p>14.5% on the amount over \$130,50</p>
Manitoba	<p>10.8% on the first \$33,723 of taxable income</p> <p>12.75% on the next \$33,723 up to \$72,885</p>

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	17.4% on the amount over \$72,885
Ontario	5.05% on the first \$45,142 of taxable income 9.15% on the next \$45,142 up to \$90,287 11.16% on the next \$150,001-\$220,000 13.6% on the amount over \$220,000
New Brunswick	9.68% on the first \$43,835 of taxable income 14.82% on the next \$43,835 up to \$87,671 16.52% on the next \$87,671 up to \$142,534 17.84% on the next \$142,534 up to \$162,383 20.3% on the amount over \$162,383
Nova Scotia	8.79% on the first \$29,590 of taxable income 14.95% on the next \$29,591-\$59,180 16.67% on the next \$59,181-\$93,000 17.5% on the next \$93,001-\$150,000 21% on the amount over \$150,000
Prince Edward Island	9.8% on the first \$31,984 of taxable income 13.8% on the next \$31,985-\$63,969 16.7% on the amount over \$63,969
Newfoundland/Labrador	8.7% on the first \$38,081 of taxable income 14.5% on the next \$38,081 up to \$76,161 15.8% on the next \$76,161 up to \$135,973 17.3% on the next \$135,973 up to \$190,363 18.3% on the amount over \$190,363
Nunavut	4% on the first \$46,740 of taxable income 7% on the next \$46,740 up to \$93,480 9% on the next \$93,480 up to \$151,978 11.5% on the amount over \$151,978

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Yukon	6.4% on the first \$49,020 of taxable income 9% on the next \$49,020 up to \$98,040 10.9% on the next \$98,040 up to \$151,978 12.8% on the next \$151,978-\$500,000 15% on the amount over \$500,000
NWT	5.9% on the first \$44,396 of taxable income 8.6% on the next \$44,396 up to \$88,796 12.2% on the next \$88,796 up to \$144,362 14.05% on the amount over \$144,362 Source
Average amount of tax paid by Canadian families	\$35,047 (2020) Source

Top marginal tax rates for Canada for 2021

[Source](#)

What is the marginal tax rate? (Federal and provincial)	The marginal tax rate is the rate of tax on the next dollar of income. The table also shows the average tax rate for a taxpayer earning \$100,000 of "other income", determined using the Canadian Tax and RRSP Savings Calculator .
Nova Scotia	54%
Ontario	53.53%
British Columbia	53.50%
Quebec	53.31%
New Brunswick	53.30%

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Prince Edward Island	51.37%
Newfoundland & Labrador	51.30%
Manitoba	50.40%
Alberta	48.00%
Saskatchewan	47.50%
Yukon	48.00%
Northwest Territories	47.05%
Nunavut	44.50%

Personal tax returns & tech processed by CRA			Source
EFILE	17,942,049	58.1%	
NETFILE	10,042,941	32.6%	
File my Return (FMR)	61,466	0.2%	
Total - electronic	28,046,456	90.9%	
Paper	2,817,662	9.1%	
Total - all methods	30,864,118	100%	

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Canadian taxpayers, by income level		Source
Total persons with income	28,504,260	*2019 latest year available
Persons with income under \$5,000	1,672,160	
Persons with income of \$5,000 and over	26,832,100	
Persons with income of \$10,000 and over	25,336,270	
Persons with income of \$15,000 and over	23,298,920	
Persons with income of \$20,000 and over	21,144,790	
Persons with income of \$25,000 and over	18,645,550	
Persons with income of \$35,000 and over	15,133,960	
Persons with income of \$50,000 and over	10,528,640	
Persons with income of \$75,000 and over	5,541,850	
Persons with income of \$100,000 and over	2,891,300	

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Persons with income of \$150,000 and over	993,280
Persons with income of \$250,000 and over	291,540

