

# 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

**8.1%**

of Canada's GDP...

...which is approximately

**\$151B**

## 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 2010 to 2014, GDP from nonprofits serving households and government grew at a rate of

**6.25%**

The overall economy grew by

**4.62%**

The sector employs approximately

**2 million people**

which makes up 11% of the economically active population.

**44% of Canadians**

are volunteering their time to charities and nonprofits—that's

**13 million volunteers!**

Volunteers contribute almost

**2 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

**154 hrs per year** OR **3 hrs per week**

This is equal to

**1 million full-time jobs**

**Join us in investing in the social sector.**

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