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Food Banks Finances in Canada

An examination of charities in Alberta

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Introduction

Poverty remains a serious problem for communities across Canada (National Advisory Council on Poverty, 2022). Typically, if the general population expects the federal, provincial and municipal governments to engage in welfare provisions and alleviate poverty, several solutions may be noted which fall outside of government initiatives. Food banks illustrate such an alternative strategy. They focus on one area connected to poverty, namely fighting food insecurity nationally. However, they are by no means a permanent solution to address hunger.

The purpose of this study is to examine the financial information of selected food banks registered charities in major Canadian cities, across Canadian provinces / territories, including their national / provincial associations. This is part of a mapping exercise to offer an overview of the situation and the ecosystem in the country (See Appendix A for a list of the research notes).

Overall, the study aims to better understand the philanthropic sector of food banks through the following research questions:

- 1) Who is the provincial food banks association in Alberta?
- 2) What are the food banks in major cities in Alberta?
- 3) How can we describe the food banks in major cities in Alberta?
- 4) What are the finances of the provincial association and food banks in major cities in Alberta?



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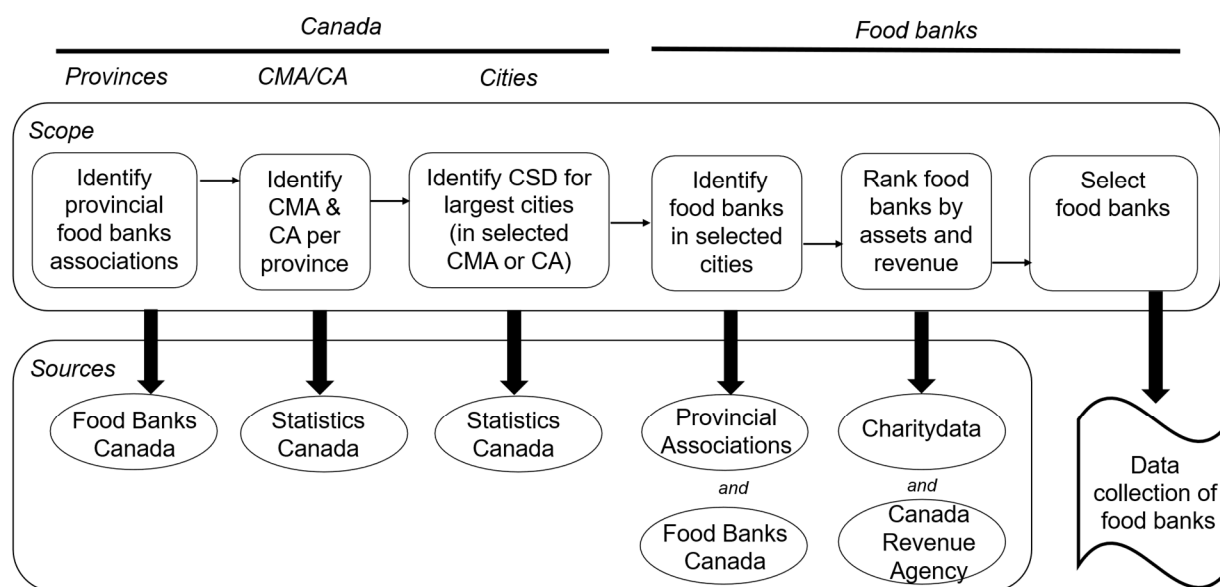
This research note summarizes some information regarding Alberta. It presents a portion of the study such as a summary of the methodology, a description of Food Banks Alberta and some food banks in Alberta in several cities, namely Calgary, and Edmonton and a presentation of their finances.

Methodology

The methodology section summarizes the selection of Canadian food banks and the data collection. A data-driven method was used to identify and analyze the food banks serving Canada's largest urban areas in each of the provinces. More detailed information on the methodology is available in the Overview research note of the series (2025-50RN).

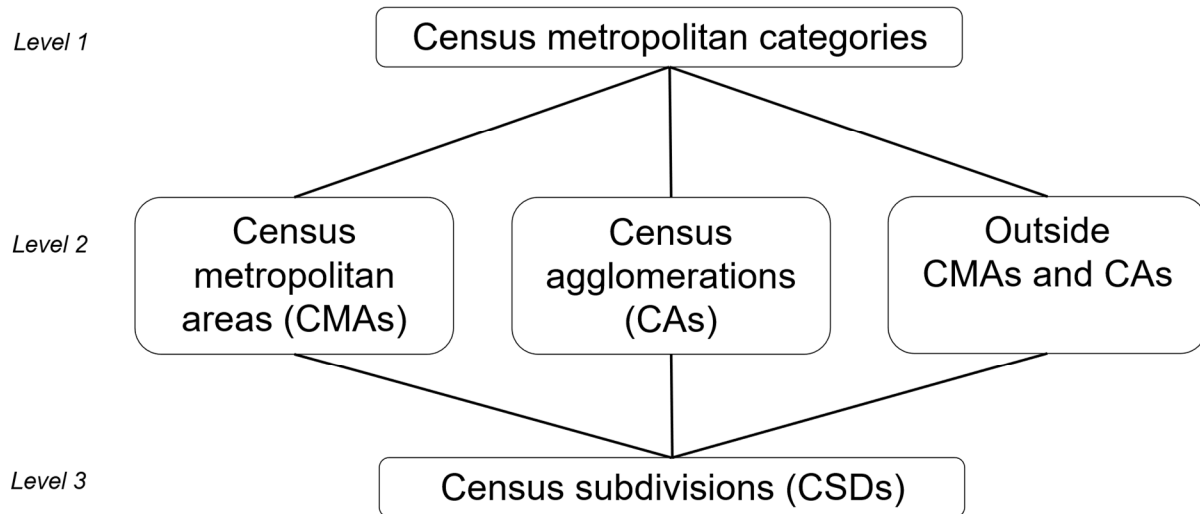
Three figures are presented to summarize the methodology of the study. Figure A illustrates the steps in the selection of Canadian food banks used in this research. Figure B illustrates the Standard Geographical Classification Hierarchy of concepts used by Statistics Canada. They are the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA), the Census Agglomerations (CA) and the Census subdivisions (CSD). Figure C illustrates the data collection. The scope of the study is interested by information regarding provinces, cities, provincial associations and selected food banks. Information collected could be separated into three groups, namely contextual information on a province or a city, financial information and other information.

