



NOVA SCOTIA: NON-PROFIT & CO-OPERATIVE SECTORS FACT SHEET

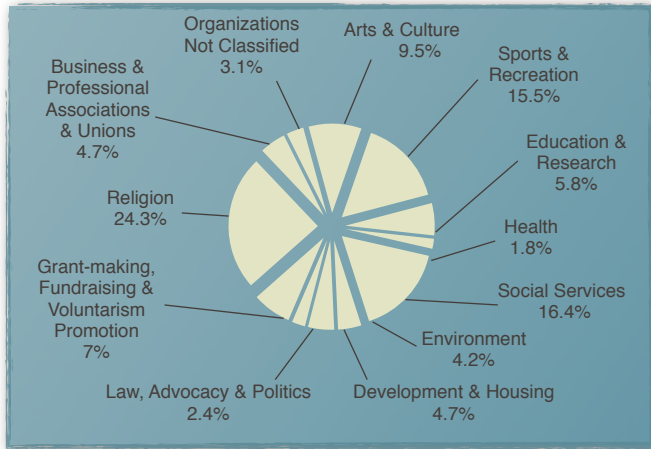
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There are **5,829** non-profit organizations in NS – About 45% of the **12,882** non-profit organizations serving the Atlantic region

In NS 65% of the non-profit organizations are registered charities

Revenues of non-profit and voluntary organizations in 2003 = \$1,424,000,000

Types of NS Non-Profit Organizations



Human resources in the non-profit and voluntary sector:

36,098 Nova Scotians are employed in the sector - About 34% of the workers employed in the Atlantic region

NS has **431,000** volunteers - About 44% of the volunteers in the Atlantic region

However, the number of average volunteer hours decreased from 195 hours in 2004 to 183 hours in 2007



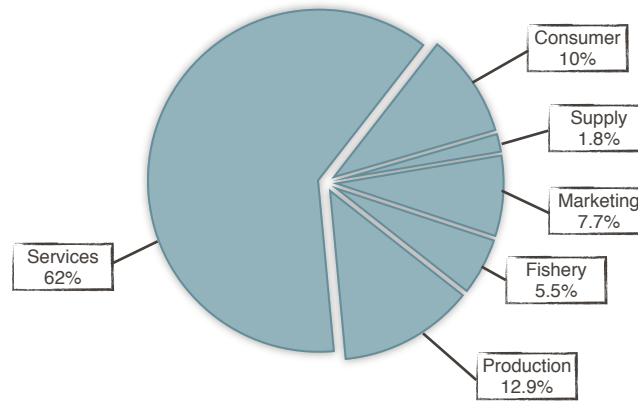
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In Nova Scotia there are **271** co-operatives and **31** credit unions

An average of 24 co-operatives are incorporated per year

Types of NS Non-financial Co-operatives



2005

Co-operatives had 40,000 memberships and 3,359 employees

Total sales revenues = \$728.4 million
Total assets = \$352.4

The average number of years in business for both non-financial co-ops & credit unions is 27 years

For credits unions the average is 64 years

For non-financial co-ops the average is 22 years

2005

NS Credit Unions

Total assets = \$1,389 million
Total revenues = \$97 million

Memberships = 168,000
Employees = 900+

Reference information for provincial fact sheets can be found at:
<http://www.msvu.ca/socialeconomyatlantic/English/documentsE.asp>
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