



## Atlantic Canada Facts:

There are approximately 13,000 organizations formally registered as either incorporated non-profits or charities in Atlantic Canada (approx. 8% of Canadian total). There are numerous other groups that are more informal and unincorporated.

- Collectively, formally registered nonprofit and voluntary organizations (excluding hospitals, universities and colleges) in Atlantic Canada have annual revenues of \$4 billion with an estimated paid staff of 83,000.
- The main areas of activity of nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Atlantic Canada are: religion (27%), sports and recreation (18%), social services (12%), arts and culture (8%), grantmaking/fundraising/voluntarism promotion (8%), education and research (5%), development and housing (5%), business/professional associations and unions (5%), health (3%), environment (3%), law/advocacy and politics (2%), international (0.2%), hospitals/universities/colleges (0.4%), and other (3%)
- 62% of nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Atlantic Canada work within their own neighbourhood, city, town or rural municipality
- 75% of nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Atlantic Canada have members (individuals and organizations)
- Excluding hospitals, universities and colleges, 53% of revenue in nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Atlantic Canada is from earned income (from sale of **goods and services**)
- Some sub-sectors have a greater reliance on government than others, but only 19% of nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Atlantic Canada are deemed to be dependent on government funding
- The average number of volunteer hours per board member in nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Atlantic Canada is 140 hrs\*

\* source = P. Rowe - The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector in Atlantic Canada. Regional Highlights of the National Survey on Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations (Imagine Canada: 2006)  
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