Figure A – Selection of Canadian Food Banks



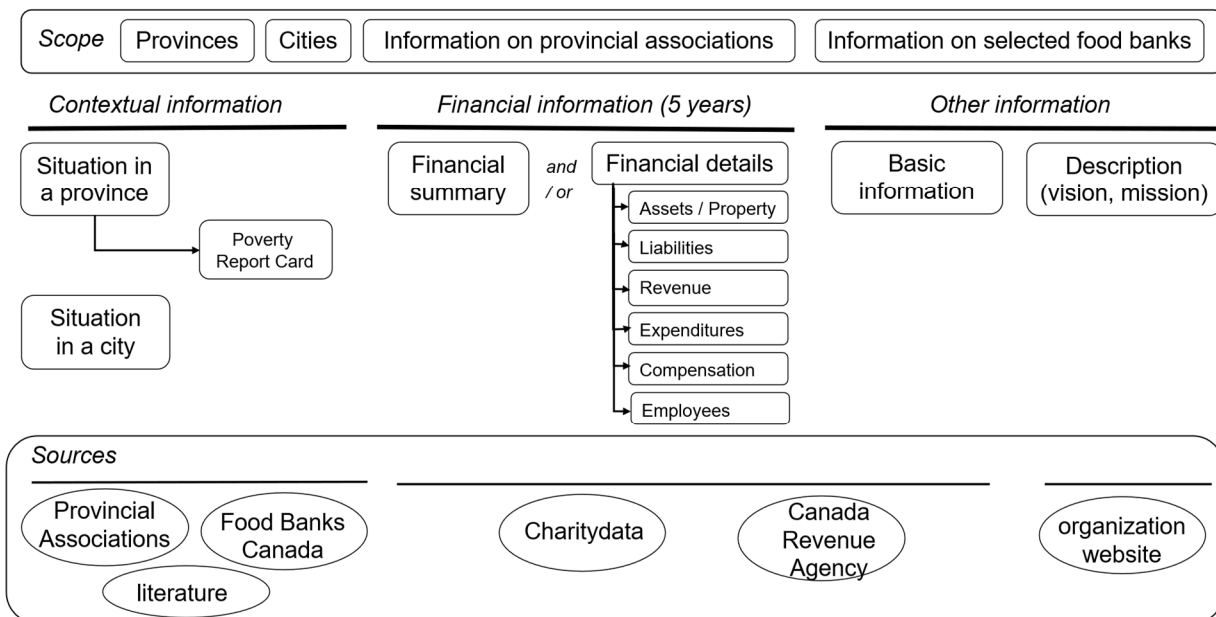
Note: CMA = Census metropolitan areas; CA = Census agglomerations; CSD = Census subdivisions

Figure B – Standard Geographical Classification Hierarchy



Source: Statistics Canada (2021)

Figure C – Data Collection Regarding Canadian Food Banks



Cities in Alberta

Alberta (province)

Table 1 shows CMA or CA in Alberta. From that list, two CMA are selected, namely Calgary and Edmonton.

Table 1 – CMA or CA in Alberta

<i>CMA name</i>	<i>Population 2021</i>	<i>CA name</i>	<i>Population 2021</i>
Calgary	1,481,806	Medicine Hat	76,376
Edmonton	1,418,118	Wood Buffalo	73,837
Lethbridge	123,847	Grande Prairie	64,141
Red Deer	100,844	Lloydminster (Alberta part)	19,739
		Okotoks	30,405
		Camrose	18,772
		Sylvan Lake	16,514
		Canmore	15,990
		Brooks	14,924
		Strathmore	14,339
		High River	14,324
		Lacombe	13,396
		Wetaskiwin	12,594

Source: Statistics Canada (2022a)

Calgary

Table 2 shows Census subdivisions (CSD) in Calgary CMA. Table 3 shows the list of the main food banks in the Calgary CMA by assets and revenue.

