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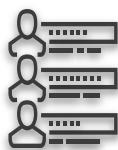
OVERVIEW

CO-OPERATIVES IN CANADA



In 2015, there were a total of 7,887 incorporated non-financial co-operatives in Canada. Of these, 4,960 co-operatives responded to the 2015 Survey of Canadian Co-operatives, representing a 63% response rate.¹

TYPES OF CO-OPERATIVES



In 2015, 69% (3,440) of reporting co-operatives were consumer co-operatives and 14% (716) were producer co-operatives. In addition, 10% (485) of reporting co-operatives in 2015 were multi-stakeholder and 5% (228) of reporting co-operatives in 2015 were worker co-operatives. Approximately 1% (52) of the reporting co-operatives in 2015 was a federation.²

Representing less than 1% (39), worker-shareholder co-operatives are a form of worker co-operatives found in Quebec.

SIZE OF CO-OPERATIVES (BUSINESS VOLUME & EMPLOYMENT)



In 2015, 50% (2,488) of all reporting co-operatives were non-employers (0 employees); 47% (2,318) of reporting co-operatives were small enterprises (1 to 99 employees); 2.5% (128) were medium-sized enterprises (100 to 499 employees); and, 0.5% (26) were large enterprises (over 500 employees).

FINANCE PERFORMANCE



Non-financial co-operatives reported a total business volume of \$44.1B in 2015. This was a 2% increase from 2013.

Three sectors generated 94% of total business volume: wholesale and retail (\$24.7B), agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (\$7.9B), and construction and manufacturing (\$8.9B).

Reporting co-operatives held \$29.9B in assets in 2015. The four largest sectors that account for 90% of all assets include: wholesale and retail (\$13.6B), real estate (\$4.2B), construction and manufacturing (\$5.6B) and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (\$3.4B).

In 2015, reporting co-operatives paid out \$765M in patronage dividends to their members and communities.

¹ As of 2011, the Government of Quebec conducts surveys of Quebec co-operatives every two years (bi-annual). Therefore, this report compares data between 2013 and 2015 as it is only for those years that full national level data is available.

² For more information on the co-operative business model, please visit [An Information Guide on Co-Operatives](#).

EMPLOYMENT



Reporting co-operatives in 2015 contributed over 101,567 full-time and part-time jobs to the Canadian labour market. This represented a 6.8% increase from 2013.

In 2015, almost 75% of co-operative jobs were held within three sectors: wholesale and retail trade (39%), agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (20%), and, construction and manufacturing (16%).

From 2005 to 2015, the total number of people employed by reporting co-operatives increased by 16%. ³

MEMBERSHIPS



In 2015, reporting co-operatives had a total of 9.1M memberships⁴, which represents an 8.3% increase from 2013.

Most or 87% (7.9M) of these memberships were within the wholesale and retail sector.

INDUSTRY SECTORS



In 2015, 44% (2,180) of all reporting co-operatives were classified under the real estate sector, which primarily consist of housing co-operatives.

Retail trade accounted for 11% (536) of all reporting co-operatives, followed by agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting 8% (385), and health care and social assistance sectors, which was 7.3% (363) of the total.

GOVERNANCE & VOLUNTEERS



In 2015, non-financial co-operatives, excluding those in Quebec, reported 17,558 directors on Boards of Directors elected by their membership to help guide the co-operative's operations and make key business decisions for the continued viability of their organizations.

Housing co-operatives had the highest number of directors (over 5,800), followed by retail and wholesale (over 2,700), and then health care and social services boards (1,800).

There were approximately 32,723 volunteers involved in the day-to-day operations of co-operatives in 2015, excluding co-operatives in Quebec. Housing co-operatives account for 62% of the total volunteers.

AGE OF CO-OPERATIVES



In 2015, 27% (678) of reporting co-operatives were established over 40 or more years ago; 53% (1,320) were established between 21 and 40 years ago.

