

2025 STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION SURVEY

Thank you for participating in the Student Budget Consultation.

Your responses, and those of thousands of Canadian students, will be submitted to the Department of Finance to help shape Budget 2025.

In what year were you born? (optional): _____

In what province/territory do you live? (required): _____

Please enter your school code (required): _____

Are you completing this survey as a...

- Student from a participating school
- Interested student whose school is not participating
- Someone interested in the project

When you finish your schooling, how confident are you that you will find a job that interests you within Canada?

(Select only one response)

- Not at all confident
- Not very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Very confident
- Don't know

Do you think young Canadians are better or worse off than their parents?

- Much worse off
- Somewhat worse off
- About the same as now
- Somewhat better off
- Don't know

Overall, how optimistic or pessimistic would you say you are about each of the following.

(Select only one response per row)

| | Very pessimistic | Somewhat pessimistic | Moderately optimistic | Very optimistic |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Your own future | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The future of Canada | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The future of the world | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

In the next few years, do you think Canada's economy will become worse off, better off or stay about the same?
(Select only one response)

- Much worse off
- Somewhat worse off
- About the same as now
- Somewhat better off
- Much better off
- Don't know

Overall, how safe do you feel in your in-person communities (neighborhood, school, public transit, etc.)? I feel safe...

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

How is your mental health now compared to a year ago? (Select only one response)

- Much worse
- Somewhat worse
- About the same
- Somewhat better
- Much better
- Don't know

Do you think that young Canadians today will be better or worse off overall than their parents?

(Select only one response)

- Much worse off
- Somewhat worse off
- About the same as now
- Somewhat better off
- Much better off
- Don't know

What is the most important step that the federal government can take to support young Canadians over the next five years? Please rank from most to least important.

- Increase access to mental health support
- Improve access to affordable post-secondary education
- Make housing more affordable
- Increase employment opportunities
- Decrease the cost of living
- Lower taxes that Canadians pay
- Make the cost of everyday items (food, gas, etc.) more affordable
- Improve access to the healthcare system
- Address the impacts of climate change
- Other (Please specify): _____

How much tax should large corporations pay?

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more
- Don't know

The government should _____ to distribute wealth between those with higher incomes and lower incomes.

- Do much less
- Do somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Do somewhat more
- Do much more
- Don't know

It is important for Canada to have a publicly funded broadcaster like the CBC/Radio Canada.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

Which types of content are most important for a public broadcaster to produce? Please rank the following from most to least important.

_____ National TV news

_____ Local TV news

_____ Radio

_____ Online news

_____ Entertainment programs in English

_____ Entertainment programs in French

The federal budget deficit should be reduced, even if it leads to fewer public services.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

Wealthy people should pay a tax on their overall wealth, not just their annual income.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

How much money should the federal government spend to protect the French language in Canada?

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more
- Don't know

How much financial support should the oil and gas industry get from the Canadian government?

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more
- Don't know

The best way to tackle the cost of living crisis is by cutting taxes.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

We need to be prioritizing meeting Canada's NATO defense spending targets in the next budget.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

The federal government's carbon pricing system (also known as the carbon tax) is the right way to address climate change.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

The government should guarantee a minimum income.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

All Canadians should have access to government-funded prescription drugs.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

The federal government is doing enough to protect against natural disasters and extreme weather events.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

Federal government policies are more to blame for the rising cost of living than excessive pricing by big corporations.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

Environmental protections should be stricter, even if it means consumers pay higher prices.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

For most young Canadians, owning a home isn't really an option anymore.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

Post-secondary education should be free, even if it means higher taxes.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

A school lunch program that provides lunches to children in public education should be offered in...

- Some schools with high need
- All schools
- Neither, I don't think the federal government should be paying for a school lunch program

How much should the Canadian government invest in mental health services?

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more
- Don't know

Governments in Canada need to do more to address the level of crime in our communities.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

Should the federal government adjust its immigration targets for more or less immigrants, or keep the targets where they are now?

- Much less
- Somewhat less
- About the same as now
- Somewhat more
- Much more
- Don't know

Governments should always get the final say in union negotiations if they want to step in.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

It is important for Canada's economy to have a positive relationship between Canada and the United States.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neutral
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

Right now, the GST is 0% on basic groceries like milk, bread, dairy and meats, prescription drugs and feminine hygiene products. Do you think the GST should be 0% on other purchases? (Please select all that apply).

- Premade meals
- Phone and internet
- Home heating
- Kids clothing
- New build homes
- Other things
- None of the above

Which of the following should be the main priorities of Budget 2025? Please select 3 priorities.

- Cost of living
- Climate change
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples
- Immigration
- Public safety
- Hate crimes
- The economy
- Poverty
- Defense spending
- International affairs
- Gender equality
- Other (please specify): _____

Which of the following options do you prefer?

- Higher taxes and more government services
- Lower taxes and fewer government services

In a few words, please share any other suggestions you may have for the Finance Minister, as the federal government prepares Budget 2025.

Please enter the first three characters of your postal code (e.g. A1B). This will help us determine if you live in a rural, urban or suburban area. If you experience an error please make sure you have the correct format of LETTER NUMBER LETTER, with no spaces or lowercase.

Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics (e.g. international, national, provincial or municipal)?

- Not at all interested
- Not very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Very interested

What is your gender?

- Boy / Man
- Girl / Woman
- Non-binary
- Or please specify: _____
- Prefer not to say

If you had to describe the financial situation of your parents or caregivers, would you say they:

- Make more than other Canadians on average
- Make about as much as other Canadians on average
- Make less than Canadians on average
- Not sure

Which province or region do you live in?

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon