

“a compelling picture of the size and impact of the co-op and credit union sectors in Ontario.”

Overview

Mapping the Ontario Co-operative and Credit Union Sector

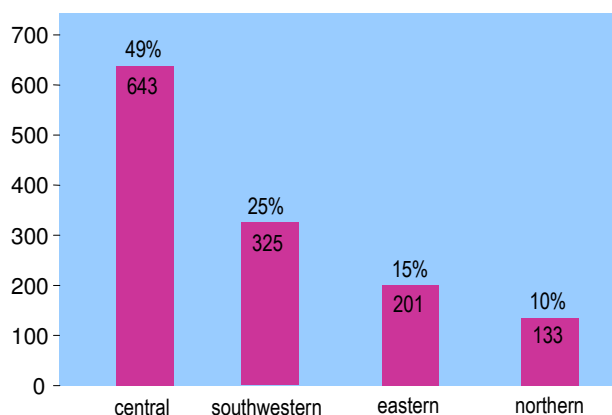
BACKGROUND

In 2007, the Ontario Co-operative Association launched the first-ever survey and census of the co-operative sector in Ontario. The questionnaire was designed to gather the most basic census information on co-ops, as well as to gauge the sector on current issues and challenges.

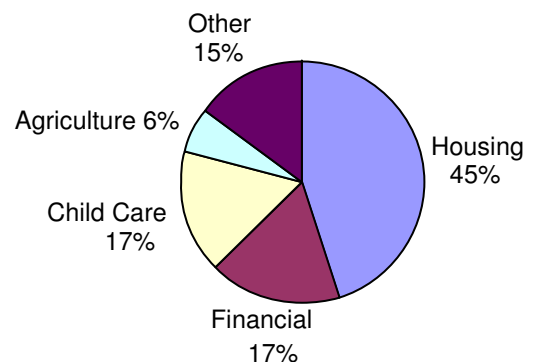
HERE'S SOME OF WHAT WE KNOW

- There are over 1300 co-operatives, credit unions and caisses populaires incorporated and operating in Ontario.
- The co-operative sector in Ontario represents \$30 Billion in assets.
- Ontario Co-ops employ and provide benefits to 16,500 people (greater than the total number of Ontarians employed in production of goods).
- 1.4 million Ontarians are members of a co-operative, credit union or caisse populaire (more than 10% of population)
- Co-ops rely on a volunteer base of over 49,000 individuals.
- Ontario's Co-ops are governed by 10,000 board members.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF CO-OPERATIVE, CREDIT UNION & CAISSE POPULAIRE HEAD OFFICES ACROSS ONTARIO



Breakdown of Key Sectors Across Ontario



Snapshot

20% of co-ops experienced an increase in membership over the last three years. **64%** saw membership stay about the same, **16%** experienced a decrease.

78% of all co-ops do not compensate their board members, while the remaining **22%** do.

60% of all co-ops received funding from other organizations such as government, foundations or other corporations. **40%** did not receive additional funding

39% of all co-ops saw total revenue increases in the last three years. **44%** saw revenue stay about the same, **16%** experienced a revenue decrease.