Table 2 – Census subdivisions (CSD) in Calgary CMA

<i>Census subdivision (CSD) name</i>	<i>Population 2021</i>
Calgary	1,306,784
Airdrie	74,100
Rocky View County	41,028
Cochrane	32,199
Chestermere	22,163
Crossfield	3,599
Irricana	1,179
Beiseker	754
Tsuu T'ina Nation 145	

Source: Statistics Canada (2022b)

Table 3 – List of main food banks in Calgary CMA

<i>Food bank</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>CRA #</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Assets 4200</i>	<i>Total Revenue 4700</i>
Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society = [Calgary Food Bank]	Calgary	130167349 RR0001	2022	39,123,801	48,937,356
Airdrie Food Bank	Airdrie	888364262 RR0001	2023	2,771,217	1,423,509
Cochrane Activettes Food Bank	Cochrane	118866789 RR0001	2023	870,854	648,405
The Chestermere Regional Food Bank Foundation	Chestermere	834630352 RR0001	2023	513,155	247,776
Calgary Veterans Services Society (The Veterans Food Bank of Calgary)	Calgary	-			
Veterans Association Food Bank Calgary	Calgary	-			
Community Kitchen Program of Calgary	Calgary	-			
Church of Pentecost Canada-Calgary	Calgary	-			
Tsuu T'ina Nation Band - Stoney Corrections Society	Tsuut'ina	-			
Rockyview Alliance Church	Rocky View, Langdon	-			

Source: Food Banks Alberta (T3010) and CharityData, 2025

Edmonton

Table 4 shows Census subdivisions (CSD) in Edmonton CMA. Table 5 shows the list of the main food banks in the Edmonton CMA by assets and revenue.

Table 4 – Census subdivisions (CSD) in Edmonton CMA

<i>Census subdivision (CSD) name</i>	<i>Population 2021</i>	<i>Census subdivision (CSD) name</i>	<i>Population 2021</i>
Edmonton	1,010,899	Bon Accord	1,461
Strathcona County	99,225	Bruderheim	1,329
St. Albert	68,232	Legal	1,232
Spruce Grove	37,645	Alexander 134	1,077
Leduc	34,094	Wabamun 133A	981
Parkland County	32,205	Thorsby	967
Fort Saskatchewan	27,088	Spring Lake	711
Beaumont	20,888	Warburg	676
Sturgeon County	20,061	Golden Days	248
Stony Plain	17,993	Seba Beach	229
Leduc County	14,416	Sundance Beach	42
Morinville	10,385	Itaska Beach	30
Devon	6,545	Lakeview	29
Gibbons	3,218	Betula Beach	27
Calmar	2,183	Kapasiwin	24
Redwater	2,115	Wabamun 133B	20
Enoch Cree Nation	1,825	Point Alison	18

Source: Statistics Canada (2022c)

Table 5 – List of main food banks in Edmonton CMA

<i>Food bank</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>CRA #</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Assets 4200</i>	<i>Total Revenue 4700</i>
Edmonton Gleaners Association = [Edmonton's Food Bank]	Edmonton	129185310 RR0001	2023	26,006,812	47,672,222
St Albert Food Bank and Community Village	St Albert	119162147 RR0001	2023	4,102,274	1,558,594
Leduc & District Food Bank Association	Leduc	119012136 RR0001	2023	3,792,348	5,764,865
The Fort Saskatchewan Food Gatherers Society	Fort Saskatchewan	108082413 RR0001	2023	3,338,916	2,275,287
Parkland Food Bank Society	Spruce Grove	128510484 RR0001	2023	3,196,077	3,511,570
Strathcona Food Bank Association	Strathcona	889648663 RR0001	2023	2,684,179	1,041,712
Campus Food Bank Society	Edmonton	892414566 RR0001	2023	554,799	799,199
Morinville Food Bank Society	Morinville	836342139 RR0001	2023	440,957	136,116
Bon Accord / Gibbons Food Bank	Gibbons	118813328 RR0001	2022	117,636	165,158
Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank	Redwater	-			
Students' Association of Macewan University – SAMU	Edmonton	-			
Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS)	Edmonton	-			

Source: Food Banks Alberta (T3010) and CharityData, 2025

Food Banks Situation in Alberta

“Alberta is the richest province in Canada and has a poverty rate that closely matches the national average (9.7 per cent), but progress on poverty reduction has been far slower in the province than in the rest of the country. Census data suggests that between 2016 and 2021, poverty fell one-third slower in Alberta than the national average.” (Food Banks Canada, 2024b)

“Food bank visits in Alberta are reaching unprecedented levels, reflecting a dramatic rise in food insecurity. Each year, Alberta Food Banks conduct the Hunger Count, a crucial initiative that gathers data during March to provide a snapshot of food bank usage. The need for food banks in our community can be attributed to multiple factors, including the cost of living, unemployment and underemployment, salary levels not keeping pace with the inflation rate, increased transportation costs, housing insecurity, and personal struggles such as divorce and health issues.” (Food Banks Alberta, 2025a)

According to the 2024 HungerCount report by Food Banks Canada, Alberta ranks fourth nationally for food bank visits, with 172,832 monthly visits, an over 90 per cent increase between 2019 and 2024.” (Ferenowicz, 2024)

“Compared to pre-pandemic levels, Alberta saw a 73 per cent increase in food bank usage since 2019, more than double the national rate of increase and the highest rate in the country. This is consistent with recent findings based on an analysis from the 2020 Canadian Income Survey (CIS), which showed Alberta experiencing the highest rates of food insecurity in the country (20.3 per cent compared to the national rate of 15.9 per cent).” (Food Banks Canada, 2022, p.32)

“The report [HungerCount 2024] says there were 172,832 visits to the 128 food banks in Alberta in March 2024 and more than 35 per cent of those users were under 18 years of age.” (MacGillivray, 2024)

“The latest annual survey suggests that food bank use in Alberta over the past five years the province has seen one of the highest increases in food bank use in Canada, up by 92.4 per cent. Only Ontario (116. 8 per cent) and Quebec (109 per cent) have seen bigger increases. While the report says demand declined slightly (.85 per cent) over the past year, food banks in the province’s biggest cities say the demand continues to break records.” (MacGillivray, 2024)

