

WHY DON'T WE TAX THE WEALTHY MORE?

Singapore has a progressive tax system, which means that higher income earners already pay more taxes at **higher tax rates**.

Those with higher income spend more.
They therefore **pay more GST** and contribute more to GST revenue.

In addition, those with higher income are **taxed more**.

The top 10% of individuals who pay Personal Income Tax (PIT) contribute about 80% of PIT.



We have made moves over the past few years to tax income and wealth more, and will continue to review this.

The wealthy have higher income and/or higher-value property.

A For income, we increased PIT rates for top income brackets in Budget 2015, from 20% to 22%.

B For property, we increased:

- Property tax rates for residential properties, especially those that are vacant or rented out, in Budget 2013.
- Top marginal Buyer's Stamp Duty (BSD) rate for higher-value residential properties, in Budget 2018.

Revenue Contribution



These two measures impact the wealthy and higher income earners more.

Together, PIT and property-related taxes contribute more than the amount of revenue collected from GST.

We **redistribute tax revenues** through a progressive system of taxes and transfers.