

British Columbia's Non-Profit Sector

Based on current data available in British Columbia as of September 2025

WITH 5.7M PEOPLE IN BC, THERE ARE:

31,900+ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN BC ¹

OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS...

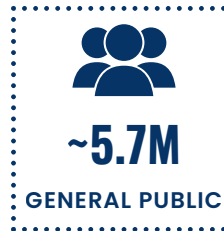


CHARITIES
(12,301 NPO)

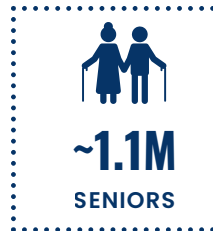


PRIVATE/PUBLIC
FOUNDATIONS (1,842 NPO)

TOP POPULATION GROUPS SERVED ²



3 NPOS PER 1000
BRITISH COLUMBIANS



11 NPOS PER 1000
SENIORS

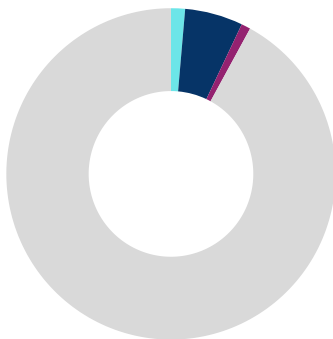


13 NPOS PER 1000
CHILDREN & YOUTH

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS (2023)

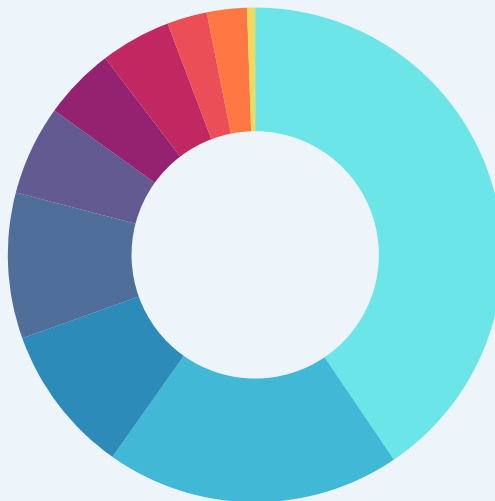
The most recent estimate of BC's nominal GDP is CAD \$304 billion, of which non-profits contributed \$31.8 billion.

- Community NPOs ⁵
- Government NPOs
- Other Non-Profits
- Other Sectors



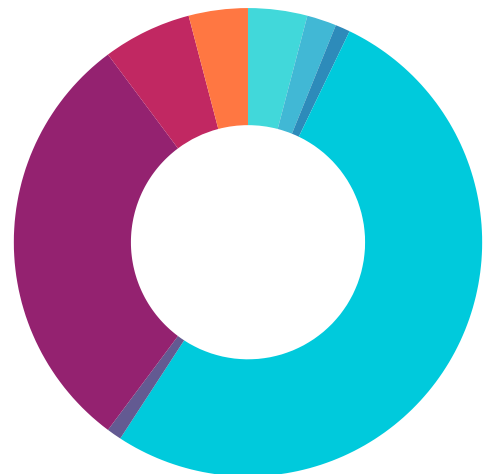
SUBSECTORS BY % OF WHOLE SECTOR ⁶

- Sports and recreation
- Religion
- Grantmaking, fundraising, voluntarism promotion
- Social services and Health
- Development and housing
- Education and research
- Business and professional associations and unions
- Other areas of activity not elsewhere classified
- Law, advocacy, and politics
- Environment



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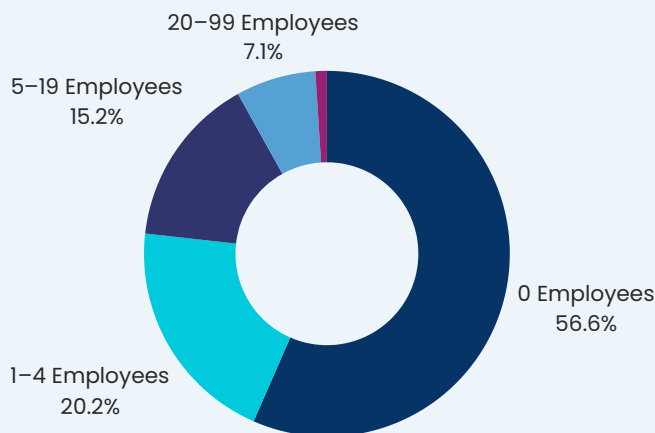
EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM

