

Election Proposal Costing

Implementing annual wealth tax

April 19, 2025

Implementing an annual tax on the net worth of households, effective April 1, 2025.

Cost of Proposed Measure

Fiscal year	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	Total
Total cost \$ millions	-22,755	-23,042	-23,591	-25,098	-26,807	-121,293

Notes

- Estimates are presented on an accrual basis as would appear in the budget and public accounts.
- A positive number implies a deterioration in the budgetary balance (lower revenues or higher spending). A negative number implies an improvement in the budgetary balance (higher revenues or lower spending).
- Totals may not add due to rounding.

Estimation and Projection Method

Estimated taxable assets include all categories of assets except for lottery wealth. Proposed tax rates are set at: 1% on household net worth over \$10 million and up to \$50 million; 2% on household net worth over \$50 million and up to \$100 million; and 3% on household net worth over \$100 million.

The net wealth tax base was derived from an updated version of PBO's High-net-worth Family Database (HFD) which uses the 2023 Survey of Financial Security as well as lists of billionaires in Canada from Forbes and Maclean's. The tax base was projected forward using growth rates of household net worth from PBO's EPC baseline.

Wealth tax revenues were then estimated by applying the tax to the wealth database each year, keeping track of the after-tax wealth of each household over the projection period. A behavioural response is expected as high-wealth households may find ways to reduce their tax exposure. To account for this behaviour, it was assumed that 35% of each household's net worth would be hidden and reduced from the overall tax base. Administrative costs were assumed to be 2% of gross revenues and the lottery exemption was assumed to be 0.15% of gross revenues.

Sources of Uncertainty

The main sources of uncertainty relate to the wealth distribution of high-net-worth households in the database as well as the magnitude of the behavioural response. There is also uncertainty in the magnitudes of the administrative cost and the lottery exemption.

Data Sources

Household net worth

Statistics Canada Survey of Financial Security 2023, [Forbes Real Time Billionaires](#), [Maclean's Canada's Richest People](#), [Statistics Canada Table 36-10-0580-01](#), [Statistics Canada Table 17-10-0009-01](#)

Household net worth growth rate

PBO EPC baseline

Behavioural response assumption

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Administrative cost ratio

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Exempted lottery winnings ratio

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