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FOREWORD

Co-operatives in Canada in 2012 is an annual publication that provides national baseline data on the co-operatives sector. The Government of Canada has been collecting and publishing this data since the 1930s.

Cooperatives in Canada in 2012 is the 79th edition and is based on unweighted data gathered from the *2012 and 2011 Annual Surveys of Canadian Co-operatives* that are coordinated by the Co-operatives Policy Unit in the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. Data from 5,043 incorporated co-operatives was collected through the survey process, including estimates for co-operatives that submitted a response to the 2011 survey and were in operation in 2012 but did not submit a complete response to the 2012 survey.

Of note, co-operative businesses from every province and territory of Canada, excluding Quebec, participated in the 2012 Annual Survey. For Quebec, the provincial government has moved to the bi-annual collection of data on its non-financial co-operatives, and there is no available aggregate data on the province's non-financial co-operatives for the 2012 survey year. To ensure the greatest possible accuracy, and to provide national level data tables, the Quebec data shown in this report is from 2011.

The *Co-operatives in Canada in 2012* publication classifies co-operative businesses using the [North American Industry Classification System \(NAICS\)](#). This enables direct comparison of the co-operative sector with other sectors across the Canadian economy as well as sectors in the United States and Mexico who use NAICS to classify their industries.

The government would like to thank all of the co-operatives in Canada that responded to the 2011 and 2012 Annual Surveys and contributed to the data in this report. In addition, we would like to thank Quebec's Ministry of the Economy, Science and Innovation and Service Nova Scotia for their provincial contributions.

A NOTE ON FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL CO-OPERATIVES

In Canada, co-operatives are generally categorized as financial or non-financial co-operatives. Financial co-operatives consist of deposit-taking credit unions and *caisses populaires*, as well as mutuals involved in life, property and casualty insurance. At the federal level, these co-operatives are subject to the *Co-operative Credit Associations Act*, the *Bank Act* and the *Insurance Companies Act*, under the authority of the federal Minister of Finance. Since 1986, statistics on these co-operatives have been collected by Statistics Canada, and they have not been included in the *Annual Survey of Canadian Co-operatives*. As a result, no financial co-operatives are included in this publication. A number of Canada's "non-financial" co-operatives have been coded as "Finance and Insurance" co-operatives. These co-operatives are not incorporated as financing institutions but are used by groups of people or businesses to serve as financial intermediaries and provide services such as small business loans.

Non-financial co-operatives generally consist of consumer, producer, worker or multi-stakeholder co-operatives and can be incorporated and regulated at the provincial, territorial or federal level. Federally incorporated co-ops are subject to the *Canada Cooperatives Act* under the mandate of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

A NOTE ON COMPARABILITY

For the purposes of this report, baseline statistics on co-operatives have been presented and no comparisons are made with other forms of corporations. Because the co-operative business model overlaps with other models, further analysis is needed to enable comparisons. For example, some co-operatives are also considered small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) because they fit the definition of having 1 to 499 paid employees and less than \$50 million in annual revenues. Similarly, an additional grouping of co-operatives also operate on a non-profit basis or have registered charity status with the Canada Revenue Agency; thus, they could further be compared to Not-For-Profit corporations and registered charities.

ABBREVIATIONS – PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

PROVINCE OR TERRITORY	ABBREVIATION
British Columbia	BC
Alberta	AB
Saskatchewan	SK
Manitoba	MB
Ontario	ON
Quebec	QC
New Brunswick	NB

PROVINCE OR TERRITORY	ABBREVIATION
Nova Scotia	NS
Prince Edward Island	PE
Newfoundland and Labrador	NL
Northwest Territories	NT
Nunavut	NU
Yukon	YT
Territories (NT+NU+YT) ¹	TE

¹ The Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon have been grouped under a category called "Territories" (TE) where required to preserve confidentiality of data collected due to the low numbers of co-ops present in those jurisdictions.

HIGHLIGHTS

NUMBER OF CO-OPERATIVES



In 2012, there were 7,906 co-operatives in Canada, spanning all provinces and territories. Of these, data from 5,043 (or 64%) co-operatives was collected from the 2012 *Annual Survey of Canadian Co-operatives*. This number includes estimates for co-operatives that submitted a response to the 2011 *Annual Survey of Canadian Co-operatives* and were in operation in 2012, but did not submit a complete response to the 2012 survey.

SIZE OF CO-OPERATIVES



In 2012, 49% of reporting co-operatives had no paid employees and were operating using volunteer resources, an equal percentage as 2011. These co-operatives generated the smallest share of business volume ² (2%), assets (11%), and memberships (3%). Compared to 2011, business volume and memberships remained unchanged in 2012, but there was a slight decrease in assets (1%).

Conversely, less than 0.01% of co-operatives were large enterprises (i.e., with 500 or more employees). Large co-operatives generated \$23.4 billion in business volume (59% of the total business volume), owned assets of \$11.4 billion (47% of the total assets) and employed approximately 31,700 employees (37% of total employment).

Of the remaining reporting co-operatives, 48% had 1-99 employees and 3% had 100-499 employees.³

TYPES OF CO-OPERATIVES



In 2012, 70% (or 3,514) of reporting co-operatives were member-owned consumer co-operatives and 16% (or 797) were member-owned producer co-operatives.

Excluding Quebec, 1,674 or 33% of all reporting co-operatives identified themselves as also operating as non-profits or as registered charities.

AGE OF CO-OPERATIVES



In 2012, 15% (or 750) of reporting co-operatives had been established over 40 or more years ago; almost half 52% (or 2,618) were established between 21 and 40 years ago.

² Business volume is the sum of sale revenues, service revenues, patronage income and other revenues.

³ Totals may not add up due to rounding to the nearest percentage point.

EMPLOYMENT



Reporting co-operatives in 2012 contributed over 86,272 full-time and part-time jobs to the Canadian labour market. This represents a 1.0% decrease from 2011.

In 2012, almost 78% of co-operative jobs were held within three sectors: Wholesale and Retail (41%), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (22%), and, Construction and Manufacturing (15%). From 2003 to 2012, the total number of people employed by reporting co-operatives decreased by 1%.

MEMBERSHIPS



Reporting co-operatives in 2012 had more than 7.9 million memberships⁴, a 1% increase from 2011. The overwhelming majority (6.2 million or 78%) of these memberships were within the Wholesale and Retail sectors.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



Non-financial co-operatives reported a total business volume of \$39.6 billion in 2012, a 3% increase from 2011. Three sectors generated 94% of the business volume: Wholesale and Retail (\$24.4 billion), Construction and Manufacturing (\$6.5 billion), and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (\$6.4 billion).