NON-PROFITS EMPLOY 377,000 WORKERS IN BC⁸

NON-GOVERNMENT NON-PROFITS EMPLOY 128,000 WORKERS (34%)⁹

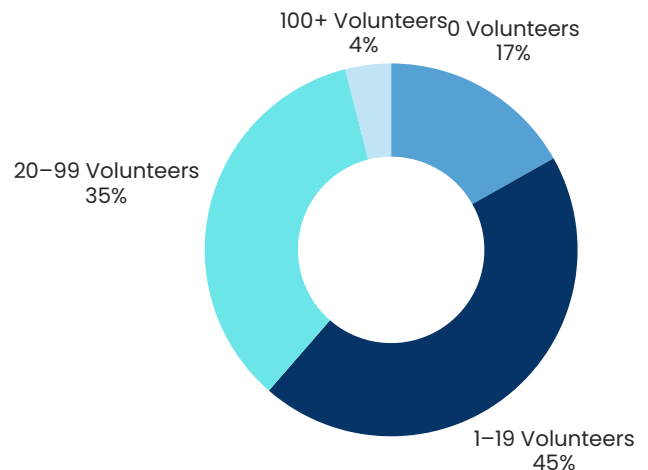
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES¹⁰

56% of Non-Profits in BC have NO Employees

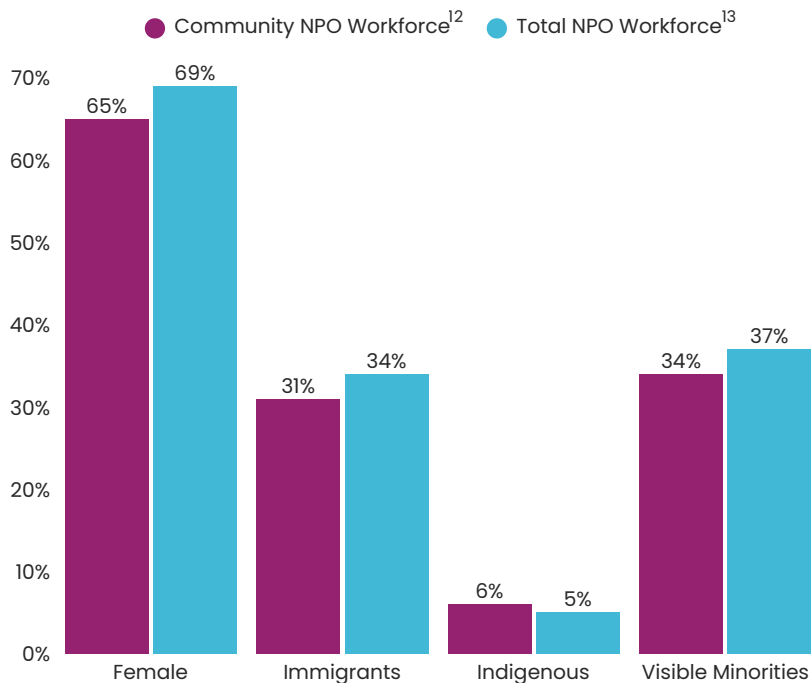


NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS¹¹

Each Non-Profit engages an average of 27 volunteers



WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS (TOTAL NPO VS COMMUNITY NPOS)



SOURCES

1. [OrgBook BC](#).
2. Author's calculations from [Table 33-10-0800-01](#) and [Population Estimates & Projections for British Columbia](#).
3. Author's calculations from [List of charities and other qualified donees](#).
4. Author's calculations from [Table 36-10-0616-01](#) and [2023-2024 Departmental Results Report](#).
5. [Statistics Canada](#) considers "community non-profits" as household-serving organizations that are independent of government and not classified to the business sector in standard measures.
6. [Table 33-10-0753-01](#).
7. [Table 36-10-0614-01](#).
8. [Table 36-10-0615-01](#).
9. [Table 36-10-0615-01](#).
10. [Table 33-10-0753-01](#).
11. [Table 33-10-0795-01](#).
12. Author's calculations from [Table 36-10-0651-01](#).
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