"Why Co-ops Work: A Socio-Economic Impact Study of the Guelph Co-op Sector"

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Summary Report

Organizations

Type of Organization	Guelph Co-op Sector	% of Total Guelph Businesses
Co-ops and Credit Unions	33	2.7%
Co-ops, Credit Unions, Organizational Members and Insurance Agency Offices	59	4.8%
Total Guelph Businesses*	1,229	

* *Source: 2013 Guelph Community Profile, pg. 31.*
Note: Includes 2 non-incorporated co-ops

Employees

Type of Organization	Guelph Co-op Sector	% of Total Guelph Jobs
Employees of Co-ops and Credit Unions	1,088	1.7%
Employees of Co-ops, Credit Unions, Organizational Members and Insurance Agency Offices	1,511	2.4%
Total Guelph Jobs*	64,205	

* *Source: 2014 Guelph Business Directory. pg. 8.*

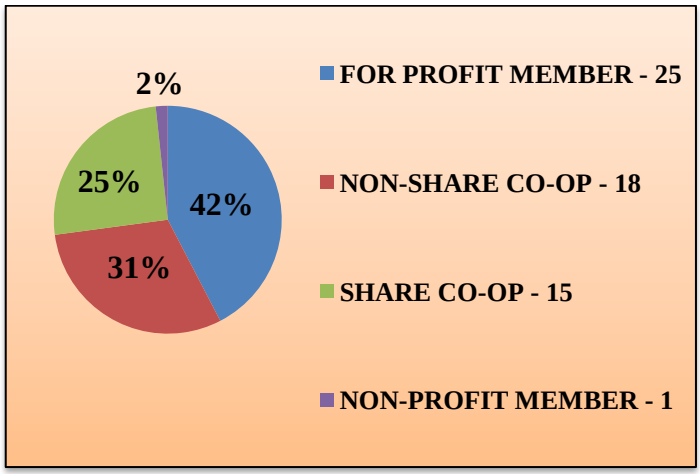
Member Highlights

Organization	Number of Members
Total Guelph Members (non-financial)*	7,446 (individual and organizational)
Guelph Campus Co-op	Peak Annual Average: 4,800 - 5,200 (Guelph)
Gay Lea Foods	3,790 (Ontario)
Community Car Share Co-op	1,400+ (Ontario)
Housing	700+ (Guelph)
Ag Energy	350+ (Ontario)
Organic Meadow	160+ (Ontario)
Ontario Co-operative Association	60+ (Canada)

* *Source: "Annual Survey of Co-operatives." Industry Canada. 2009.*

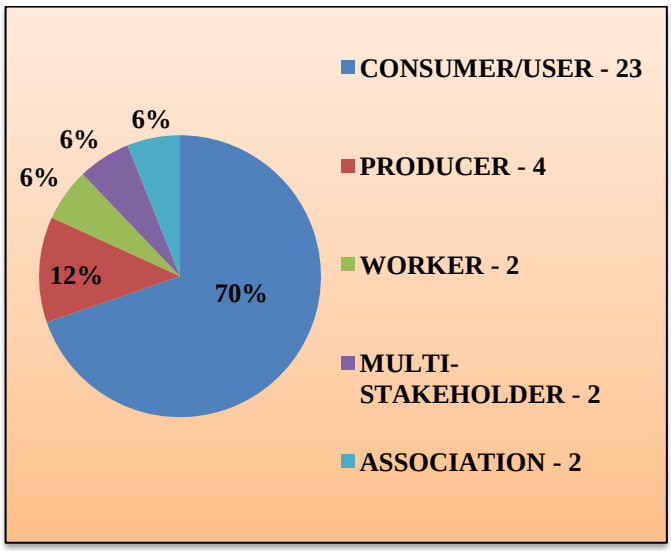
Number of Co-ops, Credit Unions, Organizational Members and Insurance Agency Offices in Guelph by Allocation of Revenue

Distributions of Profits	Number of Co-ops
Share Co-op	15
Non-Share Co-op	18
For Profit Member	25
Non-Profit Member	1
Total	**59**



Type of Co-op & Credit Union in Guelph

Classification	Number of Co-ops
Consumer/User	23
Producer	4
Worker	2
Multi-stakeholder	2
Association	2
Total	**33**



Total Employment / Sector

Sector	Number of Employees of Co-ops and Credit Unions in Guelph
Credit Unions / Insurance / Finance	901
Agriculture	111
Childcare	29
Retail	18
Housing	13
Energy	9
Co-operative Associations	7
Total	**1,088**

Sector	Number of Employees of Co-ops, Credit Unions, Organizational Members and Insurance Agency Offices in Guelph
Credit Unions / Insurance / Finance	923
Information Technology	201
Agriculture	111
Energy	88
Retail	50
Childcare	29
Housing	13
Co-operative Associations	7
Other (public service, medical sciences, transportation)	89
Total	**1,511**

Range of Employees

Co-ops and Credit Unions

Range	Number of Enterprises
0 to 4	21
5 to 9	5
10 to 19	4
20 to 49	1
50 to 99	0
100 to 199	1
200 to 499	0
500 and over	1
Total	**33**

Co-ops, Credit Unions, Organizational Members and Insurance Agency Offices

Range	Number of Enterprises
0 to 4	29
5 to 9	11
10 to 19	7
20 to 49	7
50 to 99	3
100 to 199	1
200 to 499	0
500 and over	1
Total	**59**

Incorporation Dates (Non-Financial Co-operatives)

Year	Number of Co-ops
< 1950	1
1950 - 1959	2
1960 - 1969	0
1970 - 1979	4
1980 - 1989	6
1990 - 1999	4
2000 - 2014	14
Total	**31**

Number of Organizations / Sector

Co-ops and Credit Unions	
Financial	8
Housing	6
Agriculture	5
Childcare	5
Association	2
Information Technology	2
Retail	2
Energy	1
Local Food	1
Transportation	1
Total	**33**

Co-ops, Credit Unions, Organizational Members and Insurance Agency Offices	
Information Technology	17
Financial	14
Housing	6
Agriculture	5
Childcare	5
Retail	5
Energy	3
Association	2
Local Food	1
Transportation	1
Total	**59**

Housing

Guelph Co-op Housing	Figures
Co-op Units	450
Adults Based on 6 of 7 reporting.	537
Children Based on 6 of 7 reporting.	410
University of Guelph Students	169
Total Co-op Housing Residents	1116 +
Co-op Residents / % of Guelph's Total Population	~ 1%
Co-op Units / % of Guelph's Total Permanent Social Housing Units	~ 17%

Additional Information

Number of Co-ops Incorporated Under the *Ontario Co-operative Corporations Act*	22
Number of Co-ops Incorporated Under the *Canada Cooperatives Act*	1
Number of Exporting Co-ops	4