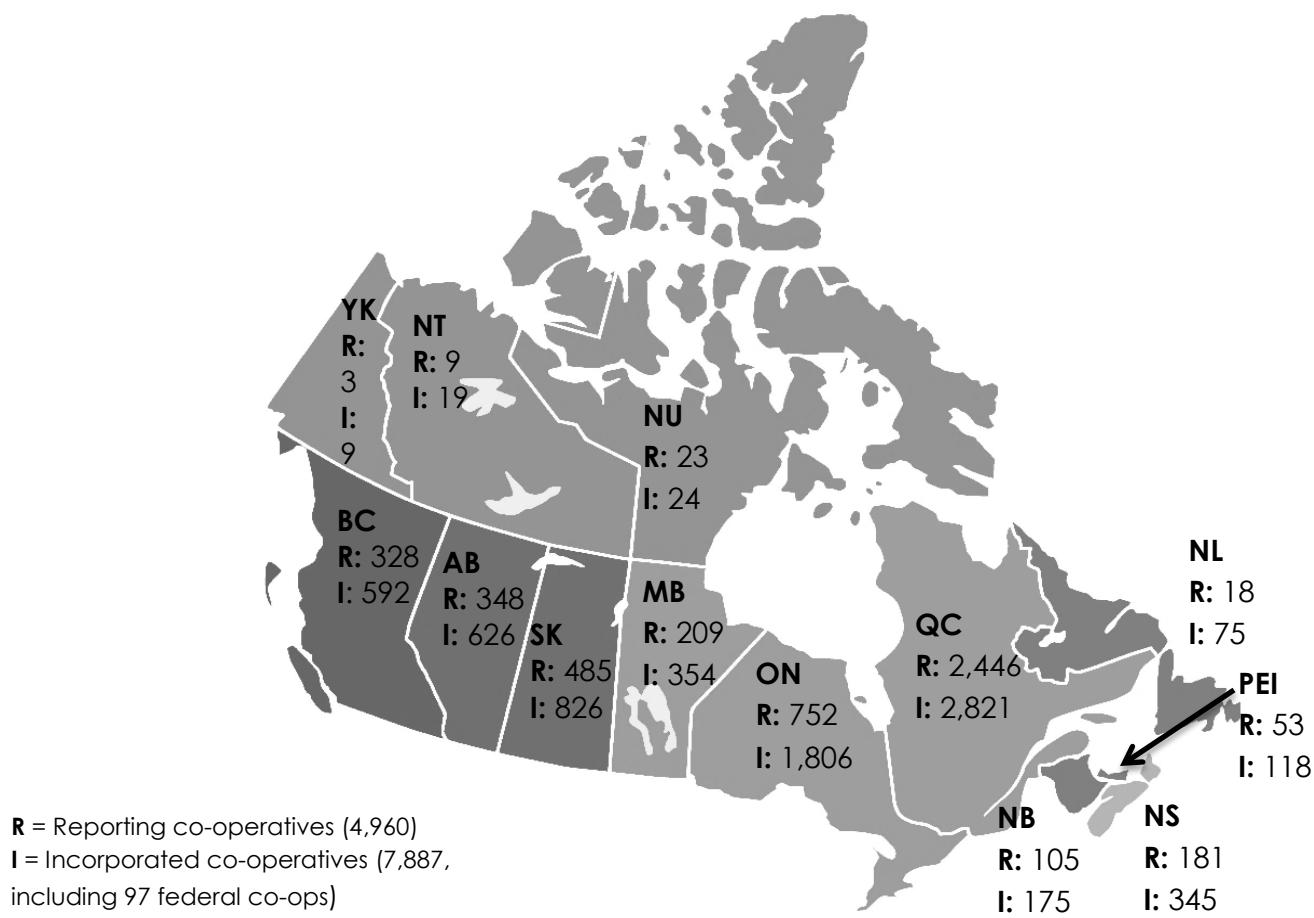
³ This excludes 2014 data.