In 2025, “[t]he province will invest \$5 million in Alberta’s food banks amid continuing affordability problems and a tariff war between Canada and the U.S. The funding will be divided among 113 food banks across the province, which averages to roughly \$44,000 per food bank.” (Mansukhani, 2025)

In this regard, “the 2025-26 provincial budget includes \$5 million to help food banks and community organizations feed hungry Albertans, and Alberta’s school nutrition program will get \$20 million to provide 58,000 students with a daily nutritious meal.” (Red Deer Advocate Staff, 2025)

Four sections (experience of poverty, poverty measures, material deprivation, legislative progress) and 13 indicators are included in the Food Banks Canada Poverty Report Cards. Table 6 compares the poverty report cards overall scores in 2023 and 2024 for Alberta.

Table 6 – Poverty Report Cards Scores in 2023 and 2024 for Alberta

<i>Alberta</i>		<i>Score 2023</i>	<i>Score 2024</i>	<i>2023 vs 2024</i>
Overall	AL	D	D-	↓
Experience of poverty		D	D-	↓
Poverty measures		D-	F	↓
Material deprivation		D-	D+	↑
Legislative progress		C	F	↓

Source: Food Banks Canada (2023, 2024a, 2024b)

Provincial Association – Food Banks Alberta Association

“Food Banks Alberta was founded in 1998 on the belief that individual food banks were better together and could support one another through a unified, solutions-focused approach to ending poverty and hunger.



Today, we have 113+ members in communities throughout Alberta, where we work together to achieve positive social change. As a collective we provide relevant and innovative food insecurity programs that contribute to an Alberta without hunger.” (Food Banks Alberta, 2025b)

Vision

“Lead. Feed. Share.

We believe every Albertan should have access to healthy food.

We believe in our members’ ability to meet this need effectively, efficiently and compassionately.

We believe Albertans to be generous, collaborative, and relentless in their support of us, as we support others.” (Food banks Alberta, 2025b)

Mission

“Our mission is to strengthen the impact of our network by sharing food, best practices, innovations, and essential resources between members, stakeholders, and community partners. We are 113 members strong.” (Food banks Alberta, 2025b)

Table 7 presents some basic information.

Table 7 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Basic information

<i>Category</i>	<i>Information</i>
Registration no.:	868896994 RR0001
Status:	Registered
Effective date of status:	2000-07-31
Type of qualified donee:	Charity
Designation:	Charitable organization
Fiscal period end:	December 31
Website:	www.foodbanksalberta.ca

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (T3010) and CharityData, 2025

Financial summary

Table 8 presents a financial summary with assets, liabilities, net assets (calculated by difference between assets and liabilities), revenue and expenditures.

Table 8 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Financial summary

<i>Description</i>	<i>2024 \$</i>	<i>2023 \$</i>	<i>2022 \$</i>	<i>2021 \$</i>	<i>2020 \$</i>
Total assets (4200)	5,044,331	2,624,728	2,115,620	2,452,190	2,790,465
Total liabilities (4350)	197,952	713,637	1,786,877	1,990,772	1,880,593
Total net assets	4,846,379	1,911,091	1,786,877	1,990,772	1,880,593
Total revenue (4700)	9,727,993	8,839,519	5,871,907	4,971,873	10,144,309
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees (4950)	9,838,816	8,550,572	5,833,709	4,858,631	6,067,161
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees (5050)	138,217	164,733	242,093	3,063	2,774,577
Total expenditures (5100)	9,977,033	8,715,305	6,075,802	4,861,694	8,841,738

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Financial position

Table 9 presents assets, Table 10 presents property not used in charitable activities and Table 11 presents liabilities.

Table 9 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Assets

Description	code	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash, bank accounts, and short term investments	4100	4,565,544	1,500,927	1,096,698	2,001,964	2,447,343
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons	4110	-	-	195,709	655	6,126
Amounts receivable from all others	4120	42,990	441,056	-	88,957	26,492
Investments in non-arm's length persons	4130	-	-	178,873	-	-
Long term investments	4140	-	-	-	-	-
Inventories	4150	98,323	242,220	128,868	58,301	242,565
Land and buildings	4155	-	-	-	-	-
Other capital assets	4160	699,011	693,411	648,746	409,775	134,245
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	4166	(381,531)	(293,416)	(193,333)	(107,462)	(66,950)
Other assets	4170	19,994	40,530	60,059	-	644
10 year gifts	4180	N/A	486,419	874,527	4,033,045	1,386,562
Total assets	4200	5,044,331	2,624,728	2,115,620	2,452,190	2,790,465

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 10 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Property not used in charitable activities

Description	code	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Average value of property during the 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period	5900	180,036	199,713	-	-	-
Average value of the property during the 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	180,036	180,036	-	-	-

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 11 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Liabilities

Description	code	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300	197,952	26,178	88,557	90,632	666,934
Deferred revenue	4310	3,184,328	687,459	240,186	370,786	242,938
Amounts owing non-arm's length persons	4320	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	4330	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	4350	3,382,280	713,637	328,743	461,418	909,872

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Revenue and expenditures

Table 12 presents a summary of revenue and Table 13 presents a summary of expenditures.

