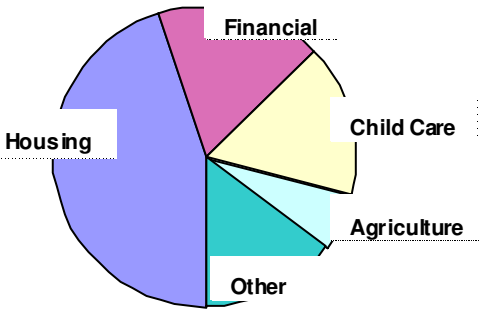




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## KEY NUMBERS FROM THE FIRST-EVER COMPREHENSIVE CENSUS OF ONTARIO CO-OPERATIVES AND CREDIT UNIONS (2007)

A quick snapshot of Ontario's co-operative sector

Item	Notes
<p><b>1,300 CO-OPERATIVES IN ONTARIO</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes all co-operatives, credit unions and caisses populaires operating in Ontario under the province's Co-operative Corporations Act (CCA act), or federal co-operatives (operating under the Federal Cooperatives Act) who carry on some of their business Ontario.</li> <li>○ Does not include federal co-ops which do not operate in Ontario.</li> <li>○ Does not include "co-op-like" organizations even though they may operate according to co-op principles or philosophies, since they could potentially change their business model.</li> <li>○ Does not include mutuals.</li> <li>○ When branch/secondary offices are included, there are more than 1900 co-op locations in Ontario, in more than 400 communities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KEY SECTORS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housing – 45% of all Ontario co-ops (587 co-ops)</li> <li>○ Financial services – 17% (226 co-ops)</li> <li>○ Child Care – 17% (216 co-ops)</li> <li>○ Agriculture – 6% (77 co-ops)</li> <li>○ "Other" – 15% (194 co-ops)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "Financial services" includes credit unions, caisses populaires and co-op insurance companies.</li> <li>○ "Other" includes energy, communications, retail, wholesale and miscellaneous sectors.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Asset size – \$30 billion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$30 billion is a very conservative extrapolation of the data. The Ontario credit union system alone reports about \$26 billion in assets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PAID STAFF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 15,500 employees</li> <li>○ 76% full time; 24% part time</li> <li>○ 13,550 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)</li> <li>○ More than 70% of all co-ops have less than 5 paid staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paid staff does not include contract workers.</li> <li>○ FTE is based on 35 hour work week.</li> <li>○ 6% of co-ops have between 25-99 paid staff</li> <li>○ 2% of co-ops have 100+ paid staff</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A combined membership in excess of one million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Survey data indicates a very conservative 1.4 million members.</li> </ul>

<p><b>FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 77% of co-ops belong to a federation or association</li> <li>○ 3% of all co-ops are federations or associations</li> </ul>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Region</th> <th>Percentage</th> <th>Number of Co-ops</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>central</td> <td>50%</td> <td>643</td> </tr> <tr> <td>southwestern</td> <td>25%</td> <td>325</td> </tr> <tr> <td>eastern</td> <td>15%</td> <td>201</td> </tr> <tr> <td>northern</td> <td>10%</td> <td>133</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Region	Percentage	Number of Co-ops	central	50%	643	southwestern	25%	325	eastern	15%	201	northern	10%	133
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<p><b>GEOGRAPHICAL BREAK DOWN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50% of all co-ops located in central Ontario</li> <li>○ 25% in south-western Ontario</li> <li>○ 15% in eastern Ontario</li> <li>○ 11% in northern Ontario</li> </ul>																
<p><b>REGION SERVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 78% of Ontario's co-ops serve a building, town or city</li> <li>○ 11% serve a larger region of the province</li> <li>○ 3% serve all of Ontario</li> <li>○ 5% serve more than one province</li> </ul>																
<p><b>VOLUNTEERS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 49,000 volunteers</li> <li>○ 10,000 board members</li> <li>○ The mean number of directors at each co-op varies from 7-8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 49,000 includes board members.</li> <li>○ 91% of Child Care Co-ops and 90% of Housing Co-ops <b>require</b> their members to volunteer (19% for Financial Co-ops, 22% for "Other").</li> <li>○ 97% of Child Care Co-ops and 93% of Housing Co-ops involve volunteers in their activities (40% for Financial Co-ops, 44% for "Other").</li> </ul>															
<p><b>GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 20% experienced an increase</li> <li>○ 64% had no change</li> <li>○ 16% had a decrease</li> </ul>																

### ABOUT THE ONTARIO CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION...

The Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op) is a resource and common voice for Ontario credit unions and co-operatives in the areas of co-operative development, government relations, membership and communications and lifelong co-operative learning. On Co-op's mission is to lead, cultivate and connect the co-operative sector.

### ABOUT THE CENSUS...

The 2007 Census was the first comprehensive survey of Ontario's co-operatives (including credit unions and caisses populaires) ever undertaken. Its goal was to create a data set to indicate the size and scope of Ontario's co-operative sector, as well as gather information on a set of related issues such as the challenges that these organizations experience. The research builds upon existing work: the 2002 National Survey of Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations, which mapped the size and scope of the non-profit and voluntary organizations in Canada. It also leverages the work done by On Co-op in 2002 as part of its efforts to produce a map of Ontario's co-operative. Specially trained On Co-op staff researched and implemented the census. Data analysis provided by Imagine Canada, as part of a research alliance with the Social Economy Centre of OISE/University of Toronto.