⁴ An individual, a household of a housing unit, another co-operative or a federation of co-operatives can be a member of more than one co-operative.

DISTRIBUTION BY REGION

In 2015, there were 7,887 incorporated co-operatives⁵ registered under a federal, provincial or territorial co-operative Act. Quebec had the highest share of incorporated co-operatives (36%), followed by Ontario (23%) and Saskatchewan (11%). There were 4,960 co-operatives that responded to the 2015 Survey of Canadian Co-operatives.

Figure 1: Co-operatives by Head Office



⁵ Data on incorporated co-operatives was provided by registrars and includes federally incorporated co-operatives. Distribution is by head office location.

DISTRIBUTION BY INDUSTRY

Co-operatives in Canada are involved in a wide range of activities, from manufacturing and processing to housing, daycare and health care services in communities. They run regional wholesale and retailing systems that provide millions of goods and services to Canadians, and they are also involved in the provision of local community utilities such as gas, water and electricity.

Out of all reporting co-operatives 44% (2,180) were classified under the real estate sector primarily as housing co-operatives. Retail trade was 11% (536), followed by agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting was 8% (385) and health care and social assistance sectors was 7.3% (363).

Figure 2 : Total Number of Reporting Co-operatives By North American Industry Classification System, 2015



ANNEX A: DETAILED DATA TABLES

TABLE 1: OVERVIEW OF REPORTING CO-OPERATIVES BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES (BASED ON HEADQUARTER ADDRESS) 2005–2015

Reporting Co-operatives (Number)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2015	328	348	485	209	752	2,446	105	181 ⁶	53	18	35	4,960
2013	359	361	582	225	782	2,464	116	287	50	19	31	5,276
2012	330	347	567	228	678	2,390 ⁷	111	305	46	16	30	5,048
2011	338	415	612	246	739	2,390	108	303	59	18	29	5,257
2010	301	411	579	224	708	2,379	101	284	54	19	34	5,094
2009	393	465	767	255	901	2,315	133	288	61	29	35	5,642
2008	392	478	811	264	918	2,271	135	282	63	33	39	5,686
2007	392	481	844	270	952	2,294	138	287	65	33	39	5,795
2006	380	467	855	263	940	2,293	140	280	61	35	37	5,751
2005	385	440	844	267	964	2,258	139	273	63	42	35	5,710
Volume of Business (in Millions of Dollars)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2015	1,706	5,441	12,693	2,332	3,074	17,762	333	184	286	117	207	44,134
2013	1,617	5,851	13,122	2,855	3,362	14,524	1,099	279	241	111	142	43,207
2012	1,541	5,169	12,206	2,678	2,800	12,986 ⁸	1,030	742	264	84	139	39,639
2011	1,425	5,201	11,494	2,501	2,768	12,986	990	815	258	91	137	38,666
2010	1,266	4,331	9,794	1,971	2,364	11,979	955	791	228	74	183	33,801
2009	1,285	4,558	9,518	2,082	2,478	11,619	1,085	780	219	76	154	33,854
2008	1,205	5,212	11,419	2,142	2,390	11,091	1,043	769	229	67	161	35,728
2007	1,223	4,600	8,361	1,861	2,355	10,177	1,035	739	237	63	153	30,804
2006	1,145	4,161	7,670	1,799	2,415	9,323	1,091	734	220	86	148	28,792
2005	1,132	4,206	6,808	1,712	2,393	9,073	1,171	728	229	124	109	27,685

⁶ Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has switched from receiving aggregate numbers of total co-operatives in Nova Scotia to a survey response rate. This is the reason for the change in the number of co-operatives in Nova Scotia between 2013 and 2015.

^{7/8} The Survey now collects data on a biennial basis; therefore, 2014 data is not included in this publication.