"Tax Freedom Day"		Source
What is tax freedom day?	Tax Freedom Day is the day in the year when the average Canadian has earned enough money to pay the taxes imposed on them. There is the federal Tax Freedom Day, but it changes for each province depending on the extent of the tax burden each province levies.	
Prince Edward Island	May 18 (in 2021)	
Nova Scotia	May 18 (in 2021)	
New Brunswick	May 14 (in 2021)	
Newfoundland	June 2 (in 2021)	
Quebec	June 3 (in 2021)	
Ontario	May 24 (in 2021)	
Manitoba	May 13, (in 2021)	
Saskatchewan	May 20 (in 2021)	
Alberta	May 22 (in 2021)	

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British Columbia	May 20 (in 2021)
Yukon Territories	NA
Northwest Territories	NA
Nunavut	NA
Canada overall	May 24 (in 2021)

Personal tax rates of a selection of countries		Source
Algeria	35	
Argentina	35	
Australia	45	
Austria	55	
Belgium	50	
Brazil	28	
Canada	33	(Federal; not combined with provincial.)
Chile	40	
Columbia	39	
Costa Rica	25	

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Croatia	36
Egypt	23
France	45
Germany	45
Greece	44
Hong Kong	15
India	43
Indonesia	30
Iran	NA
Iraq	15
Israel	50
Italy	43
Jamaica	25
Japan	56
Malaysia	30
Mexico	35
Morocco	38

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Netherlands	50
New Zealand	33
Nigeria	24
Norway	38
Philippines	35
Poland	32
Portugal	48
Russia	13
Saudi Arabia	0
Singapore	22
Spain	45
Sweden	32
Switzerland	40
Taiwan	40
Thailand	35
Turkey	40
U.K.	45

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Ukraine	18
U.S.	37
South Africa	45
South Korea	42
Venezuela	34

Known tax havens

Number of countries that are tax havens	55 Source
Is Canada a tax haven?	Yes Source
Is it illegal to have an offshore account?	No, not in Canada. But hiding it is. Source
Is it illegal not to declare an offshore account or pay taxes on offshore income?	Yes. You must keep everything documented and reported to the CRA annually on form T1135. Source

Pandora Papers 2021

[Source](#)

What are they?	The Pandora Papers are a release of 11.9 million leaked tax haven documents with 2.9 terabytes of data that reveal how the global wealthy and elite – including hundreds of prominent world leaders,
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politicians, corporate executives, celebrities, and billionaires – use secrecy jurisdictions to their advantage to avoid taxes.

Following on the heels of the Panama and Paradise papers leaks, it is the largest such data dump to date and got its name because it was expected to open a Pandora's box of probes and lawsuits. More than 600 journalists from 150 media outlets in 117 countries worked on the project.

- Released in late 2021 by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) the trove of information is noteworthy as it could result in those politicians exposed as hiding money offshore to skip taxes involved being forced from office or stripped of powers.
- The papers reveal how those involved used offshore accounts, shell companies and real estate investments to shelter money. It's not always illegal to have offshore assets – but hiding them from the taxman is.
- More than 1,600 works of art by about 400 artists from all over the world, were secretly traded through shell companies in tax havens.
- The Panama Papers was based on the files of a single offshore services provider, but the Pandora Papers dump is huge –

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	records come from 14. Pandora has data on more than 27,000 companies and 29,000 so-called ultimate beneficial owners – the real owners of shell companies – or more than twice the number in Panama. Pandora also named twice as many politicians and public officials. Source
Number of individuals named in Pandora Papers	The data included 130 billionaires, over 330 politicians, celebrities, members of the royal families, drug dealers and even some religious leaders. Source
Estimated amount held offshore	Estimated \$5.6 trillion to \$32 trillion Source
Number of Canadians named in The Pandora Papers	500 Canadians including Jacques Villeneuve and Elvis Stojko. Source
Number of audits launched by CRA into Canadians named	“In some cases, the CRA will follow up and may well learn about additional taxes that are due. That process will take a few years, and it’s in the hands of the government and there’s nothing the rest of us can do,” said Michael Smart, U of T economics prof to Global News. Source
Federal taxes & penalties assessed against Canadians	Zero. Too soon
Estimated amount of taxes dodged by Canadians	\$3 billion annually Source