Reporting co-operatives held \$24.0 billion in assets in 2012. Three sectors owned 76% of all assets: Wholesale and Retail (\$12.3 billion), Real Estate (\$3.1 billion) and Construction and Manufacturing (\$2.8 billion).

In 2012, reporting co-operatives paid out \$607 million in patronage dividends to their members and communities. This represented a 33% decrease from 2011 that saw \$911 million returned to members.

GOVERNANCE AND VOLUNTEERS



In 2012, non-financial co-operatives, excluding those in Quebec⁵, reported 16,109 Board of Directors elected by their membership to help guide the co-operative's operations and make key business decisions for the viability of their organizations. Housing co-operatives had the highest number of Board of Directors (over 5,300), followed by Retail and Wholesale (1,900), and Health Care and Social Services (over 1,800).

In addition, there were over 26,500 volunteers involved in the day-to-day operations of co-operatives in 2012, excluding co-operatives in Quebec. Housing co-operatives account for 61% of the total volunteers likely due to their non-profit, social housing mandates.

⁴ The term "membership" is used as an individual or co-operative can be a member of more than one co-operative. Depending on the co-operative, a member can be an individual, a household of a housing unit, another co-operative or a federation of co-operatives, as examples.

⁵ The figure for Board of Directors and Volunteers does not include Quebec co-operatives as this question is not included in their aggregate dataset.

HOW WE DEFINE CO-OPERATIVES

A non-financial co-operative is a legally incorporated corporation that is owned by an association of persons seeking to satisfy common needs such as access to products or services, sale of their products or services, or employment.

In Canada, a co-operative must incorporate pursuant to a specific corporate statute at the provincial, territorial or federal level. These Acts govern all types of co-operatives, with the exception of financial co-operatives, which are governed by separate legislation. The nature of the co-operative business model and how they operate is largely defined by these Acts.

Whatever the governing Act may be, co-operatives share three common characteristics in areas of ownership, governance and distribution of profits.

OWNERSHIP

A co-operative is a business jointly owned by its members who use its products or services. In some cases, co-operatives can have members who do not use its services or products (e.g. support members, investor members).

GOVERNANCE

Co-operatives are democratically controlled businesses with the governing principle “one-member, one-vote”. This right is exercised at the co-operative’s annual general meeting (AGM), where members can vote directly for the board of directors. This democratic governance structure is reinforced by the co-operative’s by-laws and the legislation under which the co-operative is incorporated (provincial, territorial or federal).

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS

Any surplus generated by a co-operative is owned by the member-owners who can decide how to distribute it at the AGM: Decisions can be taken on whether to allocate either part or all of the surplus to the general reserve for future investments, or whether to distribute the profits to all the members in the form of patronage dividends based on the individual member’s usage of the co-operative over the past fiscal year.

Depending on the governing legislation, a co-operative may choose to operate on a non-profit basis and an additional small number of co-operatives are registered charities. In both instances, these co-operatives do not provide members with a patronage dividend, and all surpluses are directed eventually into their general reserve.

To learn more about co-operatives and find other resources and information, please visit the [Information Guide on Co-operatives](#) and the [Co-operatives Policy](#) website.

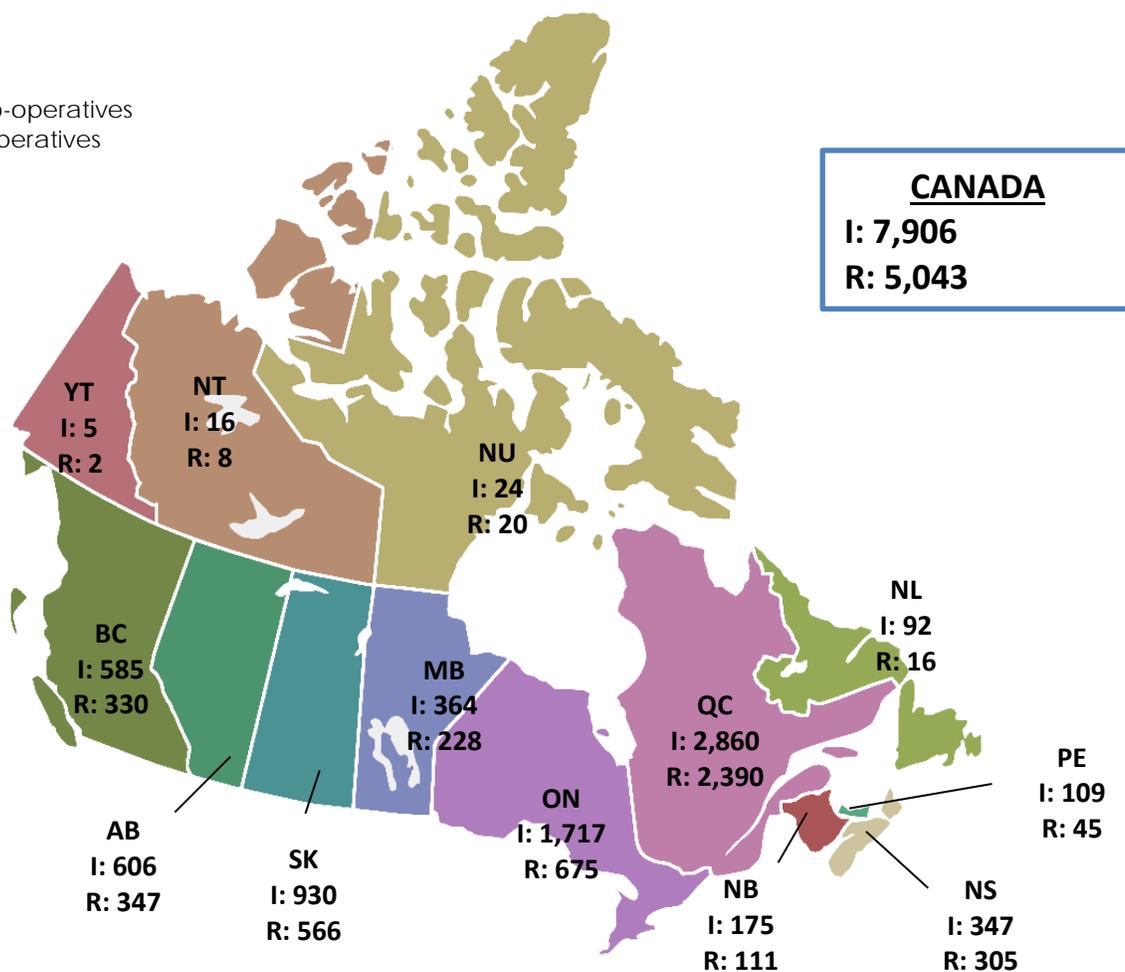
AN OVERVIEW OF 2012 REPORTING CO-OPERATIVES

DISTRIBUTION BY GEOGRAPHY

In 2012, there were 7,906 incorporated co-operatives⁶ registered under a federal, provincial or territorial co-operative Act. Quebec had the highest share of incorporated co-operatives (36%), followed by Ontario (22%) and Saskatchewan (12%). Of all the incorporated co-operatives in Canada, data from 64% (or 5,043) of reporting co-operatives was collected for the 2012 *Annual Survey of Canadian Co-operatives*.

