

Co-ops work.

A co-operative is a business enterprise owned by and operated for the benefit of those using its services. Twice as many co-ops remain in business after 10 years as other business enterprises.



Robert Owen created the first co-op in England in 1844.

Values based

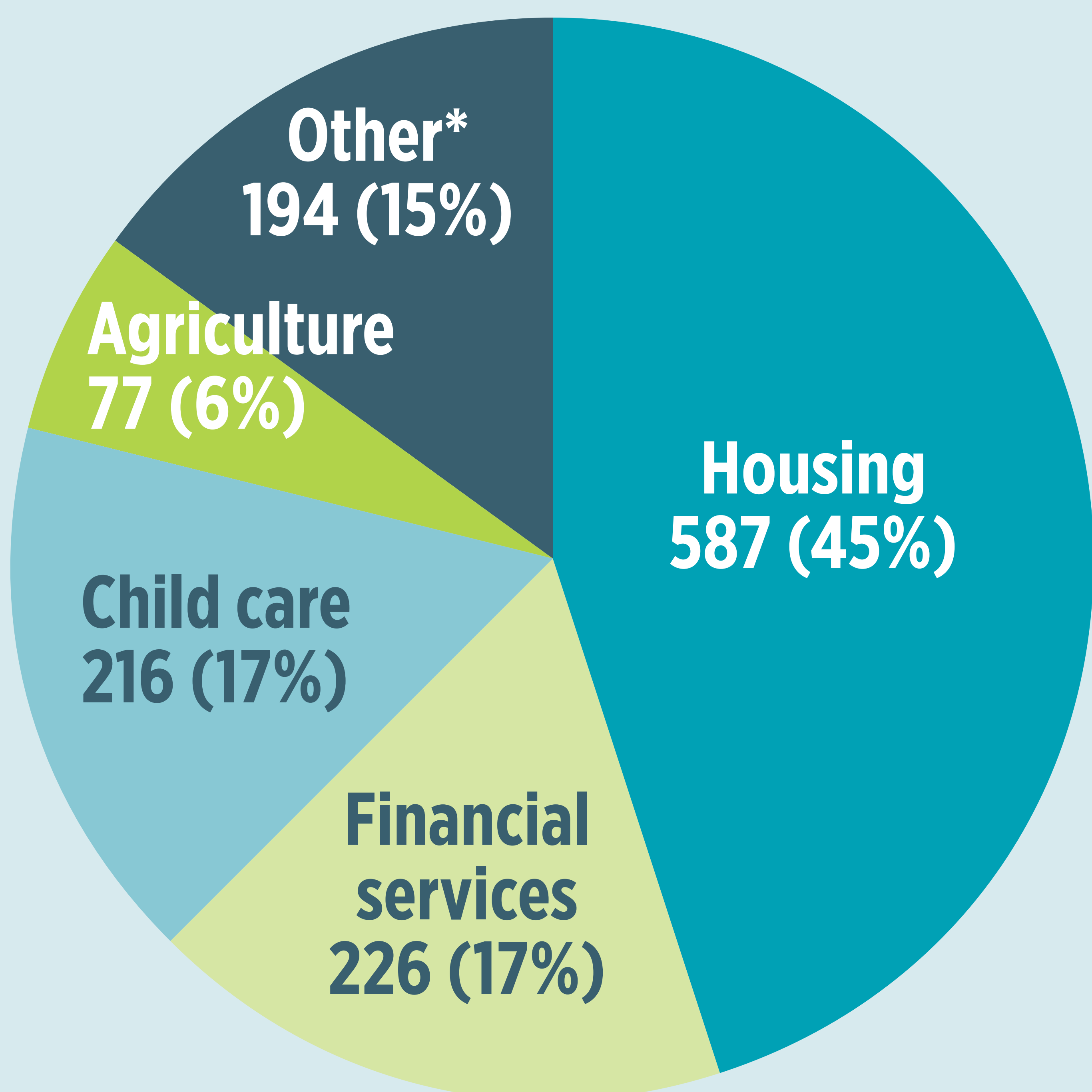
Democratic
7 co-op principles
Social and financial objectives

International

Operate in 90 countries
Employ 100 million people
1 billion members

Ontario co-ops by the numbers

1,300 independent organizations operating
1,900 locations in
400 Ontario communities



*Includes renewable energy, local food, retail, communications, transportation, social services and others.

Ontario Co-ops

\$30 billion in assets
\$2.1 billion in revenue
(non-financial co-ops)
1.4 million members
49,000 volunteers
15,500 employees



The United Nations declared 2012 to be the International Year of Co-operatives



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CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES BUILD A BETTER WORLD