Table 12 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Revenue

Description	Code	2024\$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Total eligible amount of all gifts with tax receipts	4500	-	-	-	-	90,675
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees	5610	-	-	-	-	-
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4505	-	-	-	-	-
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	585,351	565,818	850,000	661,457	5,450,691
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4530	7,983,554	7,794,348	4,446,906	3,061,441	4,584,757
Total revenue received from federal government	4540	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments	4550	912,791	-	-	-	-
Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments	4560	-	-	-	-	-
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	-	-	-	-	-
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)	4575	-	-	-	-	-
Total interest and investment income received or earned	4580	15,253	18,154	12,049	397,629	5,747
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets	4590	-	-	-	-	-
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with minus sign)	4600	-	-	-	-	-
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings	4610	-	-	-	-	-
Total non tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees	4620	-	20,620	11,914	10,550	11,400
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	4630	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)	4640	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above	4650	231,044	440,579	551,038	840,796	1,039
Total revenue	4700	9,727,993	8,839,519	5,871,907	4,971,873	10,144,309

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 13 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Expenditures

<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>2024 \$</i>	<i>2023 \$</i>	<i>2022 \$</i>	<i>2021 \$</i>	<i>2020 \$</i>
Advertising and promotion	4800	14,829	9,609	43,841	52,068	-
Travel and vehicle expenses	4810	12,586	41,893	22,234	62,193	12,222
Interest and bank charges	4820	1,273	2,291	2,355	-	-
Licences, memberships, and dues	4830	-	-	-	-	-
Office supplies and expenses	4840	36,203	22,740	39,541	15,316	8,634
Occupancy costs	4850	263,500	270,486	255,650	334,749	133,808
Professional and consulting fees	4860	33,499	123,155	102,381	171,487	43,616
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	2,427	3,753	147,583	191,193	-
Total expenditures on all compensation	4880	575,942	447,376	398,707	275,925	299,330
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charitable activities	4890	6,935,498	6,941,810	4,446,906	3,301,351	5,294,228
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	1,351,716	444,497	288,640	69,398	81,477
Amortization of capital assets	4900	88,115	100,083	85,871	40,512	13,232
Research grants and scholarships as part of charitable activities	4910	-	-	-	-	-
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees)	4920	523,228	142,879	-	344,439	180,614
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees	4950	9,838,816	8,550,572	5,833,709	4,858,631	6,067,161
Of the amounts at line 4950						
a. Total expenditures on charitable activities	5000	9,683,383	8,215,246	5,627,311	4,359,234	8,776,245
b. Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	143,663	192,447	206,398	227,315	65,491
c. Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	11,770	-	-	-	-
d. Total other expenditures included in line 4950	5040	-	-	-	-	-
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	138,217	164,733	242,093	3,063	2,774,577
Total expenditures	5100	9,977,033	8,715,305	6,075,802	4,861,694	8,841,738

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Compensation and numbers of employees

Table 14 presents a summary of compensation and number of employees.

Table 14 – Food Banks Alberta Association – Compensation and number of employees

Description	code	2024		2021		2019	
		\$	number	\$	number	\$	number
Total compensation for all positions	390	575,942		275,925		171,682	
Full-time employees	300		6		2		2
Part-time or Part-year employees	370		2		7		2
Total compensation for part-time or part-year employees	380	16,555		89,909		21,518	
Compensation (ten highest)							
\$1 to \$39,999	305		0		0		0
\$40,000 to \$79,999	310		4		1		1
\$80,000 to \$119,999	315		2		1		1
\$120,000 to \$159,999	320		0		0		0
\$160,000 to \$199,999	325		0		0		0
\$200,000 to \$249,999	330		0		0		0
\$250,000 to \$299,999	335		0		0		0
\$300,000 to \$349,999	340		0		0		0
\$350,000 and over	345		0		0		0

Source: Food Banks Alberta Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019, 2021, 2024) and CharityData, 2025

Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society [The Calgary Food Bank] (Calgary CMA)

“The Calgary Food Bank was founded in 1982 by a group of concerned faith leaders and was originally operated out of a church basement by just a handful of volunteers. Today, it is a multi-million dollar charitable organization with a staff of over 100, 163 volunteer shifts a day and 2 working warehouses.” (Calgary Food Bank, 2025)

**CALGARY
FOOD BANK**

“The increase in demand for food support rose sharply after the pandemic. A perfect storm of supply chain issues and an increase in the cost of living and interest rates mean that more people than ever before needed to turn to the Calgary Food Bank for support. Amidst a rising tide of challenges across the nation, there’s a pressing call for evolution and intensified support to aid those facing adversity. In acknowledgment of local hurdles, the Calgary Food Bank significantly ramped up its efforts. Currently this includes distributing 750 hampers daily, expanding partner programs and addressing accessibility initiatives.” (Calgary Food Bank, 2024, p.6)

Vision

“A hunger-free community.” (Calgary Food Bank, 2020)

Mission

“To make food accessible to everyone in our city.” (Calgary Food Bank, 2024, p.2)

Table 15 presents some basic information.

Table 15 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Basic information

<i>Category</i>	<i>Information</i>
Registration no.:	130167349 RR0001
Status:	Registered
Effective date of status:	1989-09-01
Type of qualified donee:	Charity
Designation:	Charitable organization
Fiscal period end:	August 31
Website:	www.calgaryfoodbank.com

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (T3010) and CharityData, 2025

Financial summary

Table 16 presents a financial summary with assets, liabilities, net assets (calculated by difference between assets and liabilities), revenue and expenditures.

