

Alberta Nonprofit Sector Fact Sheet

About Alberta's nonprofit sector

The nonprofit sector is an important contributor to the economic health and vitality of Alberta. Charities and nonprofits throughout the province support the quality of life enjoyed in Alberta, addressing social needs, providing recreational and leisure opportunities, delivering arts and cultural programs and stewarding our natural environment.

Many organizations also provide services essential to support the labour force, from settlement services and ESL programs for new immigrants, to skills upgrading and the childcare and elder care programs that enable individuals to participate in the workforce.



Alberta is home to more than
24,800¹ nonprofit organizations.

35% (9,096)
are registered charities²

262 Million
annual volunteer hours in 2013³

187,000 F/T
230,000 P/T

staff employed by registered charities⁴

¹ Service Alberta. 2013 Active and Start Status for Nonprofits

² Blumberg, Mark. Blumberg's Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector, and Service Alberta, 2014

³ Statistics Canada. General Social Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 2013

⁴ Blumberg, 2014.

Alberta Nonprofit Organizations by Subsector*

Source: Service Alberta 2009.



25%	Sports & Recreation
11.5%	Religion
10%	Social Services
9%	Arts & Culture
8%	Fundraising & Volunteerism
7%	Development & Housing
7%	Advocacy & Politics
6%	Education & Research
4%	Business, Professional & Unions
3%	Environment
2%	Health
0.9%	Hospitals
0.9%	International
0.5%	Universities & Colleges
2%	Other

*Based on Johns Hopkins International Classification of Nonprofit Organizations system