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Amount of money recovered so far by CRA	Too soon
Paradise Papers – 2017	
What are they?	<p>A collaboration by global media partners of 13.4 million leaked files (1.4 terabytes) from two offshore service providers that revealed secrets from prestigious offshore law firms, a specialized trust company and 19 tax havens. It expands on Panama Papers revelations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reveals how multinational companies in Africa and Asia use shell companies in havens Mauritius and Singapore to reduce taxes · Digs into secretive deals and hidden companies connected to Glencore, the world's largest commodity trader, and gives details of their negotiations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for valuable mineral resources · Outlines how owners of jets and yachts, including royalty and sports stars, used Isle of Man tax-avoidance structures
Number of individuals named in Paradise Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reveals offshore interests and activities of more than 120 politicians and world leaders, including Queen Elizabeth II, and 13 advisers, major donors, and members

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	<p>of U.S. President Donald J. Trump's administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Exposes the tax structuring of more than 100 multinational corporations, including Apple, Nike and Botox-maker Allergan · More than 120,000 names of individuals and companies Source
Estimated amount of taxes dodged	\$500 billion annually Source
Amount of money recovered so far	NA
Number of Canadians named in Paradise Papers	3,300 (as of 2017) Source Includes former prime ministers Jean Chretien, Paul Martin and Brian Mulroney named in the papers, though there is no evidence they did anything illegal. Source
Number of audits launched by CRA into Canadians named in the Paradise Papers	100 (as of 2019) Source
Federal taxes & penalties assessed against Canadians audited from Paradise Papers	Zero (as of 2019) Source
Estimated amount of taxes dodged by Canadians?	\$10 to \$15 billion a year due to tax havens Source

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Amount of money recovered so far by Canadians?	Too early in the process so nothing at present Source
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Panama Papers - 2016

What are they?	<p>A massive leak of more than 11.5 million financial and legal records exposes a system that enables crime, corruption, and wrongdoing, hidden by secretive offshore companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Files reveal the offshore holdings of 140 politicians and public officials from around the world Current and former world leaders in the data include the prime minister of Iceland, the president of Ukraine, and the king of Saudi Arabia More than 214,000 offshore entities appear in the leak, connected to people in more than 200 countries and territories Major banks have driven the creation of hard-to-trace companies in offshore havens. Source
Number of individuals and companies named in the Panama Papers	More than 300,000 Source
Estimated amount of taxes dodged	NA
Amount of money recovered so far	\$1.36B (The amount doesn't include US figures not released yet)

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	Source
Number of Canadian individuals, companies and trusts named in The Panama Papers	Nearly 900 Canadians – including individuals, corporations, and trusts – have been identified in the papers. Source
Number of audits completed by CRA into Canadians named in the Panama Papers	200 audits completed; 160 still underway as of 2021. 35 resulted in taxes or penalties Source
Federal taxes & penalties assessed against Canadians audited from Panama Papers	\$21 million (as of 2021) Source

Canadian corporations as taxpayers

Amount of corporate taxes paid	\$50.1B (2019-2020) Source
How much less the biggest Canadian companies pay than if they paid at the tax rate.	In an average year, the 102 biggest companies in Canada pay \$10.5 billion less than they would if they paid tax at the official corporate tax rate. Source
Unpaid personal income tax from foreign holdings	\$3 billion Source

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Argentina	30	
Australia	30	
Austria	25	
Belgium	25	
Brazil	34	
Canada	26.2	
Costa Rica	30	
Chile	10	
Colombia	31	
Croatia	18	
Egypt	22.5	
France	28.4	
Germany	29.9	
Greece	24	
Hong Kong	16.5	Source