Table 16 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Financial summary

Description	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Total assets (4200)	45,775,365	41,166,688	39,123,801	38,214,646	28,953,705
Total liabilities (4350)	1,871,115	2,327,077	2,036,976	2,190,065	1,207,841
Total net assets	43,904,250	38,839,611	37,086,825	36,024,581	27,745,864
Total revenue (4700)	67,270,365	64,165,473	48,937,356	56,444,232	57,123,307
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees (4950)	60,578,904	62,255,318	44,819,578	45,915,450	40,486,608
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees (5050)	6,630,176	158,517	3,055,534	2,250,065	3,923,671
Total expenditures (5100)	60,578,904	62,413,835	47,875,112	48,165,515	44,410,279

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (CRA T3010 Information Return August 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Financial position

Table 17 presents assets, Table 18 presents property not used in charitable activities and Table 19 presents liabilities.

Table 17 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Assets

Description	code	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash, bank accounts, and short term investments	4100	14,189,913	13,566,301	13,099,744	25,930,090	21,374,281
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons	4110	-	-	157,721	176,467	-
Amounts receivable from all others	4120	253,234	117,957	183,412	-	28,885
Investments in non-arm's length persons	4130	-	-	-	-	-
Long term investments	4140	19,002,368	14,500,631	3,579,312	1,266,132	1,243,282
Inventories	4150	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	4155	12,750,237	12,930,282	12,295,100	10,391,873	5,594,576
Other capital assets	4160	7,174,232	6,715,847	7,120,507	5,235,874	5,897,571
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	4166	(7,843,503)	(6,902,562)	(5,900,856)	(4,951,948)	(5,294,902)
Other assets	4170	248,884	238,232	8,588,861	166,158	110,012
10 year gifts	4180	N/A	8,083,103	9,355,832	13,673,165	10,583,554
Total assets	4200	45,775,365	41,166,688	39,123,801	38,214,646	28,953,705

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (CRA T3010 Information Return August 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 18 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Property not used in charitable activities

Description	code	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Average value of property during the 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period	5900	-	-	-	-	-
Average value of the property during the 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (CRA T3010 Information Return August 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 19 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Liabilities

Description	code	2024\$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300	1,324,806	1,649,162	1,174,788	1,330,889	302,598
Deferred revenue	4310	546,309	677,915	862,188	859,176	905,243
Amounts owing non-arm's length persons	4320	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	4330	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	4350	1,871,115	2,327,077	2,036,976	2,190,065	1,207,841

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (CRA T3010 Information Return August 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Revenue and expenditures

Table 20 presents a summary of revenue and Table 21 presents a summary of expenditures.

Table 20 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Revenue

<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>2024 \$</i>	<i>2023 \$</i>	<i>2022 \$</i>	<i>2021 \$</i>	<i>2020 \$</i>
Total eligible amount of all gifts with tax receipts	4500	7,838,034	9,002,569	7,043,646	9,150,167	10,633,225
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees	5610	-	-	-	-	-
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4505	-	-	-	-	-
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	8,548,350	4,182,425	5,400,612	4,253,352	6,360,784
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4530	5,774,994	9,800,562	-	-	-
Total revenue received from federal government	4540	-	-	-	-	13,822
Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments	4550	-	-	6,083	52,969	1,464,668
Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments	4560	-	-	-	-	-
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	-	1,150	34,517	-	164,171
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)	4575	-	-	162,517	-	537,663
Total interest and investment income received or earned	4580	2,735,541	1,387,550	(246,026)	883,262	279,592
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets	4590	-	-	-	-	-
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with minus sign)	4600	-	-	-	-	13,600
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings	4610	-	-	-	-	-
Total non tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees	4620	-	-	-	-	-
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	4630	-	39,792,367	36,250,552	41,696,202	37,348,405
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)	4640	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above	4650	184,731	-	319,972	408,280	471,548
Total revenue	4700	67,270,365	64,165,473	48,937,356	56,444,232	57,123,307

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (CRA T3010 Information Return August 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 21 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Expenditures

<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>2024 \$</i>	<i>2023 \$</i>	<i>2022 \$</i>	<i>2021 \$</i>	<i>2020 \$</i>
Advertising and promotion	4800	154,169	30,509	96,770	51,038	111,220
Travel and vehicle expenses	4810	384,321	363,503	256,182	178,390	154,165
Interest and bank charges	4820	123,055	364,089	313,515	347,572	256,753
Licences, memberships, and dues	4830	176,406	146,525	123,869	86,074	61,856
Office supplies and expenses	4840	183,915	214,958	634,779	583,903	373,019
Occupancy costs	4850	1,225,822	1,510,294	451,004	628,779	479,819
Professional and consulting fees	4860	1,398,623	1,309,896	332,370	101,200	44,900
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	48,693	90,565	55,329	24,258	32,046
Total expenditures on all compensation	4880	8,707,485	8,237,306	6,775,992	5,689,525	4,839,350
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charitable activities	4890	35,558,539	42,118,391	28,574,720	32,975,454	29,924,590
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	6,580,022	4,749,654	5,009,185	2,978,697	2,316,529
Amortization of capital assets	4900	(813,426)	3,119,628	948,910	785,541	723,319
Research grants and scholarships as part of charitable activities	4910	-	-	-	-	-
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees)	4920	221,104	-	1,246,953	1,485,019	1,169,042
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees	4950	60,578,904	62,255,318	44,819,578	45,915,450	40,486,608
Of the amounts at line 4950						
a. Total expenditures on charitable activities	5000	39,356,166	46,868,044	46,112,108	46,425,527	42,834,614
b. Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	1,882,000	2,709,530	1,076,545	1,091,959	945,890
c. Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	154,169	221,073	686,460	648,028	643,596
d. Total other expenditures included in line 4950	5040	-	12,298,151	-	-	-
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	6,630,176	158,517	3,055,534	2,250,065	3,923,671
Total expenditures	5100	60,578,904	62,413,835	47,875,112	48,165,515	44,410,279

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (CRA T3010 Information Return August 31 2020-2024) and Charitydata, 2025

Compensation and numbers of employees

Table 22 presents a summary of compensation and number of employees.