Legend

I: Incorporated co-operatives
R: Reporting co-operatives



⁶ Data on incorporated co-operatives was provided by registrars and includes federally incorporated co-operatives.

TYPES OF CO-OPERATIVES

Co-operatives are generally categorized based on their relationship and benefit to the member: consumer, producer, worker, multi-stakeholder and federations.

In 2012, 70% (or 3,514) of reporting co-operatives were consumer co-operatives. These co-operatives provided products or services to their members (e.g., retail stores, housing, health care, social services).

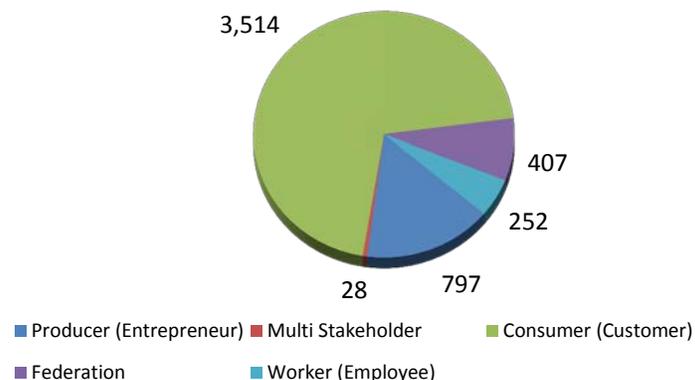
Sixteen percent (or 797) of reporting co-operatives in 2012 were producer co-operatives. They processed and marketed the goods or services produced by their members, and/or supplied products or services necessary to the members' professional activities (such as farmers, independent entrepreneurs, or artisans). Consumer and producer co-operatives demonstrate the beneficial economies of scale for which co-operatives are known; member-owners band together to purchase large quantities of inputs, or to sell large quantities of outputs jointly. Members benefit from lower prices (for consumer co-operatives) or higher prices (for producer co-operatives). Members also benefit from the infrastructure put in place by their co-operative (e.g., processing facilities for agricultural co-operatives).

Eight percent (or 407) of the reporting co-operatives in 2012 were a federation, a co-operative whose membership is composed substantially of other co-operatives generally operating within the same sector. For example, many provinces have a co-operative housing federation that provides services to housing co-operatives and, in turn there is the *Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada* that provides national-level services such as advocacy to support the provincial federations.

Five percent (or 252) of reporting co-operatives in 2012 were worker co-operatives. They provided employment for their members. In this type of co-operative, the employees are the members and the owners of the enterprise. Common forms include arts and entertainment, manufacturing, education and home care services. Two percent (or 90) of reporting co-operatives in 2012 were worker-shareholder co-operatives that are a form of worker co-operative found in Quebec. They are incorporated co-operatives that hold partial ownership of the business in which the co-op's members are employed and the co-op can participate in the management of the business.

Less than one percent (or 28) of reporting co-operatives in 2012 were multi-stakeholder co-operatives created to serve the needs of different stakeholder groups, such as employees, producers, consumers, clients, service providers, community residents and other interested individuals and organizations. Generally, common forms of multi-stakeholder co-operatives include health care, community economic development, home care and social co-operatives.

Figure 1: Co-operatives by Type, 2012

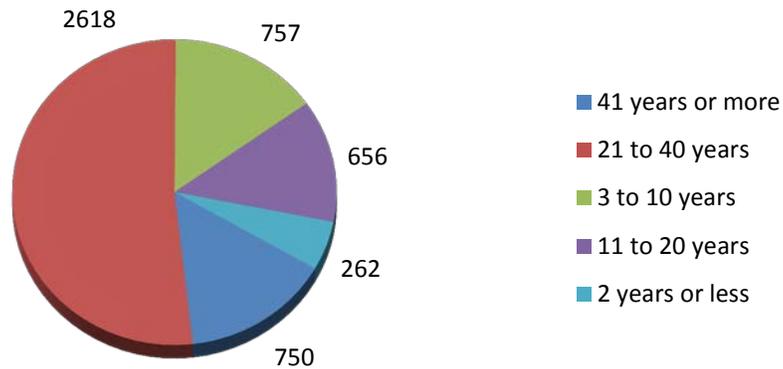


AGE OF CO-OPERATIVES

The survival rates of co-operatives are strong. Sixty-seven percent (or 2,777) of the reporting co-operatives in 2012 were incorporated over 20 years ago. Of these, 15% (or 750) were established over 40 or more years ago and almost half (2,618 or 52%) were established between 21 and 40 years ago.

A smaller proportion (15% or 757) of reporting co-operatives in 2012 were established between 3 to 10 years ago and 5% (or 262) were incorporated within 2 years or less.⁷

Figure 2: Distribution of Reporting Co-operative by Age, 2012



⁷ The number of new co-operatives is low in part because the *Annual Survey of Canadian Co-operatives* does not include co-operatives in their first year of operation.