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India	25.2	
Indonesia	22	
Iran	25	Source
Iraq	15	Source
Israel	23	
Italy	27.8	
Japan	29.8	
Jamaica	25	
Malaysia	24	
Mexico	30	
Morocco	31	Source
Netherlands	25	
New Zealand	28	
Norway	22	
Nigeria	30	
Philippines	25	Source
Poland	19	

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Portugal	31.5	
Russia	20	
Saudi Arabia	20	
Singapore	17	
Spain	25	
South Africa	28	
South Korea	27.5	
Sweden	20.6	
Switzerland	19.7	
Taiwan	20	Source
Turkey	25	
Thailand	20	
Ukraine	18	Source
U.S.	25.8	
U.K.	19	
Venezuela	34	Source

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Facts about CRA	
Minister of National Revenue	The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier since 2015. Source
Total number of Tax Services offices across Canada	25 Source
How CRA's performance in tax collection compares with tax agencies in other countries	Canada performed better than the average of comparable countries for about half of the 21 indicators under study, and worse for the other half. The indicators are derived from the International Survey on Revenue Administration (ISORA) 2020. Source
Annual projected operating budget	Roughly \$4.5 billion (2021-22 fiscal year) Source
Ratio of total revenue collected to total operating expenditures	For every dollar of operating expenses, Canada collected \$74 in net tax revenue in 2019 and \$72 in 2018. The international average is \$126 and \$124 for 2019 and 2018 respectively; Canada is thus well below most of its counterparts. Source , Figure 3-1
Spending on technology, as a percentage of total operating expenditures.	About 16%. In 2019, Canada was barely below the average of comparable countries. Source , 3-21
Total number of employees	42,526 planned full-time equivalents (FTEs) in 2021-22 Source

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Average age of CRA employees	44 (for 2019) Source , Figure 3-19
Average length of service at CRA	11 years (for 2019) Source , Figure 3-19
Gender parity at CRA	49.4% of staff positions are held by women 57.2% of executives are women Source , Figure 3-20
Total number of Chartered Accountants who work at CRA	NA
Number of CRA employees disciplined annually	Between 2014-2018 more than 1,000 CRA employees were disciplined for professional misconduct. That works out to one case every working day. Failure to protect the agency and/or taxpayers' information was the top reason for suspensions, reprimands or firing.
Number of CRA employees fired annually	Eight CRA employees were fired in the fiscal year 2016-2017 for violating taxpayers' privacy. Usually, that information is protected by privacy and not reported. Source (No information since then)
Salary of average CRA employee	\$64,235 Source
Value of annual benefits package	NA
Average CRA pension	NA

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Current number of CRA pensioners	NA
Tax audits	
Number of CRA auditors	Roughly 1,700 auditors
Number of tax audits performed each year on individuals	30,000 audit notification letters go out per year. Source
Number of taxpayers per full-time equivalents (FTEs) on audits	About 3,900 (Canada is in the middle of the pack) Source , Figure 3-9
Number of audits per FTE on audits	About 390 (Canada is second after Australia) Source , Figure 3-10
Number of tax audits performed each year on businesses	CRA completed 7,700 SME audits per year on average (5,900 audits of small businesses and 1,800 audits of medium-sized businesses) finding more than \$1 billion in 2018-2019. Source Audit volume does not speak to the complexity of such audits. In Canada, the CRA conducts a large volume of low complexity audits of GST/HST registrants. Source , Figure 3-10
Audit "hit rate," audits of randomly selected taxpayers	59% Source , Figure 3-13

