



Have your say: NWT Sugar-sweetened drinks tax

The Government of the Northwest Territories committed to investigate introducing a “sugary drinks” tax as a way to reduce sugar consumption and improve public health. This has led to a proposal to introduce a sugar-sweetened beverages tax to reduce sugar consumption in the Northwest Territories as part of the public health initiative to reduce obesity and improve oral health.

Fill out this survey to provide your input on the GNWT’s proposed sugar-sweetened drinks tax. You can return it by:

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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Please tell us about yourself (OPTIONAL):

1. Age:

- Under 18 years old
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- 75 years or older

2. Community type:

- Yellowknife
- Regional Centre (Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Hay River, Inuvik or Norman Wells)
- Other Small Community

3. Please read each statement. Then tell us how much you agree or disagree with each one
 (1=strongly agree, 2=agree, 3=Neither agree or disagree, 4=disagree, 5=strongly disagree)

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I support taxing sugar-sweetened beverages to reduce consumption in an effort to reduce health problems such as obesity, diabetes and tooth decay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I believe a sugar-sweetened beverage tax will reduce the consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks in the Northwest Territories.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A sugar-sweetened beverage tax would reduce my consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. If there was a tax on sugar-sweetened drinks, I would buy other products like diet drinks instead.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have anything else you would like to add about these statements?

4. What types of drinks do you think should be included in the proposed tax?

- All sugary drinks**, including all drinks with added sugar plus 100% fruit juices and sweetened dairy and non-dairy milks
- All sugar-sweetened drinks**, including non-diet carbonated soft drinks, ready-to-drink sweetened tea and coffee, energy drinks, sports drinks, and 'fruit drinks' with less than 100 per cent juice
- All sugar-sweetened or artificially-sweetened carbonated drinks (includes diet drinks)**
- Only sugar-sweetened carbonated drinks only (excludes diet drinks)**
- None of the above**

Do you have anything else you would like to add about the kinds of drinks that should be taxed?

5. What tax rate would encourage you to reduce your consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks?

- e. 10%
- f. 10 – 25%
- g. 25 – 50%
- h. No tax rate will keep me from drinking sugar-sweetened drinks

Do you have anything else you would like to add about a tax rate for sugar-sweetened drinks?

6. Do you have any concerns that have not been addressed in the discussion paper? Is there any additional information you think needs to be considered?