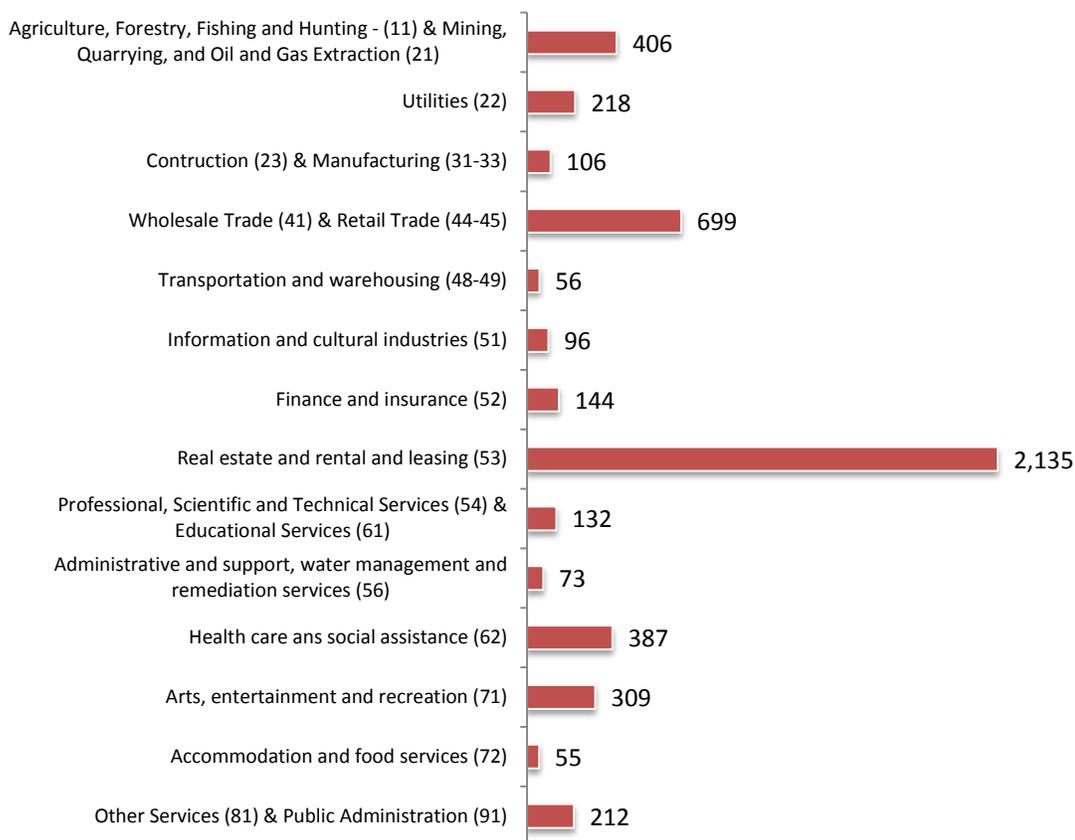
DISTRIBUTION BY INDUSTRY

TOTAL NUMBER OF CO-OPERATIVES BY INDUSTRY CODE⁸

Co-operatives in Canada are involved in a wide range of activities, from manufacturing and processing to housing, daycare and health care services in communities. They run entire regional wholesale and retailing systems that provide millions of goods and services to Canadians, and they are also involved in the provision of local community utilities such as gas, water and electricity.

In 2012, 42% (or 2,135) of all reporting co-operatives were classified under the Real Estate sector primarily as housing co-operatives. Wholesale and Retail were second (14%), followed by Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (8%), and Health Care and Social Assistance sectors (8%).

Figure 3: Total Number of Reporting Co-operatives by Industry Code, 2012



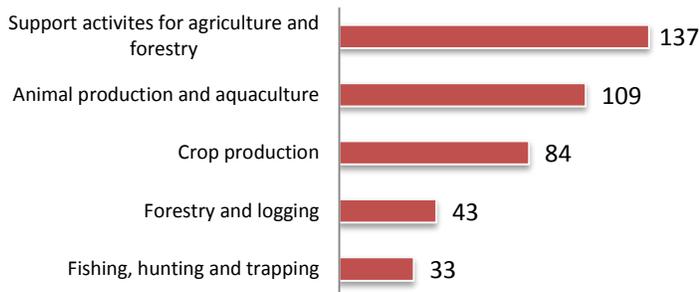
⁸ In this section, red figures represent reporting co-operatives by NAICS subsectors and blue figures represent business volume by province and territories.

OVERVIEW OF CO-OPERATIVES BY INDUSTRY CODES⁹

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

In 2012, there were 406 reporting co-operatives in the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting sector that contributed \$6.4 billion in business volume to the economy. The sector reported assets of \$2.5 billion and employed over 18,853 employees (second largest employers after Wholesale and Retail) and had over 70,903 members. This sector can be further distributed into five sub-sectors. Animal production and aquaculture is the largest sub-sector accounting for 28% of co-operatives in this industry. It primarily includes collective grazing management activities, as well as poultry and egg production, and livestock-rearing accounts. Agriculture and Forestry Support is the second largest sub-sector and primarily provides farmers with seed cleaning services. Crop production includes fruits and vegetables, honey and maple products, as well as grains and oilseeds. The last two sub-sectors include fishing, hunting and trapping, as well as forestry and logging.

Figure 4: Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting by Number of Reporting Co-ops, 2012



Quebec's 126 co-operatives contributed \$4.9 billion or 77% to the total business volume of the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting sector. This difference is largely attributed to the business activities of *La Coop Fédérée* that was the second largest non-financial co-op in Canada in 2012 and reported \$4.4 billion in total business volume. With over \$535 million in total business volume in this sector, Ontario co-operatives reported the second largest amount of business activity in this sector.

Figure 5: Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting by Business Volume (Millions), 2012



⁹ The "Suppressed data" series found within the red figures represents a NAICS sub-sector that was suppressed to preserve confidentiality.

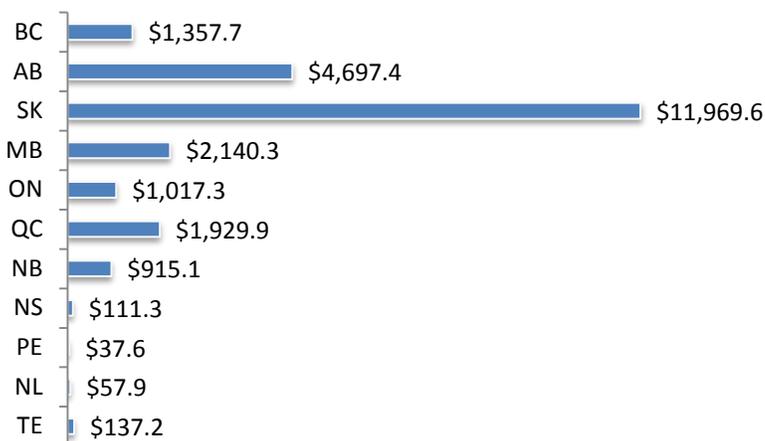
Wholesale and Retail Trade

Wholesale co-operatives mainly sell goods and provide services in bulk in order to reduce the overall costs to their members. Co-operatives in this sector play a large role in providing inputs such as fertilizer, gas, seeds, hardware and other bulk items to farmers. The Retail sector operates retail outlets to provide their consumer members with groceries, hardware, petroleum and other general merchandise. In 2012, 699 of reporting co-operatives operating in the two sectors generated the highest business volume of the co-operatives sectors at \$24.4 billion, and the highest assets at \$12.3 billion. Together, the sectors employed the most people, providing over 35,000 jobs and had the most members (6.1 million). The high membership is explained by the large number of retail enterprises that offer memberships to individual consumers.