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Average time it takes for an audit	Months up to years. Source
Cost of average audit to taxpayers	NA
Offshore audits	Between 2014 to 2015 and 2016 to 2017, close to \$1 billion in income was uncovered and assessed from 370 individuals, 200 corporations and a small number of trusts. Additionally, \$284 million was identified, of which 23% was attributable to individuals and 77% to corporations and trusts linked to them. Source
Reasons/triggers for audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Living over your means: If you make \$40,000 a year, but you're living in a luxury home, drive around in a pricey sports car, and travel to exotic locales on your yacht, it doesn't look good. · Self-employed: Since you don't get a T-4 where it assumes your boss held back the right amount, it's thought to be more likely you made a mistake. · Cash business: The CRA knows it's easy to under-report cash so keep detailed records because they're coming. · Real estate flips: The CRA has a special audit project dedicated to these types of real estate deals. Expect an audit. · Family business: Having family members on the payroll, especially if one of them is a contractor attracts the CRA.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big charity donations: Since these are write-offs, abnormally high donations as compared to your income are red flags. • Auto claim: If you claim the car for 100 per cent work expenses, the CRA knows it's unlikely you never use it personally. • HST and income discrepancies: The CRA runs a revenue comparison looking for a difference between sales on your personal return and reported HST. • Home office expenses: The CRA often finds these expenses are over-reported. • Prior audits: If the CRA finds a number of issues with an audit, expect a follow-up. <p>Source</p>
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CRA service standards & turnaround times

<p>Individual income tax returns (T1)</p>	<p>Issue notice of assessment within two weeks of receiving digital individual income tax return, and within eight weeks of receiving paper individual income tax return.</p> <p>In the 2020 filing season, 97% of T1 individual income tax returns received electronically were processed within the standard. In the same timeframe, 68% of paper were processed within the standard.</p> <p>Source</p>
<p>Corporate income tax returns (T2)</p>	<p>Issue notice of assessment within six weeks of receiving digital corporation income tax return, and</p>

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	<p>within sixteen weeks of receiving paper corporation income tax return.</p> <p>In the 2020–2021 fiscal year, 97% of notices were issued within the standard for T2 corporation income tax returns filed digitally.</p> <p>Source</p>
GST/HST returns	<p>Issue notice of assessment, if applicable, within four weeks of receiving digital GST/HST return, and within eight weeks of receiving paper GST/HST return.</p> <p>In the 2020–2021 fiscal year, 97% of notices were issued within the standard for GST/HST returns filed digitally while 95 per cent of notices for paper were filed within the standard.</p> <p>Source</p>

The “Tax Gap”

What is it?	<p>The difference between what is owed in taxes and how much is actually paid.</p> <p>Source</p>
Tax gap of individuals	<p>Collectively, 5.4% to 7%, roughly equal to \$6.5 Billion.</p> <p>Source</p>
Tax gap of corporations	<p>Collectively, 24% to 29%, roughly \$9.4B to \$11.4B</p> <p>Source</p>
Number of Canadians who are convicted tax dodgers	<p>498 individuals and businesses were convicted from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2017.</p>

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	Source
Industries known for dodging taxes, tax irregularities, the underground economy	Hospitality, including restaurants, construction, and small retail outlets Source

Tax cheating

Why people cheat on taxes	<p>According to <i>Blacklock's</i>, a 2019 study by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) found 20% of respondents believed the benefits of tax cheating outweighed the risks. Thirteen percent were classified as “outlaws” who believed tax evasion was “no big deal.”</p> <p>A 2016 Statistics Canada report found nearly \$45.6 billion is lost to tax cheating.</p> <p>Source</p>
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Voluntary disclosure

What is voluntary disclosure?	<p>The CRA allows taxpayers and registrants to voluntarily come forward to fix errors or omissions in the tax forms they filed before they are discovered. The CRA, on a case-by-case basis grants relief. Changes to the program were made on March 1, 2018, that divided it into two streams, General (penalty relief and partial interest relief) or Limited (intentional avoiders; prosecution relief). The program is only available for the last 10 years of tax issues. Source</p>
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Number of applications submitted for last year available	19,134 (2014-2015) Source
Amount of taxes recovered	\$1.3 billion (2014-2015) Source
Amount of interest recovered on those taxes	NA
Length of time to process	Should hear within five weeks if accepted. Source
How long has the program existed?	Decades
Number of CRA employees dealing with voluntary disclosure	72 (2014-15) Source