Assets (in Millions of Dollars)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2015	1,535	3,390	8,624	1,424	3,035	11,229	181	118	127	51	194	29,907
2013	1,510	3,296	8,029	1,373	3,548	7,353	368	220	112	51	148	26,007
2012	1,478	2,698	7,746	1,302	3,119	6,598 ⁹	326	434	114	40	146	24,000
2011	1,473	2,815	6,452	1,182	3,318	6,598	322	530	115	42	133	22,979
2010	1,361	2,583	5,395	1,003	3,195	12,043	318	488	98	38	27	26,549
2009	1,438	2,763	5,138	1,035	4,008	5,719	344	398	95	44	135	21,117
2008	1,400	2,632	5,036	968	4,159	5,449	341	393	90	41	144	20,653
2007	1,393	2,448	4,351	918	4,076	5,048	378	378	88	41	137	19,256
2006	1,377	2,453	3,791	876	4,107	4,796	384	362	88	50	134	18,418
2005	1,373	2,356	3,294	848	4,166	4,633	418	353	83	58	116	17,698

Memberships (in thousands)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2015	4,974	1,234	549	530	162	1,459	87	46	21	47	19	9,127
2013	4,523	1,170	542	527	186	1,287	81	42	17	45	15	8,436
2012	4,187	1,091	531	490	153	1,253 ¹⁰	81	48	18	37	15	7,904
2011	3,993	1,211	510	469	172	1,253	84	45	18	41	15	7,810
2010	3,698	1,185	484	426	145	1,250	89	44	17	39	6	7,383
2009	3,467	1,188	587	433	158	1,186	96	51	21	31	21	7,239
2008	3,219	1,188	572	413	168	1,152	94	48	21	30	21	6,926
2007	2,909	1,175	560	385	180	1,126	193	46	25	28	20	6,647
2006	2,691	1,178	554	345	184	1,070	187	45	25	41	20	6,340
2005	2,471	1,117	467	328	179	1,026	171	40	24	45	17	5,885

^{9/10}The Survey now collects data on a biennial basis; therefore, 2014 data is not included in this publication.

Employees (Number)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2015	4,948	10,255	12,627	5,712	10,989	52,151	1,766	1,172	592	598	757	101,567
2013	4,451	10,650	11,996	5,610	10,954	45,027	2,500	1,587	961	568	781	95,085
2012	4,394	8,528	11,907	4,331	5,410	43,902 ¹¹	2,176	3,101	1,249	560	759	86,317
2011	4,378	9,305	14,444	4,289	5,719	43,902	2,282	3,216	1,212	599	770	90,116
2010	4,149	8,563	11,191	4,119	5,564	44,898	3,113	3,270	1,034	335	216	86,452
2009	3,778	9,918	11,456	4,149	5,639	42,739	3,167	3,195	1,054	895	1,745	87,735
2008	4,013	9,732	11,089	3,826	5,878	42,734	3,216	3,781	1,058	800	1,791	87,918
2007	4,429	9,311	10,797	3,617	5,750	43,054	3,704	3,533	919	820	1,686	87,620
2006	4,368	9,311	10,352	3,837	5,635	42,960	3,691	3,469	912	974	1,663	87,172
2005	4,636	9,330	9,956	4,027	5,676	43,013	3,729	3,361	1,163	1,120	1,589	87,600

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TABLE 2: BUSINESS VOLUME OF CO-OPERATIVES BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2015¹²

