




## HOUSEHOLD DEBT AND GOVERNMENT DEBT IN CANADA

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**H**ousehold Debt and Government Debt in Canada finds that although household debt in Canada increased to more than \$2 trillion in 2016—up from \$357 billion in 1990—Canadian household assets (real estate, pensions, financial investments and equity in businesses,

for example) also increased in value over the same time period to \$12.3 trillion last year. But whereas recent increases in Canadian household debt have been accompanied by increases in net worth, the same cannot be said about government debt. 

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### HOUSEHOLDS IN CANADA HAVE POSITIVE NET WORTH WHILE CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS DO NOT






## SHOULD EQUALIZATION KEEP ON GROWING IN AN ERA OF CONVERGING FISCAL CAPACITY?

by Ben Eisen, Joel Emes, and Steve Lafleur

**T**he study *Should Equalization Keep on Growing in an Era of Converging Fiscal Capacity?* finds that as traditional “have” provinces struggle economically, Canada’s equalization program is not equipped to adapt to the country’s

new economic landscape. In fact, a rule introduced to cap equalization increases to ensure program affordability could actually add as much as \$2.7 billion to program costs over the next two years. 

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