Figure 6: Wholesale and Retail Trade by number of Reporting Co-operatives, 2012



Figure 7: Wholesale and Retail Trade by Business Volume (Millions), 2012



The largest sub-sector within Wholesale and Retail was food and beverage stores. These consisted of specialty food stores including bakeries, organic food stores and farmers' markets, as well as grocery stores. Together, they made up 40% of all co-operatives within Wholesale and Retail. General merchandise stores consisted of retail outlets trading in a wide range of goods from automotive to home merchandise.

Saskatchewan alone contributed the highest business volume (\$11.9 billion) to Retail Trade, with Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL) contributing \$8.8 billion in business volume.

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing

Co-operatives operating in the Real Estate, Rental and Leasing industry are primarily non-profit housing co-operatives (93%) associated with a social housing program with a small percentage (3%) of co-operatives operating in the rental and leasing sub-sector. Co-operatives in this sub-sector rented or leased farm equipment and machinery to members.

Members of housing co-operatives are entitled to a number of benefits, such as affordable housing with rents that increase only when operating costs increase, the right to vote on important decisions, and security. The mission of these co-operatives is to help members find suitable housing based on their income.

In 2012, reporting co-operatives in the Real Estate sector generated \$854 million in business volume and owned the second highest assets at \$4.2 billion. It had over 105,300 members and employed over 1,300 people. At 2,135 or 42% of co-operatives, the Real Estate sector had the most co-operatives of any sector.

Figure 8: Real Estate, Rental and Leasing by Business Volume (Millions), 2012



Health Care and Social Assistance

Health Care and Social Assistance co-operatives fell into three NAICS subsectors, namely ambulatory health care services (12%), nursing and residential care facilities (3%), and social assistance (76%).¹⁰ Social Assistance co-operatives provide services to individuals and families, including counselling, employment support, and services to individuals who face multiple barriers to employment, as well as child day-care services. Co-operatives in ambulatory health care services provide direct or indirect health care services to outpatients and include community health clinics, ambulance services and home health care.

Figure 9: Health Care and Social Assistance by Business Volume (Millions), 2012



In 2012, the 387 reporting co-operatives within the sector generated a business volume of \$251 million, and owned assets valued at \$57 million. They employed over 5,000 people and had a membership that stood at close to 161,000.

With 121 reporting co-operatives in 2012, Ontario held the highest proportion of Health Care and Social Assistance co-operatives.

¹⁰ Percentages may not add up due to NAICS sub-sectors that were suppressed to preserve confidentiality.

Annexes

Annex A: Detailed Data Tables

TABLE 1: OVERVIEW OF CO-OPERATIVES BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES, 2003 - 2012

Number of Reporting Co-operatives												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2012	330	347	566	228	675	2,390	111	305	45	16	30	5,043
2011	338	415	611	246	736	2,390	108	303	58	18	29	5,251
2010	302	413	579	224	710	2,379	101	284	54	19	5	5,094
2009	392	469	763	255	900	2,315	135	285	61	30	35	5,642
2008	391	480	809	264	918	2 271	136	277	62	34	39	5,686
2007	390	482	840	269	950	2 294	139	285	64	34	39	5,795
2006	380	466	854	264	939	2 293	139	279	60	36	37	5,751
2005	385	440	842	267	963	2 258	139	272	62	43	35	5,710
2004	398	443	878	277	945	2 225	142	256	61	57	35	5,780
2003	403	485	917	281	925	2 153	136	215	59	60	34	5,732

Business volume (in Millions of Dollars)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2012	1,541	5,169	12,206	2,678	2,790	12,986	1,030	744	264	84	139	39,631
2011	1,425	5,201	11,494	2,501	2,759	12,986	990	815	258	91	137	38,657
2010	1,266	4,331	9,794	1,971	2,356	11,979	955	791	228	74	49	33,925
2009	1,285	4,558	9,512	2,082	2,478	11,619	1,085	778	219	76	154	33,853
2008	1,205	5,213	11,419	2,142	2,390	11,091	1,043	766	229	67	161	35,728
2007	1,223	4,600	8,361	1,788	2,355	10,177	1,035	738	237	63	153	30,804
2006	1,145	4,087	7,670	1,799	2,415	9,323	1,081	734	220	86	148	28,794
2005	1,132	4,131	6,808	1,712	2,392	9,073	1,171	728	229	124	109	27,686
2004	1,119	4,128	7,486	1,639	2,233	8,515	1,196	723	223	123	102	27,561
2003	1,058	3,924	6,765	1,609	2,197	8,153	1,141	708	213	125	97	26,067

Assets (in Millions of Dollars)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2012	1,478	2,698	7,746	1,302	3,110	6,598	326	434	114	40	146	23,992
2011	1,473	2,815	6,452	1,182	3,310	6,598	322	530	115	42	133	22,970
2010	1,361	2,583	5,395	1,003	3,187	6,055	318	488	98	38	27	20,685
2009	1,438	2,775	5,136	1,035	4,008	5,719	344	398	95	44	135	21,117
2008	1,400	2,635	5,036	968	4,161	5,449	341	391	90	41	144	20,653
2007	1,392	2,451	4,351	878	4,076	5,048	378	377	88	41	137	19,256
2006	1,377	2,185	3,791	876	4,107	4,796	381	362	88	50	134	18,417
2005	1,373	2,088	3,294	848	4,166	4,633	418	353	83	58	116	17,699
2004	1,462	2,067	3,670	803	4,068	4,145	484	339	83	74	108	17,574
2003	1,428	1,963	3,192	769	4,023	4,030	465	328	89	72	97	16,727

Members (in Thousands)												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2012	4,187	1,091	531	490	152	1,253	81	48	18	37	15	7,903
2011	3,993	1,211	510	469	171	1,253	84	45	18	41	15	7,809
2010	3,698	1,185	484	426	144	1,250	89	44	17	39	6	7,398
2009	3,467	1,189	586	433	158	1,186	96	50	21	31	21	7,239
2008	3,219	1,188	572	413	169	1,152	94	47	21	30	21	6,925
2007	2,909	1,175	560	376	180	1,126	193	46	24	28	20	6,647
2006	2,691	1,136	554	345	184	1,070	187	45	25	41	20	6,340
2005	2,471	1,074	467	328	179	1,026	171	40	24	45	17	5,886
2004	2,346	990	507	314	176	978	157	38	24	45	17	5,635
2003	2,149	1,005	545	296	177	907	70	36	20	41	14	5,304

