




TAXES VERSUS THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE THE CANADIAN CONSUMER TAX INDEX, 2016 EDITION

The Canadian Consumer Tax Index tracks the total tax bill of the average Canadian family from 1961 to 2015. Including all types of taxes, that bill has increased by 1,939% since 1961. The average Canadian family now spends more of its income on taxes (42.4%) than it does on basic necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing combined (37.6%). By comparison, 33.5% of the average family's income went to pay taxes in 1961 while 56.5% went to basic necessities. 

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