

CANADA'S CHARITIES & NONPROFITS

There are an estimated **170,000+** registered charities & nonprofits in Canada.
(86,000 registered charities)

Charities & nonprofits come from **3 different areas of the economy:**

WELCOME TO
CANADA'S SOCIAL SECTOR

POPULATION 170,000+

The sector represents
8.7%
of Canada's GDP...

...which is approximately
\$189B

Households

Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households provide goods and services to individuals & groups of people at minimal to no cost.

For example:

- youth & family services
- housing assistance
- places of worship
- food banks
- recreation & social clubs
- museums
- foundations

Business

These include chambers of commerce, business & professional associations, airport authorities and some amusement and recreational organizations.

Government

These include hospitals, residential care facilities, universities and colleges.

In addition to their social contributions, charities & nonprofits are a large and vital part of the economy. They contribute to **strong & healthy communities.**

From 2007 to 2019, GDP from nonprofits serving households and business grew at a rate of

4.80%

The overall economy grew by

3.22%

The sector employs approximately **2.5 million people** which makes up 12% of the economically active population.

41% of Canadians are volunteering their time to charities and nonprofits—that's **13 million volunteers!**

Volunteers contribute almost **1.7 billion hours** of their time each year to organizations and causes they believe in.

Canadians give **\$14+ billion annually** to registered charities.

More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of donations go to the **"Big Four"** causes: Religion, Health, Social Services and International organizations.

Our sector has a good reputation. **4 in 5 Canadians** said they have a lot or some trust in charities.

An average volunteer contributes **131 hrs per year** OR **2.5 hrs per week** This is equal to **860,000 full-time jobs**

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