Employees												
	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE	TOTAL
2012	4,394	8,528	11,906	4,331	5,367	43,902	2,176	3,101	1,248	560	759	86,272
2011	4,378	9,305	14,443	4,289	5,676	43,902	2,282	3,216	1,211	599	770	90,070
2010	4,149	8,563	11,191	4,119	5,524	44,898	3,113	3,270	1,033	335	216	87,963
2009	3,779	9,925	11,439	4,149	5,639	42,739	3,169	3,170	1,056	897	1,745	87,735
2008	4,013	9,737	11,089	3,826	5,881	42,734	3,216	3,775	1,058	802	1,791	87,918
2007	4,429	9,315	10,796	3,497	5,750	43,054	3,704	3,531	919	822	1,686	87,620
2006	4,368	9,319	10,352	3,837	5,635	42,960	3,690	3,463	912	980	1,663	87,172
2005	4,636	9,338	9,955	4,027	5,676	43,013	3,729	3,360	1,161	1,121	1,589	87,600
2004	4,162	11,388	11,680	4,047	5,571	36,911	3,717	3,370	1,214	1,422	1,665	85,147
2003	4,224	11,330	12,046	4,048	5,442	36,894	3,417	3,293	1,381	1,402	614	84,097

TABLE 2: TRENDS BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES, 2007 – 2012

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Canada	Number of co-ops reporting	5,686	5,642	5,094	5,251	5,043
	Business volume in millions of dollars	35,728	33,853	33,925	38,657	39,631
	Number of members in thousands	6,925	7,239	7,398	7,809	7,903
	Number of employees	87,918	87,735	87,963	90,070	81,941
	Assets in millions of dollars	20,653	21,117	20,685	22,970	23,992
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	11,614	11,547	10,798	11,871	11,952
	Equity in millions of dollars	9,038	9,570	9,883	11,108	12,038
British Columbia	Number of co-ops reporting	392	393	301	338	330
	Business volume in millions of dollars	1,205	1,285	1,265	1,425	1,541
	Number of members in thousands	3,219	3,467	3,698	3,993	4,187
	Number of employees	4,013	3,778	4,149	4,378	4,394
	Assets in millions of dollars	1,400	1,438	1,359	1,473	1,478
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	911	913	822	871	830
	Equity in millions of dollars	489	526	537	603	647
Alberta	Number of co-ops reporting	478	465	411	415	347
	Business volume in millions of dollars	5,212	4,558	4,330	5,201	5,169
	Number of members in thousands	1,188	1,188	1,184	1,211	1,091
	Number of employees	9,732	9,918	8,555	9,305	8,528
	Assets in millions of dollars	2,632	2,763	2,581	2,815	2,698
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	1,040	1,129	1,034	1,152	1,112
	Equity in millions of dollars	1,592	1,633	1,547	1,667	1,585

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Saskatchewan	Number of co-ops reporting	811	767	579	611	566
	Business volume in millions of dollars	11,419	9,518	9,794	11,494	12,206
	Number of members in thousands	572	587	483	510	531
	Number of employees	11,089	11,456	11,191	14,443	11,906
	Assets in millions of dollars	5,036	5,138	5,395	6,452	7,746
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	1,890	1,734	1,810	2,314	2,751
	Equity in millions of dollars	3,146	3,405	3,585	4,141	4,995
Manitoba	Number of co-ops reporting	264	255	224	245	228
	Business volume in millions of dollars	2,142	2,082	1,971	2,501	2,678
	Number of members in thousands	413	433	426	469	490
	Number of employees	3,826	4,149	4,119	4,288	4,331
	Assets in millions of dollars	968	1,035	1,003	1,182	1,302
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	337	357	343	392	427
	Equity in millions of dollars	631	678	659	790	875
Ontario	Number of co-ops reporting	918	901	708	736	675
	Business volume in millions of dollars	2,390	2,478	2,356	2,759	2,790
	Number of members in thousands	168	158	143	171	152
	Number of employees	5,878	5,639	5,493	5,676	5,367
	Assets in millions of dollars	4,159	4,008	3,184	3,310	3,110
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	3,445	3,290	2,464	2,517	2,299
	Equity in millions of dollars	714	718	720	793	811

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Quebec	Number of co-ops reporting	2,271	2,315	2,379	2,390	2,390
	Business volume in millions of dollars	11,091	11,619	11,979	12,986	12,986
	Number of members in thousands	1,152	1,186	1,250	1,253	1,253
	Number of employees	42,734	42,739	44,898	43,902	43,902
	Assets in millions of dollars	5,449	5,719	6,055	6,598	6,598
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	3,344	3,479	3,608	3,904	3,904
	Equity in millions of dollars	2,105	2,241	2,413	2,694	2,694
New Brunswick	Number of co-ops reporting	135	133	101	108	111
	Business volume in millions of dollars	1,043	1,085	955	990	1,030
	Number of members in thousands	94	96	89	84	81
	Number of employees	3,216	3,167	3,113	2,282	2,176
	Assets in millions of dollars	341	344	318	322	326
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	221	222	207	213	215
	Equity in millions of dollars	120	122	111	109	110
Nova Scotia	Number of co-ops reporting	282	288	284	303	305
	Business volume in millions of dollars	769	780	791	815	744
	Number of members in thousands	48	51	44	45	48
	Number of employees	3,781	3,195	3,270	3,216	3,101
	Assets in millions of dollars	393	398	488	530	434
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	265	267	342	358	262
	Equity in millions of dollars	128	131	147	174	171

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Prince Edward Island	Number of co-ops reporting	63	61	54	58	45
	Business volume in millions of dollars	229	219	228	258	264
	Number of members in thousands	21	21	17	18	18
	Number of employees	1,058	1,054	1,033	1,211	1,248
	Assets in millions of dollars	90	95	98	115	114
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	45	46	47	64	61
	Equity in millions of dollars	45	49	51	51	53
Newfoundland	Number of co-ops reporting	33	29	19	18	16
	Business volume in millions of dollars	67	76	74	91	84
	Number of members in thousands	30	31	39	41	37
	Number of employees	800	895	335	599	560
	Assets in millions of dollars	41	44	38	42	40
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	25	27	16	18	18
	Equity in millions of dollars	16	16	22	23	23
Territories	Number of co-ops reporting	39	35	34	29	30
	Business volume in millions of dollars	161	154	183	137	139
	Number of members in thousands	21	21	24	15	15
	Number of employees	1,791	1,745	1,807	770	759
	Assets in millions of dollars	144	135	167	133	146
	Liabilities in millions of dollars	92	84	93	69	72
	Equity in millions of dollars	51	51	74	64	73