(in Millions)	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11 & Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction - 21	7,901.8	110.2	243.8	6.5	43.7	737.7	6,494.1	99.5	74.1	65.3	26.9	x
Utilities - 22	296.0	0.5	200.3	0.2	16.3	59.6	19.0	..	..	0.1	x	x
Construction - 23 & Manufacturing - 31-33	8,904.5	0.2	30.7	14.5	0.3	784.6	7,883.4	0.8	11.8	178.2	x	x
Wholesale Trade - 41 & Retail Trade - 44-45	24,728.7	1,439.7	4,767.9	12,517.6	2,191.3	931.8	2,272.7	213.3	66.1	35.3	87.8	205.3
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	141.8	7.2	35.3	1.0	0.7	..	96.9	x	0.6	x	x	x
Information and cultural industries - 51	215.3	0.3	0.3	82.7	28.2	45.9	56.2	0.9	0.7	..	x	x
Finance and insurance - 52	15.8	2.9	7.4	1.0	1.9	0.4	x	0.4	1.5	..	0.2	
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	897.1	128.7	30.8	16.0	28.2	419.7	250.8	7.5	10.1	4.4		0.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services - 54 & Educational Services - 61	130.7	2.0	2.1	1.3	0.6	49.8	72.1	0.2	2.2	0.1	0.4	x
Administrative and support, water management and remediation services - 56	33.5	x	1.5	x	0.2	5.2	16.9	..	9.2	x	x	0.5
Health care and social assistance - 62	291.4	0.6	9.1	45.4	19.0	33.3	176.7	0.9	5.1	0.2	1.0	x
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	36.0	2.0	0.2	4.9	1.8	0.9	21.2	2.4	1.4	0.2	0.9	x
Accommodation and food services - 72	19.0	0.1	0.2	x	0.1	x	18.3	0.2	0.1	x	x	x
Other Services - 81 & Public Administration - 91	451.3	11.1	42.3	1.7	0.2	5.1	381.8	6.4	0.8	2.0	x	x
Unknown NAICS	71.0	..	69.1	0.2	x	x	1.5	0.3	x	x	x	x
Total	44,134.0	1,705.5	5,441.1	12,693.1	2,332.3	3,073.9	17,761.8	332.9	183.7	285.9	117.2	206.7

X = suppressed data due to confidentiality; .. = no reporting co-operatives; and, Unknown NAICS = suppressed aggregate NAICS 2-digit data due to confidentiality.

¹² Totals may not add up due to rounding and data suppression.

TABLE 3: ASSETS OF CO-OPERATIVES BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2015

(in Millions)	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11 & Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction - 21	3,406.3	92.6	191.2	4.3	19.4	385.4	2,580.4	62.6	29.6	22.8	17.9	x
Utilities - 22	1,032.0	0.1	733.5	1.2	130.1	149.8	17.1	0.2	..	..	x	x
Construction - 23 & Manufacturing - 31-33	5,642.8	0.1	71.6	3.5	..	441.3	5,046.1	0.1	12.9	67.0	x	x
Wholesale Trade - 41 & Retail Trade - 44-45	13,666.4	782.4	2,034.6	8,391.2	1,059.8	125.1	960.9	55.8	24.4	12.6	29.2	190.4
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	74.9	6.3	6.1	1.4	0.7	..	60.0	x	0.5	x	x	x
Information and cultural industries - 51	378.9	0.3	4.6	115.8	44.7	144.1	68.2	0.8	0.5	0.1	x	x
Finance and insurance - 52	257.1	6.0	144.9	31.4	51.4	13.3	x	0.5	6.4	2.9	0.3	x
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	4,274.1	586.1	95.7	28.9	101.6	1,703.8	1,687.7	22.2	33.5	11.4	x	3.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services - 54 & Educational Services - 61	108.2	3.9	3.5	1.4	0.4	38.5	57.1	0.4	2.2	..	0.8	
Administrative and support, water management and remediation services - 56	37.2	x	0.9	x	0.3	6.9	26.1	0.2	2.7	x	x	0.1
Health care and social assistance - 62	230.9	1.3	13.9	27.0	12.5	14.9	157.5	0.5	2.4	0.5	0.4	x
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	79.8	8.7	0.3	12.7	2.7	2.3	46.0	2.9	1.5	0.2	2.4	x
Accommodation and food services - 72	15.7	0.9	1.4	x	0.4	x	13.1	-0.1	..	x	x	x
Other Services - 81 & Public Administration - 91	659.4	46.2	47.2	4.9	0.4	9.2	508.0	33.2	1.4	8.9	x	x
Unknown NAICS	43.5	..	40.1	0.1	x	x	1.4	1.8	x	x	x	x
Total	29,907.3	1,534.9	3,389.7	8,623.8	1,424.3	3,034.7	11,229.5	181.2	118.0	126.5	51.0	193.6

X = suppressed data due to confidentiality; .. = no reporting co-operatives; and, Unknown NAICS = suppressed aggregate NAICS 2-digit data due to confidentiality.

