

The Co-operative Sector in Ontario: **An Overview**

1,181

Number of co-operatives. 19% of the Canadian co-operative sector is located in Ontario, which is the second highest in the country after Quebec (45%).



1,104 of these are non-financial co-operatives
77 of these are financial co-operatives (credit unions, insurance)

332 (28%) of these are for profit co-operatives
849 (72%) are Not-for-Profit co-operatives

\$76B

Number of assets owned by co-operatives. These businesses are carrying 16% of the Canadian co-operative sector's assets.



\$6B are owned by non-financial co-operatives
\$70B are owned by financial co-operatives

\$7.8B

Total revenue generated by Ontario co-operatives. These businesses are earning 11% of the country's co-operative sector revenues.



\$5B are generated by non-financial co-operatives
\$2.9B are generated by financial co-operatives



Finance & Insurance co-operatives (36%)



Construction & Manufacturing co-operatives (25%)



Retail & Wholesale co-operatives (23%)



Housing co-operatives (7%)



Other co-operative industries (7%)

19,140

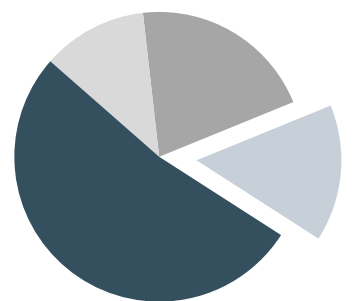
Number of employees. Combined, they earn \$891M in annual income, and constitute 14% of the co-operative sector in Canada.



11,497 are employed by non-financial co-operatives
7,661 are employed by financial co-operatives

Ontario's co-operative sector is diverse and includes many key industries, such as:

- Housing (43%)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (14%)
- Finance and Insurance (8%)
- Retail and Wholesale (7%)
- Construction and Manufacturing (6%)
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Gas Extraction (2%)
- Transportation and Warehousing (1%)



Methodology

This infographic was developed by the Ontario Co-operative Association and is based on the report "The Co-operative Sector in Ontario (2019)" by Fiona Duguid. The provincial profile of co-operatives in Ontario was conducted in 2022 using the 2019 data - the most current and complete data available.

A co-operative is defined as "a legally incorporated corporation that is owned by an association of persons seeking to satisfy common needs such as access to products or services, sale of their products or services, or employment". Learn more about co-operatives at [ontario.coop](https://www.ontario.coop).



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