TABLE 3: COMPARISON OF CO-OPERATIVES (AVERAGE) BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES, 2011 – 2012

	2011	2012	
Canada	Total Number of co-op reporting	5,252	5,043
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative(Canada)	7,360,466	7,858,711
	Total Number of Members(Canada)	1,487	1,567
	Total Number of Employees(Canada)	17	17
	Assets (\$) per co-operative(Canada)	4,373,656	4,757,464
	Liabilities (\$) per co-operative(Canada)	2,260,246	2,370,039
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	2,115,139	2,386,952
British Columbia	Number of Reporting Co-ops	338	330
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	4,216,684	4,670,893
	Number of members per co-operative	11,814	12,688
	Number of employees per co-operative	13	13
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	4,358,785	4,477,316
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	2,575,715	2,515,947
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	1,783,060	1,961,382
Alberta	Number of Reporting Co-ops	415	347
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	12,533,660	14,895,915
	Number of members per co-operative	2,918	3,144
	Number of employees per co-operative	22	25
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	6,782,434	7,774,525
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	2,774,859	3,205,508
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	4,017,584	4,568,758

	2011	2012	
Saskatchewan	Number of Reporting Co-ops	611	566
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	18,811,047	21,565,016
	Number of members per co-operative	834	938
	Number of employees per co-operative	24	21
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	10,559,007	13,686,153
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	3,786,823	4,859,823
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	6,777,820	8,825,856
Manitoba	Number of Reporting Co-ops	246	228
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	10,167,382	11,745,864
	Number of members per co-operative	1,908	2,150
	Number of employees per co-operative	17	19
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	4,804,764	5,710,269
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	1,593,519	1,871,918
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	3,211,322	3,838,351
Ontario	Number of Reporting Co-ops	736	675
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	3,748,264	4,133,891
	Number of members per co-operative	232	225
	Number of employees per co-operative	8	8
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	4,496,835	4,607,806
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	3,419,349	3,406,346
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	1,077,339	1,201,295

	2011	2012	
Quebec	Number of Reporting Co-ops	2,390	2,390
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	5,433,388	5,433,388
	Number of members per co-operative	524	524
	Number of employees per co-operative	18	18
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	2,760,702	2,760,702
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	1,633,588	1,633,588
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	1,127,111	1,127,111
New Brunswick	Number of Reporting Co-ops	108	111
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	9,166,456	9,277,791
	Number of members per co-operative	775	733
	Number of employees per co-operative	21	20
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	2,980,456	2,933,167
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	1,971,780	1,940,399
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	1,008,667	992,767
Nova Scotia	Number of Reporting Co-ops	303	305
	Business volume (\$) per co-operative	2,691,062	2,440,322
	Number of members per co-operative	149	158
	Number of employees per co-operative	11	10
	Assets(\$) per co-operative	1,748,271	1,424,151
	Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	1,180,839	858,626
	Equity (\$) per co-operative	572,614	559,253

	2011	2012
Prince Edward Island		
Number of Reporting Co-ops	58	45
Business volume (\$) per co-operative	4,442,087	5,872,159
Number of members per co-operative	313	390
Number of employees per co-operative	21	28
Assets(\$) per co-operative	1,978,800	2,530,056
Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	1,104,565	1,354,832
Equity (\$) per co-operative	874,235	1,175,212
Newfoundland and Labrador		
Number of Reporting Co-ops	18	16
Business volume (\$) per co-operative	5,076,979	5,254,913
Number of members per co-operative	2,259	2,341
Number of employees per co-operative	33	35
Assets(\$) per co-operative	2,308,186	2,527,597
Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	1,009,089	1,116,706
Equity (\$) per co-operative	1,299,097	1,410,891
Territories		
Number of Reporting Co-ops	29	30
Business volume (\$) per co-operative	4,717,839	4,623,835
Number of members per co-operative	506	497
Number of employees per co-operative	27	25
Assets(\$) per co-operative	4,594,948	4,857,556
Liabilities(\$) per co-operative	2,379,635	2,413,912
Equity (\$) per co-operative	2,215,314	2,443,644

TABLE 4: BUSINESS VOLUME OF CO-OPERATIVES (MILLIONS) BY NAICS AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES, 2012¹¹

	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11 & Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction - 21	6,375.6	30.9	134.9	78.9	443.9	552.0	4,934.6	6.7	85.7	83.4	24.5	..
Utilities - 22	237.0	0.1	157.6	0.3	10.1	41.6	14.9	12.1	0.1	0.0	..	..
Construction – 23 & Manufacturing – 31-33	6,525.7	0.1	70.9	14.4	0.1	690.1	5,084.9	77.5	450.3	137.5	..	..
Wholesale Trade – 41 & Retail Trade – 44-45	24,371.3	1,357.7	4,697.4	11,969.6	2,140.3	1,017.4	1,929.9	915.1	111.3	37.6	57.9	137.2
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	112.3	5.4	18.8	0.7	2.7	1.1	82.7	..	0.9	..	..	..
Information and cultural industries - 51	245.3	0.5	0.2	75.3	27.4	36.6	52.6	1.6	51.1	..	..	..
Finance and insurance - 52	26.2	2.7	11.4	1.2	3.4	4.9	..	0.4	2.0	..	0.2	..
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	858.6	132.4	28.4	15.1	29.6	380.2	242.3	7.7	17.6	3.9	0.1	1.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services – 54 & Educational Services - 61	88.7	1.0	2.2	2.6	0.6	20.7	58.8	..	2.0	0.1	0.6	..
Administrative and support, water management and remediation services - 56	56.9	..	1.0	..	0.2	5.6	34.2	..	15.9	..	..	..
Health care and social assistance - 62	250.9	0.8	6.9	42.6	17.3	33.1	143.9	0.8	4.4	0.2	0.8	..
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	32.9	1.2	0.2	4.0	2.2	2.2	18.5	2.1	2.0	0.2	..	0.2
Accommodation and food services - 72	22.2	0.5	0.2	..	0.1	3.1	18.2	0.2	..	..	..	..
Other Services – 81 & Public Administration - 91	427.9	8.1	38.7	1.0	0.2	1.8	370.3	5.3	0.9	1.4	..	..
Total	39,631.5	1,541.4	5,168.9	12,205.8	2,678.1	2,790.4	12,985.8	1,029.8	744.3	264.2	84.1	138.7
X = suppressed data due to confidentiality .. = no reporting co-operatives Unknown NAICS = suppressed aggregate NAICS 2-digit data due to confidentiality												

¹¹ Totals may not add up due to rounding and data suppression.