TABLE 4: MEMBERSHIP OF CO-OPERATIVES BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2015

(in Thousands)	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11 & Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction - 21	53.1	3.9	22.2	2.2	1.0	6.2	13.6	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.8	x
Utilities - 22	158.5	..	144.2	0.3	1.6	6.2	6.0	0.1	0.1	..	x	x
Construction - 23 & Manufacturing - 31-33	30.3	0.2	2.5	0.4	..	5.7	18.0	0.1	1.0	2.4	x	x
Wholesale Trade - 41 & Retail Trade - 44-45	7,962.5	4,902.9	1,030.6	497.9	484.5	54.9	829.9	73.8	15.6	8.5	45.3	18.8
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	19.4	16.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.7	x	0.2	x	x	x
Information and cultural industries - 51	122.2	25.0	0.6	1.0	29.7	20.0	42.9	2.4	0.5	0.2	x	x
Finance and insurance - 52	9.5	0.4	3.7	1.9	0.2	1.0	x	0.1	1.4	0.2	0.6	x
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	114.7	14.8	4.6	1.2	3.3	52.8	35.1	0.8	1.2	0.7	x	..
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services - 54 & Educational Services - 61	24.1	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	20.7	0.5	1.0	..	0.1	x
Administrative and support, water management and remediation services - 56	4.8	x	0.4	x	x	0.2	3.5	0.1	0.7	x	x	..
Health care and social assistance - 62	172.3	1.9	0.5	31.7	5.0	8.1	120.9	0.8	0.2	2.6	0.5	x
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	36.8	2.5	0.3	7.5	3.8	0.5	17.9	2.3	1.7	0.2	0.3	x
Accommodation and food services - 72	29.5	0.1	0.1	x	0.1	x	10.7	..	18.5	x	x	x
Other Services - 81 & Public Administration - 91	374.4	4.5	10.4	3.7	0.1	5.4	337.3	5.3	2.5	5.3	x	x
Unknown NAICS	15.2	..	13.7	0.1	x	x	1.2	0.2	x	x	x	x
Total	9,127.4	4,973.5	1,234.1	548.6	529.5	161.6	1,459.4	87.3	46.3	20.7	47.5	18.8

X = suppressed data due to confidentiality; .. = no reporting co-operatives; and, Unknown NAICS = suppressed aggregate NAICS 2-digit data due to confidentiality.

TABLE 5: EMPLOYMENT OF CO-OPERATIVES BY 2-DIGIT NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2015

(in Number)	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11 & Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction - 21	20,473	564	525	45	522	1,381	15,792	697	243	406	298	x
Utilities - 22	763	7	647	3	42	45	18	1	..	..	x	x
Construction - 23 & Manufacturing - 31-33	16,036	4	1	2	3	1,179	14,629	2	198	18	x	x
Wholesale Trade - 41 & Retail Trade - 44-45	39,438	3,615	8,427	10,982	4,196	1,421	8,510	889	330	55	271	742
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	924	30	94	20	7	..	756	x	17	x	x	x
Information and cultural industries - 51	1,056	5	2	293	145	185	398	12	16	..	x	x
Finance and insurance - 52	4,932	59	39	55	18	4,737	x	4	12	5	3	x
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	1,530	84	69	42	96	926	237	7	12	57	x	..
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services - 54 & Educational Services - 61	1,396	23	4	23	6	126	1,182	7	23	..	2	x
Administrative and support, water management and remediation services - 56	938	x	9	x	3	18	731	..	162	x	x	15
Health care and social assistance - 62	5,437	7	97	1,034	633	952	2,521	37	121	15	20	x
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	1,004	17	5	93	31	4	757	56	25	12	4	x
Accommodation and food services - 72	489	..	1	x	1	x	480	3	4	x	x	x
Other Services - 81 & Public Administration - 91	6,927	532	171	28	9	15	6,094	45	9	24	x	x
Unknown NAICS	224	1	164	7	x	x	46	6	x	x	x	x
Total	101,567	4,948	10,255	12,627	5,712	10,989	52,151	1,766	1,172	592	598	757

