

FACTS

ABOUT THE CO-OP SECTOR



Canada counts over **6,500 co-operatives**, with **45%** of them located in Quebec due to its enabling environment.

The co-operative sector in Canada contributed **\$52.8 billion dollars** towards the **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** in 2021, making it a vital contributor to the Canadian economy. Furthermore, the sector's activities contributed to **\$10 billion dollars in taxes** to all levels of government.



Wholesale and retail trade, finance and insurance, as well as construction and manufacturing are by far the largest segments within the sector, in terms of both overall revenues and employees.



Over **194,400 people** have full-time or full-time equivalent employment in co-operatives with salaries totalling over **\$11.5 billion**.

In 2021, co-operatives that are considered "For Profit" represented **42%** of the sector.



A **third of co-operative enterprises** are headquartered in rural and remote areas, while many others have members and facilities in those areas.



Most non-financial co-operatives are locally focused small-medium enterprises. **Nearly half of them have no employees at all**, and the vast majority of the remainder have **fewer than 99 employees**.



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