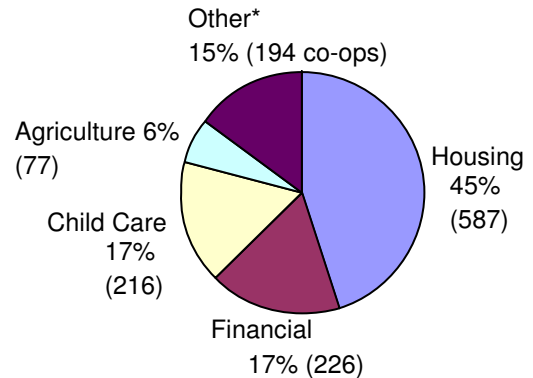


A CO-OPERATIVE IS an internationally-recognized business enterprise, with similarities to both not-for-profit organizations and private businesses. More than 800 million people worldwide are involved in co-operatives.

The co-op business model is more than 160 years old. It is flexible, responsible and dynamic, and can be used in virtually all business scenarios... from housing to renewable energy.

Co-ops are member-owned, democratically controlled, business enterprises that operate on the principle of one member, one vote, regardless of the amount of investment.

KEY CO-OP SECTORS IN ONTARIO



ONTARIO CO-OPERATIVES - QUICK FACTS

- **LOCATIONS:** Over 1300 incorporated co-operatives, credit unions and caisse populaires, operating 1900 locations in 400 Ontario communities.
- **ASSETS:** More than \$30 Billion.
- **EMPLOYEES:** More than 15,500 people (full-time equivalent).
- **MEMBERS:** More than 1.4 million Ontarians
- **VOLUNTEERS:** 49,000 individuals, including 10,000 board members.
- **REGIONS:** 78% of co-ops serve a town or city; 11% serve a larger region; 3% serve all of Ontario and 5% serve more than one province.

IN BRIEF...

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.

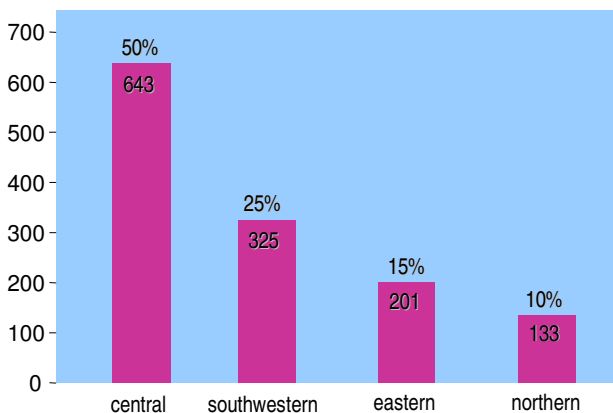
60% of all co-ops received funding from other organizations such as government, foundations or other corporations.

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.

77% of all co-ops belong to a federation or association. **3%** of all co-ops are federations or associations.

LOCATION OF CO-OPERATIVE, CREDIT UNION & CAISSE POPULAIRE HEAD OFFICES



*Co-op enterprises operate in almost every sector of the Ontario economy. **"OTHER" CO-OP TYPES** include: funeral, renewable energy, social, natural resources, retail, CED, education, organics, media, arts, and transportation.

Information and statistics based on 2007 Census of Ontario Co-operatives and Credit Unions.

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For a searchable database of all co-operative locations in Ontario, visit www.coopsontario.com.

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