X = suppressed data due to confidentiality; .. = no reporting co-operatives; and, Unknown NAICS = suppressed aggregate NAICS 2-digit data due to confidentiality.

ANNEX B: METHODOLOGY & DEFINITION

METHDOLOGY

Co-operatives in Canada (2015) is a biennial publication that provides baseline data on the co-operative sector in Canada. The 2015 publication is the 81st edition and has been prepared by the Co-operatives Policy Unit, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. The Unit provides analysis, advice and support to promote co-operative business innovation and growth in Canada.

The *Co-operatives in Canada (2015)* publication classifies co-operatives using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The report is based on unweighted data gathered from the 2015 Survey of Canadian Co-operatives conducted by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Unless otherwise indicated, the publication has been prepared with data from the reporting co-operatives that responded to this biennial survey. Estimates were only conducted for the co-operatives that submitted a survey in 2013 and were still in operation in 2015. The 2015 survey response rate is 63% (4,960) reporting co-operatives out of 7,887 incorporated co-operatives, a slight decrease from the 2013 response rate of 66%.

This report uses aggregate data from the Ministry of the Economy, Science and Innovation in the Government of Quebec. As of 2011, the Government of Quebec conducts surveys of Quebec co-operatives every two years (biennial). Therefore, this report compares data between 2013 and 2015 as it is only for those years that full national level data is available.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015
Responses	5,904	5,251	5,043	5,276	4,960
Total incorporated co-operatives	7,865	7,761	7,906	8,042	7,887
Response rate	65%	68%	64%	66%	63%

PROVINCE OR TERRITORY	ABBREVIATION	PROVINCE OR TERRITORY	ABBREVIATION
British Columbia	BC	Nova Scotia	NS
Alberta	AB	Prince Edward Island	PE
Saskatchewan	SK	Newfoundland and Labrador	NL
Manitoba	MB	Northwest Territories	NT
Ontario	ON	Nunavut	NU
Quebec	QC	Yukon	YT
New Brunswick	NB	Territories (NT+NU+YT)¹³	TE

DEFINITION

This survey defines non-financial co-operatives as corporations incorporate under specific federal, provincial or territorial co-operative statutes. Financial co-operatives such as credit unions and *caisses populaires* are not included in this survey. Non-financial co-operative corporations generally operate based on seven internationally established core principles including: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; co-operation among co-operatives; and, concern for community including sustainable development.

While co-operatives serve a wide variety of functions, they generally fit one of the following four types:

- A consumer co-op provides products or services to its members (such as a retail co-op, housing, financial, health-care or child-care co-op).
- A producer co-op processes and markets the goods or services produced by its members, and/or supplies products or services necessary to the members' professional activities (such as independent entrepreneurs, artisans, or farmers).
- A worker co-op provides employment for its members. In this type of co-op, the employees are the members and the owners of the enterprise.
- A multi-stakeholder co-op serves the needs of different stakeholder groups—such as employees, clients, and other interested individuals and organizations. This type of co-op is usually found in health, home care and other social enterprises.

For more information on the co-operative business model, please visit the [Information Guide on Co-operatives](#).

The Co-operatives Policy Unit has streamlined the format and reduced the content in the 2015 publication in order to ensure easy reader accessibility and a timely release. The publication still contains many of the same data variables and information. For additional information or data variables, please contact: ic.statscoopstatscoop.ic@canada.ca.

¹³ For confidentiality reasons, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon have been grouped under a category called "Territories" (TE).