Notices of Objection

What are notices of objection?	It's how taxpayers can formally dispute a CRA assessment. Filed using the T400A, the CRA will review all the tax information before making its decision. Source Taxpayer has 90 days to file. Source
Number of objections submitted for last year available	NA

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Percentage of objections resolved in favour of taxpayer	NA
Length of time to process	Low complexity: 136 days 76 % of the time, medium 284 days 71 %, High, may take more than 690 days. Source.
Number of CRA employees dealing with objections	NA

Tax Court

Number of proceedings launched annually	2,235 (2020-2021) Source
Judgments, orders and directions processed	7,043 (2020-2021). Source
Files prepared for hearing and heard in court	273 Source
Recorded entries	91,329 Source
Total dispositions	2,626 Source

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CRA helpline	
Number of calls received monthly	NA
Number of CRA employees	As of September 2021, there are 5,700 agents working in the contact centres, up from 3,700 at the same time the prior year. Hiring was due mainly to COVID-19 relief call volume. Source
Wait time	During the Covid-19 pandemic wait times due to an increase in call demand increased and led to complaints. In 2020-21, 33% of calls were answered within the 15 minutes or less service target standard of 65%. Wait times often grew to an hour and for specialized agents three hours. In response, more agents were hired and other initiatives including website improvements were undertaken. Source
Accuracy of information provided	NA

CRA online portal	
Number of business owners using it	NA
Percentage of business owners using portal	NA
Number of individuals using portal	Latest is 2017; too far out of date for this one. Source

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Percentage of individuals using portal	22 million returns (2017)
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CRA security breaches

Number of breaches annually for last five years	NA
CRA response to breaches	The federal budget of 2021 proposed providing \$330.6 million over five years and \$51.2 million ongoing for the CRA to invest in new tech to meet the growing sophistication of cyber threats. This includes ensuring CRA workers have the skills to monitor threats and protect data and measures to strengthen authentication. Source

COVID-19

Number of CRA employees working from home	More than 90% of employees. Source
Increase in number due to virus	2,000 hired to handle the influx of calls. Source

CRA collections

Number of collections officers	NA
Collections officer salary	\$65,274 base pay average. Source

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Total amount of taxes collected through collection	NA
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Taxpayer ombudsperson

(Note: they changed the name from “man” to “person”)

What is it	Working independently from the CRA the ombudsperson mandate is to improve the CRA service by reviewing complaints about it. They also look at service issues that could affect a segment of the population rather than just individuals. Source
Number of annual complaints received	4,336 (2021). Source
Enquiries	178 (2021). Source
Length of time to resolve	There isn't a processing time limit and times are on a case-by-case basis. Source
Number resolved annually	https://www.investmentexecutive.com/news/industry-news/taxpayer-complaints-return-to-normal-ombudsman/

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Types of complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · mistakes · undue delays · incomplete, unclear, inaccurate or inconsistent information · availability of information · employee behaviour · accountability · misplaced documents · fairness, i.e. in process, treatment · all relevant documents not taken into consideration · not receiving reasons for a decision · particular or individual circumstances not considered by the CRA · inability to access the CRA by telephone <p>Source</p>
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Cryptocurrency task force	
Size of task force	NA
Number of audits	60 as of 2019 Source

Aggressive tax planning division	
What is it?	The Aggressive Tax Planning Division is a compliance branch of the CRA that identifies emerging tax avoidance issues.