TABLE 5: ASSETS OF CO-OPERATIVES (MILLIONS) BY NAICS AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES, 2012

	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11 & Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction - 21	2,450.4	90.2	124.5	46.7	77.7	280.1	1,728.1	3.3	53.7	28.1	17.9	..
Utilities - 22	567.9	0.1	442.2	1.1	69.0	35.2	15.7	4.4	0.3	..	..	..
Construction – 23 & Manufacturing – 31-33	2,814.6	0.1	126.0	4.0	..	358.0	2,050.8	34.9	184.2	56.6	..	..
Wholesale Trade – 41 & Retail Trade – 44-45	12,387.8	629.4	1,739.1	7,476.4	949.1	428.9	707.2	218.5	65.5	14.3	20.2	139.3
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	63.2	4.7	3.4	0.7	0.9	0.7	51.4	..	1.3	..	..	..
Information and cultural industries - 51	367.3	0.2	2.9	115.4	39.1	128.2	67.3	1.4	12.6	0.1	..	..
Finance and insurance - 52	199.8	9.8	89.4	27.7	43.5	19.5	..	0.3	9.1	..	0.4	..
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	4,212.0	719.7	114.4	32.5	108.6	1,798.3	1,315.5	28.8	78.6	8.7	0.5	6.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services – 54 & Educational Services - 61	104.9	6.4	2.9	1.2	0.3	36.6	54.4	0.5	1.6	..	1.1	..
Administrative and support, water management and remediation services - 56	28.5	..	0.4	..	1.0	0.3	23.1	..	3.6	..	..	..
Health care and social assistance - 62	185.4	1.3	7.3	24.8	8.4	11.2	127.8	0.5	3.5	0.5	0.3	..
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	83.4	8.0	0.3	12.0	3.2	2.5	37.4	3.0	16.8	0.1	..	..
Accommodation and food services - 72	18.7	1.9	1.4	..	0.5	1.5	13.4	..	..	..	..	..
Other Services – 81 & Public Administration - 91	507.9	5.7	43.7	3.8	0.5	9.1	406.0	30.1	3.4	5.5	..	..
Total	23,991.9	1,477.5	2,697.8	7,746.4	1,301.9	3,110.3	6,598.1	325.6	434.4	113.9	40.4	145.7
X = suppressed data due to confidentiality .. = no reporting co-operatives Unknown NAICS = suppressed aggregate NAICS 2-digit data due to confidentiality												

TABLE 6: MEMBERSHIP OF CO-OPERATIVES (THOUSANDS) BY NAICS AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES, 2012

	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11 & Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction - 21	70.9	4.4	24.5	18.2	3.0	4.8	11.3	1.0	2.2	0.5	0.9	..
Utilities - 22	113.5	..	95.4	0.4	1.6	4.7	6.0	5.1	0.3	..	..	..
Construction – 23 & Manufacturing – 31-33	34.8	..	3.0	0.5	..	5.0	20.1	0.5	4.3	1.3	..	..
Wholesale Trade – 41 & Retail Trade – 44-45	6,880.0	4,148.4	909.4	454.8	441.4	51.3	721.9	66.1	27.6	8.9	35.4	14.8
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	12.0	7.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	2.2	..	1.2	..	..	..
Information and cultural industries - 51	104.1	5.1	0.2	1.0	32.1	21.2	42.1	1.2	0.8	0.4	..	..
Finance and insurance - 52	16.7	0.4	3.3	8.7	0.2	0.5	..	0.1	3.1	..	0.5	..
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	107.1	16.2	3.5	1.1	3.2	46.5	32.8	0.9	2.0	0.8	0.0	0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services – 54 & Educational Services - 61	22.2	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	19.1	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	..
Administrative and support, water management and remediation services - 56	5.3	..	0.3	..	..	0.1	4.3	..	0.6	..	..	..
Health care and social assistance - 62	160.9	1.8	0.4	29.6	3.8	7.8	114.2	0.6	0.3	1.9	0.4	..
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	37.9	1.1	0.3	12.1	4.3	1.3	14.0	2.7	2.0	0.1	..	..
Accommodation and food services - 72	10.9	0.1	0.1	..	0.2	0.5	10.1	..	..	..	..	..
Other Services – 81 & Public Administration - 91	326.1	1.4	50.1	3.8	0.1	6.9	254.5	2.8	3.0	3.6
Total	7,902.4	4,186.9	1,090.9	530.7	490.1	151.8	1,252.6	81.4	48.1	17.5	37.4	14.9
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TABLE 7: EMPLOYMENT OF CO-OPERATIVES BY NAICS AND PROVINCE AND TERRITORIES, 2012

	Canada	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	TE
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting - 11	18,853.0	981.0	371.0	86.0	611.0	890.0	14,290.0	156.0	575.0	609.0	284.0	..
Utilities - 22	675.0	1.0	491.0	2.0	40.0	28.0	21.0	86.0	6.0	..	..	..
Construction – 23 and Manufacturing – 31-33	13,678.0	4.0	138.0	2.0	3.0	850.0	10,627.0	248.0	1,458.0	348.0	..	..
Wholesale Trade – 41 and Retail Trade – 44-45	35,090.0	3,123.0	7,064.0	10,223.0	2,828.0	1,254.0	7,394.0	1,542.0	475.0	198.0	231.0	758.0
Transportation and Warehousing - 48-49	1,083.0	32.0	81.0	19.0	14.0	9.0	910.0	..	18.0	..	..	..
Information and cultural industries - 51	918.0	7.0	2.0	224.0	155.0	172.0	308.0	20.0	30.0	..	..	..
Finance and insurance - 52	624.0	44.0	42.0	151.0	27.0	323.0	..	5.0	17.0	..	15.0	..
Real estate and rental and leasing - 53	1,361.0	95.0	60.0	42.0	82.0	765.0	231.0	7.0	25.0	54.0	..	..
Professional, scientific and technical Services – 54 and Educational Services - 61	1,270.0	16.0	10.0	25.0	4.0	97.0	1,058.0	2.0	49.0	3.0	6.0	..
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services - 56	1,068.0	..	4.0	..	3.0	19.0	822.0	..	220.0	..	..	..
Health care and social assistance - 62	5,057.0	30.0	85.0	976.0	513.0	904.0	2,313.0	24.0	184.0	4.0	24.0	..
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 71	1,019.0	25.0	6.0	134.0	45.0	12.0	719.0	53.0	18.0	6.0	..	1.0
Accommodation and food services - 72	524.0	6.0	1.0	..	1.0	..	507.0	6.0	3.0	..	..	..
Other Services – 81 and Public administration - 91	5,052.0	30.0	173.0	22.0	5.0	44.0	4,702.0	27.0	23.0	26.0	..	..
Total	86,272.0	4,394.0	8,528.0	11,906.0	4,331.0	5,367.0	43,902.0	2,176.0	3,101.0	1,248.0	560.0	759.0
X = suppressed data due to confidentiality .. = no reporting co-operatives Unknown NAICS = suppressed aggregate NAICS 2-digit data due to confidentiality												