Table 22 – Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society – Compensation and number of employees

Description	code	2024		2021		2019	
		\$	number	\$	number	\$	number
Total compensation for all positions	390	8,707,485		5,689,525		4,229,859	
Full-time employees	300		91		68		62
Part-time or Part-year employees	370		23		36		26
Total compensation for part-time or part-year employees	380	514,662		689,122		325,897	
Compensation (ten highest)							
\$1 to \$39,999	305		0		0		0
\$40,000 to \$79,999	310		0		2		3
\$80,000 to \$119,999	315		5		7		6
\$120,000 to \$159,999	320		3		0		0
\$160,000 to \$199,999	325		1		0		0
\$200,000 to \$249,999	330		1		1		1
\$250,000 to \$299,999	335		0		0		0
\$300,000 to \$349,999	340		0		0		0
\$350,000 and over	345		0		0		0

Source: Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (CRA T3010 Information Return August 31, 2019, 2021, 2024) and CharityData, 2025

Edmonton Gleaners Association [Edmonton's Food Bank] (Edmonton CMA)

"On January 16, 1981, the Edmonton Gleaners Association, more commonly known as Edmonton's Food Bank, received its official charter of incorporation and Canada's first food bank was born.



Edmonton's Food Bank has been serving our community for over 42 years. Edmonton's Food Bank proudly serves the community of Edmonton on Treaty Six territory. Between 60%-80% of the food distributed by the Food Bank is gleaned from the food industry, including warehouses, grocery stores, farmers, and local growers." (Edmonton's Food Bank, 2025a)

"We envision a community where hunger does not exist, where all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious supply of food." (Edmonton's Food Bank, 2025b)

Mission

"To be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger." (Edmonton's Food Bank, 2025b)

Table 23 presents some basic information.

Table 23 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Basic information

<i>Category</i>	<i>Information</i>
Registration no.:	129185310 RR0001
Status:	Registered
Effective date of status:	1981-01-16
Type of qualified donee:	Charity
Designation:	Charitable organization
Fiscal period end:	December 31
Website:	edmontonsfoodbank.com

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (T3010) and CharityData, 2025

Financial summary

Table 24 presents a financial summary with assets, liabilities, net assets (calculated by difference between assets and liabilities), revenue and expenditures.

Table 24 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Financial summary

<i>Description</i>	<i>2023 \$</i>	<i>2022 \$</i>	<i>2021 \$</i>	<i>2020 \$</i>	<i>2019 \$</i>
Total assets (4200)	26,006,812	23,746,019	21,173,660	19,163,614	11,319,124
Total liabilities (4350)	3,451,253	3,136,068	1,321,597	1,277,992	133,141
Total net assets	22,555,559	20,609,951	20,609,951	19,852,063	17,885,622
Total revenue (4700)	47,672,222	46,903,915	42,246,448	40,864,707	28,619,432
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees (4950)	46,476,598	45,490,801	40,337,841	33,012,923	28,237,612
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees (5050)	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures (5100)	46,476,598	45,490,801	40,337,841	33,012,923	28,237,612

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019-2023) and Charitydata, 2025

Financial position

Table 25 presents assets, Table 26 presents property not used in charitable activities and Table 27 presents liabilities.

Table 25 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Assets

Description	code	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash, bank accounts, and short term investments	4100	5,017,854	7,044,943	9,132,772	11,008,419	4,035,990
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons	4110	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts receivable from all others	4120	807,633	650,272	521,816	528,563	439,276
Investments in non-arm's length persons	4130	-	-	-	-	-
Long term investments	4140	10,445,642	7,698,518	5,041,706	1,395,107	1,197,739
Inventories	4150	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	4155	8,370,369	6,925,820	5,096,259	4,851,791	4,870,868
Other capital assets	4160	1,246,129	1,305,866	1,293,467	1,259,110	696,721
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	4166	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	4170	119,185	120,600	87,640	120,624	78,530
10 year gifts	4180	6,220,722	5,616,863	7,978,659	5,680,499	2,111,222
Total assets	4200	26,006,812	23,746,019	21,173,660	19,163,614	11,319,124

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019-2023) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 26 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Property not used in charitable activities

Description	code	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
Average value of property during the 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period	5900	-	-	-	-	-
Average value of the property during the 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019-2023) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 27 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Liabilities

Description	code	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300	432,553	811,771	432,525	423,934	350,153
Deferred revenue	4310	1,861,695	1,099,749	889,072	854,058	789,052
Amounts owing non-arm's length persons	4320	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	4330	1,157,005	1,224,548	-	-	192,209
Total liabilities	4350	3,451,253	3,136,068	1,321,597	1,277,992	1,331,414

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019-2023) and Charitydata, 2025

Revenue and expenditures

Table 28 presents a summary of revenue and Table 29 presents a summary of expenditures.