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Number of CRA employees	NA
Number of taxpayers monitored annually	NA
Annual tax recovery	\$5 billion in additional gross federal tax revenues. (2021) Source

Non-filer program

What is it?	A program to promote compliance with the filing requirements of individuals, corporations and trusts, as outlined in the Income Tax Act and various other pieces of legislation. Source
Number of employees	NA
Annual caseload of non-filers	NA
Amount of taxes recovered annually	NA

Insolvency section

What is it?	NA
Number of employees	NA

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Number of taxpayers who go bankrupt with taxes owing	NA
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Tax Calendar	
	Source
Personal returns (no self-employment income)	April 30
Personal returns with self-employment income	June 15
T1135-with personal tax return	Foreign property reporting: due on or before the due date of the taxpayer's income tax return or if it's a partnership the due date of the partnership information return. Source
Corporate returns, small business corporation	Six months after year-end, although not when tax is owed.
Corporate returns, other	Three months after year-end
T1134	For tax years that begin in 2020, Form T1134 must be filed within 12 months of the end of the reporting taxpayer's tax year or, in the case of a partnership, fiscal period.
Trust returns	90 days after the trust's tax year-end. Source
T4s-T5s	February 28
GST/HST return	Annual, quarterly, or monthly depending on sales volume

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RRSP contributions	Feb. 28 of the following year [varies slightly each year]
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Cryptocurrencies, taxes and CRA

What are cryptocurrencies?	A digital or virtual currency secured by cryptography. Many are decentralized networks based on blockchain technology and operate outside government or central bank control. Source
How do cryptocurrencies work?	Cryptocurrency works as a digital means to pay for goods and services between parties who agree to use it – instead of conventional money referred to as fiat currency. Source
What is blockchain?	Blockchain is the digital database that underpins cryptocurrencies. The system records information in a way that offers cyber security, making it impossible to hack. Basically, it's a digital ledger of transactions that's copied and sent across the network of computers on the blockchain. When a new transaction happens on the blockchain, a record of it is added to all participants' ledgers. Source
Is there a bubble in the price of cryptocurrency share?	Yes, or at least according to Rich Bernstein, an influencer-investor who warns bitcoin and cryptocurrency are the "biggest ever" bubble. Source

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<p>How are cryptocurrencies taxed by CRA?</p>	<p>The CRA treats it like a commodity. If it's income as part of a business, then it's business income. If it's personal, it's reported as capital gain. If used to pay for goods or services, it's treated as a barter transaction for tax purposes.</p> <p>Source</p>
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Non-fungible tokens, taxes and CRA

<p>What are non-fungible tokens (NFTs)?</p>	<p>Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) are digital assets that turn works of art and collectibles including images, songs, GIFs, tweets, sports plays, and more, into verifiable, unique assets using blockchain technology.</p> <p>Source</p>
<p>How do NFTs work?</p>	<p>They are traded on the blockchain market.</p> <p>Source</p>
<p>How are NFTs taxed by CRA?</p>	<p>Buying an NFT is not taxable. Selling it is taxed in two possible ways: It's either business income or capital gains/investment income.</p> <p>Source</p>

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FAQs on Canadian Tax Facts 2022

1. What is the most convenient way to file my taxes this year?

To avoid long lines and scrambling for deadlines, it's best to file your taxes as early as possible. You could also sign up for a [direct deposit](#) and file your taxes online for faster transactions.

2. How can I avoid tax scams?

Make sure to verify the identity of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) representative that is contacting you. Never give out your personal information, including account passwords or one-time passcodes (OTPs). Do not send them any money if you haven't confirmed their identity. If the person you are speaking with is rude or threatening, end the conversation.

You could also check [this handy guide](#) in identifying possible CRA scams.

3. I need help filing my taxes. Where can I find assistance?

If you aren't too well-versed in the Canadian tax system and need assistance, you may call 1-800-959-8281, the individual tax enquiries line. If you reside in Quebec, you may qualify for their Income Tax Assistance – Volunteer Program. You could also teach yourself by following [these short courses](#).

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