Salary *and* Tax

TAKE-HOME PAY COMPARISON

Tax year **2026**
Amounts **per year**

A — $250,000 *a year in* British Columbia
B — $250,000 *a year in* Alberta

B takes home $3,459 more per year

$288 per month · same gross — the difference is all deductions

LINE ITEM	A · B.C.	B · ALBERTA	B − A
INCOME			
Gross income	$250,000	$250,000	±0
Taxable income after the CPP enhanced deduction	$248,873	$248,873	±0
PAYROLL PROGRAMS			
CPP + CPP2	$4,646	$4,646	±0
EI premium	$1,123	$1,123	±0
INCOME TAX			
Federal tax after credits	$53,524	$53,524	±0
Provincial tax after credits	$27,480	$24,021	-$3,459
BOTTOM LINE			
Total deductions	$86,773	$83,314	-$3,459
Take-home	**$163,227**	**$166,686**	**+$3,459**
Effective deduction rate share of gross lost to tax, CPP and EI	34.7%	33.3%	-1.4 pts
True marginal rate on the next $100	46.1%	43.3%	-2.8 pts

Amounts per year; rates are annual. Green favours B, red favours A. Full statements for A and B follow, their bracket figures drawn on one scale.

Employment income only, single filer resident in the stated province on Dec 31. Basic credits only (no RRSP, dependant or tuition). Validated against TaxTips.ca and Wealthsimple, October 2026. An estimate, not tax advice.
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Salary *and* Tax

TAKE-HOME PAY STATEMENT

SCENARIO A

Tax year **2026**
Amounts **per year**

Prepared for an employee earning **$250,000** *a year in* **British Columbia**.

INCOME

Gross pay — **$250,000**
Your salary before any deductions — $250,000 a year, the number on your offer letter.

PAYROLL PROGRAMS — taken before income tax

CPP — Canada Pension Plan — - $4,230
5.95% of earnings between $3,500 and $74,600. Its enhanced slice is deductible, which lowers your taxable income below.

CPP2 — second-tier pension — - $416
4% of earnings between $74,600 and $85,000. Fully deductible.

EI — Employment Insurance — - $1,123
1.63% of earnings up to $68,900. Funds job-loss, parental and sickness benefits.

INCOME TAX

Taxable income — $248,873
Gross minus the deductible part of CPP. Income tax is worked out on this, not on your gross.

Federal income tax — - $53,524
Charged in layers from 14% up to the 29% band your income reaches, less credits for the basic personal amount, CPP, EI and the Canada employment amount.

British Columbia income tax — - $27,480
British Columbia brackets from 5.6%, less credits for the basic personal amount, CPP and EI.

TOTAL

Total deductions — **- $86,773**
Everything taken off the top: income tax, CPP and EI.

NET TAKE-HOME PAY

$163,227

per year · 65.3% of your gross stays with you

KEEPS 65%

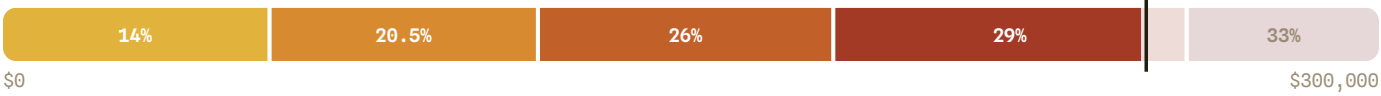
FIGURE 1

How your income tax was built

FEDERAL BRACKETS

$53,524 federal tax per year

you · $248,873



$0 $300,000

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRACKETS

$27,480 provincial tax per year

you · $248,873



$0 $300,000

Each band taxes only the income that falls inside it. The marker is where your taxable income reaches — everything to its left was taxed at the lower bands first, which is why your effective rate is well below your top bracket. Bars show tax before credits.

SCHEDULE A

What lands each payday

PAY FREQUENCY	GROSS	DEDUCTIONS	TAKE-HOME
Weekly	$4,807.69	$1,668.71	**$3,138.98**
Bi-weekly	$9,615.38	$3,337.43	**$6,277.96**
Semi-monthly	$10,416.67	$3,615.55	**$6,801.12**
Monthly	$20,833.33	$7,231.10	**$13,602.24**
Yearly	$250,000.00	$86,773.14	**$163,226.86**

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

32.4%

The share of your whole income that goes to income tax — your true average.

TRUE MARGINAL RATE

46.1%

What your next $100 loses to tax, CPP and EI. On your next $1,000 raise you'd keep about $539 — a raise never lowers your take-home.

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Salary *and* Tax

TAKE-HOME PAY STATEMENT

SCENARIO B

Tax year **2026**
Amounts **per year**

Prepared for an employee earning **$250,000** *a year in* **Alberta**.

INCOME

Gross pay — **$250,000**
Your salary before any deductions — $250,000 a year, the number on your offer letter.

PAYROLL PROGRAMS — taken before income tax

CPP — Canada Pension Plan — - $4,230
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INCOME TAX

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Federal income tax — - $53,524
Charged in layers from 14% up to the 29% band your income reaches, less credits for the basic personal amount, CPP, EI and the Canada employment amount.

Alberta income tax — - $24,021
Alberta brackets from 8%, less credits for the basic personal amount, CPP and EI.

TOTAL

Total deductions — **- $83,314**
Everything taken off the top: income tax, CPP and EI.

NET TAKE-HOME PAY

$166,686

per year · 66.7% of your gross stays with you

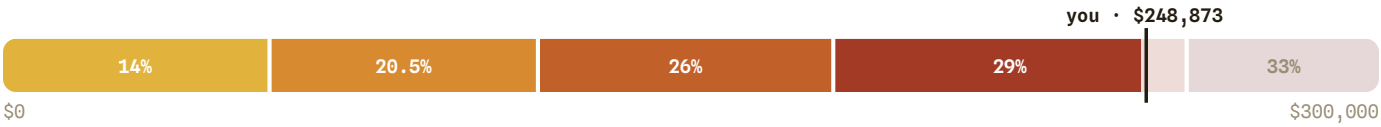
KEEPS 67%

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ALBERTA BRACKETS

$24,021 provincial tax per year



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Semi-monthly	$10,416.67	$3,471.43	**$6,945.23**
Monthly	$20,833.33	$6,942.87	**$13,890.47**
Yearly	$250,000.00	$83,314.41	**$166,685.59**

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

31.0%

The share of your whole income that goes to income tax — your true average.

TRUE MARGINAL RATE

43.3%

What your next $100 loses to tax, CPP and EI. On your next $1,000 raise you'd keep about $567 — a raise never lowers your take-home.

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