

food is food

stop taxing what we eat.



Restaurants
Canada

Food costs are climbing faster than everything else. Grocery inflation is up 3.4% - nearly double the overall inflation rate.

Earlier this year, the federal government took meaningful action to address fairness and to reduce food costs through a GST cut on prepared meals. It made a difference by directly helping families, struggling restaurants, and not only saved, but added jobs. Canadians continue to struggle affording everyday essentials like food, which is why:

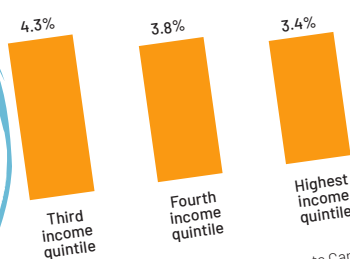
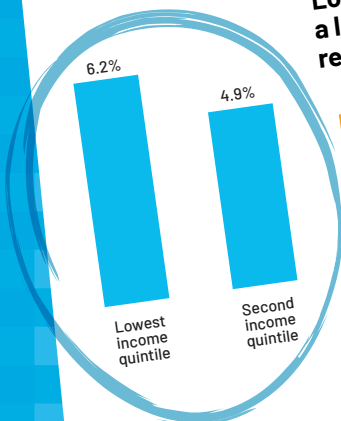
Restaurants Canada is asking the federal government to permanently exempt all food from GST/HST.



THE COST OF INACTION

Taxing the food we eat only intensifies the affordability crisis, putting additional pressure on the lowest earning Canadians that we know spend more of their income on restaurant meals vs. higher income Canadians.

Lower-income households spend a larger share of their income at restaurants



Source: Statistics Canada and Restaurants Canada

CANADIANS AGREE:

**FOOD SHOULD
NOT BE TAXED**

84%

of Canadians say food should not be taxed,
no matter where it is purchased.

Tax fairness = affordability relief.

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RELIEF THAT PAYS OFF

Removing the GST/HST from all food would put billions back into Canadians' pockets while stimulating the economy:



\$5.4B

in tax savings
for consumers



64,300

new foodservice
jobs, many for
young Canadians



15,685

additional
jobs in related
industries



2,680

new restaurants
opening across
the country



**YOUR STEAK FROM
THE GROCERY STORE
ISN'T TAXED, BUT YOUR
BREAKFAST WRAP FROM
A COFFEE SHOP IS.**

THE TAX DOUBLE STANDARD

Grocery food:

\$0 tax

Restaurant meals:

+5% GST+HST

**This outdated policy hits Canadians
right in the wallet.**

For many, prepared food isn't a luxury—
it's a necessity for work, family care, or simply
getting through the day.



CANADIANS NEED RELIEF NOW!

**Removing the GST/HST from all food is the single
most effective affordability measure the federal
government can deliver.**

It provides relief to all Canadians, especially those
with lower incomes, in one of the most essential
areas of household spending, food, where
Canadians have seen costs go up the most.

No other measure delivers help where it is needed
most, to the people who need it most, while also
creating the best opportunity to grow jobs for
young Canadians.

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