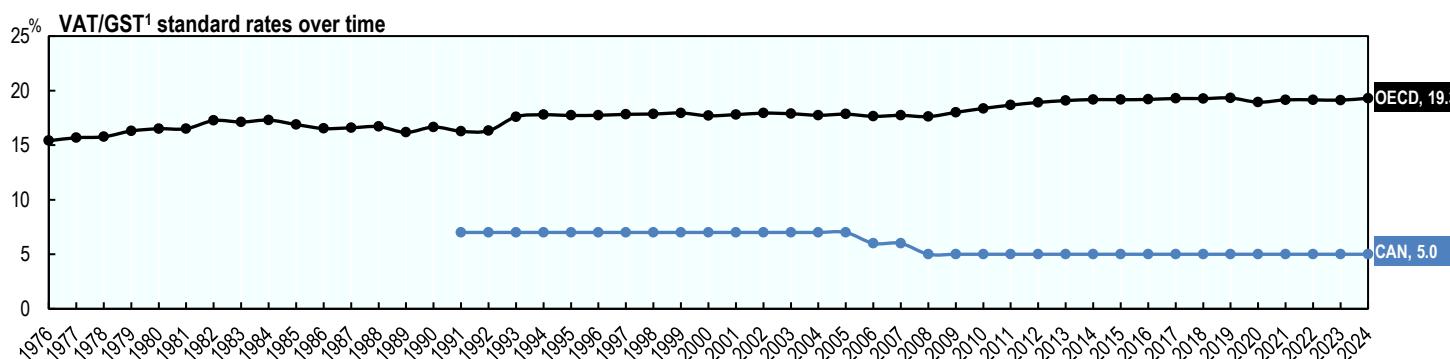
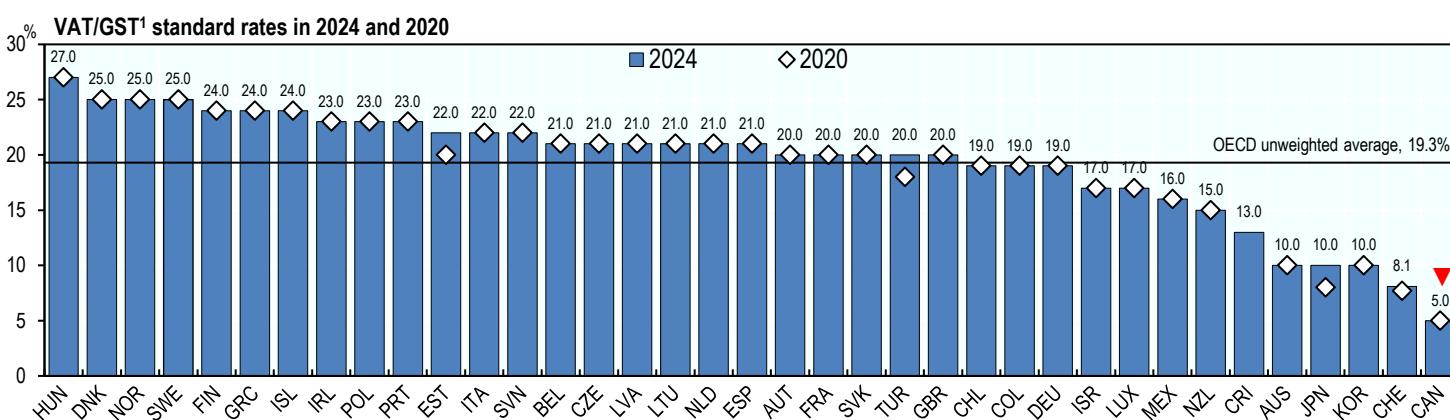


Consumption Tax Trends* - Canada

GST rate 2024

The Canadian standard GST rate is 5.0%, which is below the OECD average. The average VAT/GST¹ standard rate in the OECD was 19.3% as of 31 December 2024. The previous standard GST rate in Canada was 6.0% in 2007. It changed to the current level in 2008. Canada also applies a reduced GST rate of 0% to a number of goods and services as well as specific regional rates: a number of provinces have harmonised their sales tax (HST) with the federal GST and levy a GST/HST at the following rates: New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: 15%; and Ontario: 13%. Québec applies GST at a rate of 5% and Québec Sales Tax at a rate of 9.975%. GST was introduced in Canada in 1991 at a standard rate of 7.0%. Since then the minimum and maximum standard rates have been at 5.0% and 7.0%.

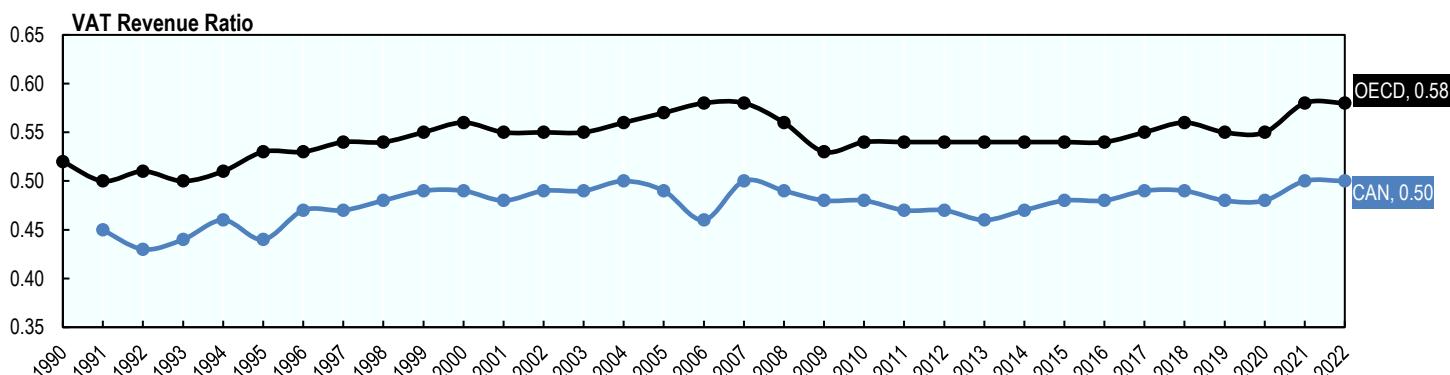


1. VAT/GST refers to value added tax/goods and services tax

Source: Consumption Tax Trends 1st January 2024

VAT Revenue Ratio

The VAT Revenue Ratio (VRR) for Canada was 0.50 in 2022 below the OECD average of 0.58. The VRR is a measure of the revenue raising performance of a VAT system. A ratio of 1 would reflect a VAT system that applies a single VAT rate to a comprehensive base of all expenditure on goods and services consumed in an economy - with perfect enforcement of the tax. The Canadian VRR remained stable at 0.50 between 2021 and 2022. The lowest VRR was recorded in the year 1992 at 0.43 and the highest level in 2004, 2007, 2021 and 2022 at 0.50.



The figures may not present the difference to the second decimal point accurately due to rounding

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