Table 28 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Revenue

<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>2023 \$</i>	<i>2022 \$</i>	<i>2021 \$</i>	<i>2020 \$</i>	<i>2019 \$</i>
Total eligible amount of all gifts with tax receipts	4500	4,362,224	3,864,348	3,303,009	4,303,779	1,851,353
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees	5610	-	-	-	-	-
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4505	-	-	-	-	-
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	1,973,704	1,803,926	1,532,135	1,399,035	785,752
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4530	5,020,660	5,565,610	5,070,292	7,350,962	2,654,234
Total revenue received from federal government	4540	-	14,061	126,487	689,875	-
Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments	4550	344,740	-	150,000	-	235,000
Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments	4560	-	-	-	1,464,668	-
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	-	-	4,000	53,045	-
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)	4575	-	-	-	54,031	1,121
Total interest and investment income received or earned	4580	155,840	63,190	149,094	83,259	69,304
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets	4590	-	-	-	-	-
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with minus sign)	4600	-	-	-	-	-
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings	4610	-	-	7,200	-	-
Total non tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees	4620	-	-	-	-	-
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	4630	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)	4640	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above	4650	35,815,054	35,592,780	31,908,231	25,519,098	23,022,668
Total revenue	4700	47,672,222	46,903,915	42,246,448	40,864,707	28,619,432

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019-2023) and Charitydata, 2025

Table 29 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Expenditures

<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>2023 \$</i>	<i>2022 \$</i>	<i>2021 \$</i>	<i>2020 \$</i>	<i>2019 \$</i>
Advertising and promotion	4800	360,440	413,596	363,619	352,186	179,245
Travel and vehicle expenses	4810	289,344	314,792	304,204	201,321	207,931
Interest and bank charges	4820	1,512	3,681	3,542	27,330	27,673
Licences, memberships, and dues	4830	-	-	-	-	-
Office supplies and expenses	4840	137,653	118,056	188,525	210,179	231,225
Occupancy costs	4850	598,789	568,296	320,916	320,130	219,662
Professional and consulting fees	4860	124,592	93,111	80,518	51,734	81,143
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	68,915	64,512	51,973	88,018	62,511
Total expenditures on all compensation	4880	4,352,328	3,832,470	3,401,283	2,887,397	2,496,581
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charitable activities	4890	35,715,000	35,488,374	31,812,964	25,422,584	22,939,980
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	3,571,097	3,180,966	2,103,123	2,072,351	1,125,619
Amortization of capital assets	4900	659,855	608,509	535,977	445,230	367,104
Research grants and scholarships as part of charitable activities	4910	-	-	-	-	-
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees)	4920	597,073	804,438	1,171,197	934,463	298,938
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees	4950	46,476,598	45,490,801	40,337,841	33,012,923	28,237,612
Of the amounts at line 4950						
a. Total expenditures on charitable activities	5000	44,020,892	43,140,584	38,236,332	31,091,349	26,528,989
b. Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	901,776	849,597	743,347	650,722	721,673
c. Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	894,075	892,111	822,185	825,622	619,846
d. Total other expenditures included in line 4950	5040	659,855	608,509	535,977	445,230	367,104
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	5100	46,476,598	45,490,801	40,337,841	33,012,923	28,237,612

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019-2023) and Charitydata, 2025

Compensation and numbers of employees

Table 30 presents a summary of compensation and number of employees.

Table 30 – Edmonton Gleaners Association – Compensation and number of employees

Description	code	2023		2021		2019	
		\$	number	\$	number	\$	number
Total compensation for all positions	390	4,352,328		3,401,283		2,496,581	
Full-time employees	300		72		63		51
Part-time or Part-year employees	370		9		8		0
Total compensation for part-time or part-year employees	380	129,489		86,494		0	
Compensation (ten highest)							
\$1 to \$39,999	305		0		0		0
\$40,000 to \$79,999	310		7		7		7
\$80,000 to \$119,999	315		2		2		2
\$120,000 to \$159,999	320		1		1		1
\$160,000 to \$199,999	325		0		0		0
\$200,000 to \$249,999	330		0		0		0
\$250,000 to \$299,999	335		0		0		0
\$300,000 to \$349,999	340		0		0		0
\$350,000 and over	345		0		0		0

Source: Edmonton Gleaners Association (CRA T3010 Information Return December 31 2019, 2021, 2023) and CharityData, 2025

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Appendix A

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ON	Feed Ontario	Toronto	Daily Bread Food Bank	2025-56RN
		Toronto	Food Banks Mississauga	
		Toronto	Kerr Street Community Services	
		Toronto	Caledon Community Services	
		Ottawa	The Ottawa Food Bank	
		Hamilton	Burlington Food Bank	
		Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo	The Food Bank of Waterloo Region	
		London	London and Area Food Bank	
		St. Catharines-Niagara	Project Share	
QC	Banques alimentaires du Québec / Food Banks of Québec	Montréal	Moisson Montréal	2025-57RN
		Montréal	Moisson Rive-Sud	
		Montréal	Centre de bénévolat et Moisson Laval	
		Gatineau	Moisson Outaouais	
NB	Feed/Nourrir NB (Formerly Food Depot Alimentaire)	Moncton	Peter McKee Community Centre	2025-58RN
		Saint John	Outflow Ministry	
		Fredericton	Greener Village	
NS	Feed Nova Scotia	Halifax	Parker Street food & Furniture Bank [Community Care Network Society]	2025-59RN
PE	P.E.I. Association of Food Banks (The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry)	Charlottetown	-	2025-60RN
NL	Community Food Sharing Association	St. John's	Bridges to Hope Food Bank	2025-61RN