

Canada's tobacco control budgets

The types of costs and quantities are included Canada's tobacco control budgets for different interventions such as smoke free public places, graphic warning labels, cessation services, etc.

Federal Level

Federal departments spend a total of \$66,213,434 in ongoing funding to support the implementation of Canada's Tobacco Strategy (CTS). The CTS' principal goal is to reduce tobacco use among Canadians to less than 5% by 2035.

Department	Ongoing Expenditure
Health Canada	\$41,950,361
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$4,705,000
Public Safety	\$3,340,000
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	\$3,000,000
Canada Boarder Services Agency	\$3,019,208
Canada Revenue Agency	\$888,910
Indigenous Services Canada	\$9,310,000
Total	\$66,213,434

Health Canada committed to spending \$330 million 2018-23 and \$66 million annually ongoing towards the goals of the CTS.

This focuses on five key areas:

1. Communication and Public Engagement
2. Strengthening Vaping and Tobacco Regulations
3. Enhancing Enforcement and Inspections
4. Collaboration and Partnerships
5. Research and Surveillance

Public Health Agency of Canada

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is a federal government agency that works to protect and promote the health of Canadians. While PHAC does not have a direct role in regulating tobacco products, it does work with other government departments and agencies, such as Health Canada, to address tobacco-related issues and reduce the negative impact of tobacco on public health.

Here are some examples of the ways in which PHAC addresses tobacco-related issues:

- Providing information and resources to help people quit smoking: PHAC provides a range of resources and support for individuals who want to quit smoking, including information on the risks of smoking, tips for quitting, and access to quit smoking programs and services.
- Developing and implementing tobacco control policies and programs: PHAC works with other government departments and agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to develop and implement policies and programs aimed at reducing tobacco use and its negative impact on health. This may include initiatives to promote quitting smoking, such as providing resources and support for people who want to quit and developing strategies to reduce the demand for

tobacco products, such as increasing taxes on tobacco or implementing smoke-free policies in public places.

- Conducting research on tobacco and its impact on health: PHAC conducts and supports research on tobacco and its impact on health, with the aim of informing the development of effective tobacco control policies and programs.

Public Safety

Public Safety portfolio partners in the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy monitor and assess the contraband tobacco market, as it aligns with their priorities to address organized crime and smuggling. As well, Canada has international commitments and obligations, particularly pursuant to the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is responsible for the enforcement of laws in relation to the international movement of tobacco products (including the illicit manufacture, distribution or possession of contraband tobacco products).

Canadian Boarders Services Agency

The Canada Border Services Agency is responsible for administering the assessment and collection of new tobacco taxes, and monitoring the impact of the tax increases on the international movement of tobacco.

Canada Revenue Agency

The Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) portion of the Canada's Tobacco Strategy (CTS) budget was \$890,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$890,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022. The CRA spent approximately \$890,000 for activities under the CTS in fiscal year 2020-2021 and approximately \$890,000 for activities under the CTS in 2021-2022. The CRA was not allocated any money under the CTS for mass media in 2020-2021 or 2021-2022; therefore, reports zero expenditures for mass media.

Activities included in the expenditure were:

- audits and regulatory reviews (to ensure that persons who are licensed to manufacture tobacco products are reporting and remitting duty as required and complying with other controls on the manufacture, possession, and sale of tobacco products in Canada);
- administrative and technical support to enforcement agencies (such as expert court testimony); and
- excise licence system maintenance (e.g. Enhancing the system used to maintain licensing and reporting information on taxpayer accounts to address legislative changes and Performing validations of reporting and payment requirements as well as the verification of rebate claims)

Department of the Solicitor General

The Department of the Solicitor General administers contribution funding for monitoring activities in connection with determining levels of contraband tobacco activity. The Department also provides important policy advice and support on smuggling issues.

Department of Justice

The Department of Justice prosecutes smuggling offenses, as well as offenses concerning unlawful manufacture, distribution, and possession of contraband tobacco products.

Indigenous Services Canada

Indigenous Services Canada works with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities to address issues related to tobacco use, such as providing information and support for quitting smoking and developing strategies to reduce tobacco-related harm.

Provincial and Territorial Level

British Columbia

[BC Budget 2021 submission-Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada.pdf](#)

Budget 2022: Fiscal framework established to end commercial tobacco sales and apply the polluter pay principle to fund transition

Winter 2022-2023 and beyond: Safer system to supply nicotine/tobacco implemented for remaining addicted smokers

Ontario

[2022 Ontario Budget | Annex](#)

Measures against unregulated tobacco

Reviewing and modernizing Tobacco Tax Act

Adoption of <<track and trace>> technologies

Expanding enforcement partnerships with interested provincial local and First Nations police services

Manitoba

[Province of Manitoba | News Releases | Manitoba Government Expands Program to Help Manitobans Quit Smoking Provincewide](#)

[Manitoba Budget 2022](#)

Funding the Expansion of quit programme, now province wide to help Manitobans including lower-income individuals access services and resources (\$300,000.00 investment)

Nova Scotia

[Budget 2022 to 2023 - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#)

\$5.7 billion in healthcare, includes 268.6 million for addictions and mental health (details not referenced)

New Brunswick

[REVISED / 2022-23 budget: Building on Success \(gnb.ca\)](#)

Addiction services and mental health \$174 million (Details not referenced)

Québec

[LE PORTAIL DE LA LUTTE AU TABAGISME ET AU VAPOTAGE DU QUÉBEC - Québec sans tabac \(quebecsanstabac.ca\)](#)

[Budget 2022-2023, Ministère des Finances - Page d'accueil \(gouv.qc.ca\)](#)

Plan generation sans fumée : a secondary programme aimed to prevent the consumption of tobacco and vaping products, support tobacco and vaping cessation, create a social norm about nicotine dependence and denormalize the use of these products.

Revise the Tobacco Act

Prohibit vaping flavours

Augment provincial sales tax of tobacco

Newfoundland

[Health, Wellness, and Active Living - Budget 2022 \(gov.nl.ca\)](#)

\$1.8 million to prevent and reduce tobacco and vaping use

Saskatchewan

[2022-23-Budget-Back-on-Track.pdf](#)

Tobacco tax increase

\$470 million into mental health and addictions programmes (details not referenced)

Alberta - No info found

P.E.I

[Provincial Budget: Operating Budget | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)

\$600,000.00 for mental health and addictions (details not referenced)

Yukon [fin-2022-23-budget-main-estimates.pdf \(yukon.ca\)](#)

Addictions and Substance use program (details not referenced)

NWT [2022-23 budget address and papers final.pdf \(gov.nt.ca\)](#)

\$649,000 for healthy living initiatives programme, includes tobacco control strategy

\$100,000 to fund toll-free quitline

\$1.7 million on mental health and addictions to fund external organizations

Nunavut [GN - Budget Address - 2019 \(gov.nu.ca\)](#)

\$19 million Mental Health and addictions strategy (details not referenced), including the building of Nunavut Recovery Centre