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Religious Charities in Canada

An examination of Islam

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Introduction

The purpose of this study is to examine religious and faith-based charities (advancement of religion objects) and their categories and sub-categories in Canada (Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Other religions). This is part of a mapping exercise, which will look at specific religion and registered charities for financial information.

The study aims to better understand the philanthropic sector of religious and faith-based charities with the following research questions (RQ):

For Islam category and its sub-categories of registered charities in Canada:

RQ1A) How many religious charities per assets and revenue levels?

RQ1B) Who are the largest religious charities?

RQ1C) What are the distribution by provinces / territories of the religious charities?

The sub-categories of Islam, based on statistics Canada, which will be examined in this study are Ahmadi, Shia, Sufi, Sunni, and Other Islam, totaling five sub-categories.

This research note summarizes the methodology and presents statistics on a specific category and its sub-categories on religious and faith-based charities (advancement of religion objects).





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Methodology

The methodology section summarizes the identification of Canadian religious charities and the data collection. A data-driven method was used to identify and analyze the religious charities. Most religious charities fall under "advancement of religion" charitable object / purpose. Brouard and Litalien (2024a, 2024b) have provided analysis of CRA statistics for all Canadian registered charities and for "advancement of religion" charitable object. More detailed information on the methodology is available in the Overview research note of the series (PARG 2025-62RN).

Figure A illustrates the selection and data collection process used in this research. The illustration presents the scope with four main components, the categories, the number of sub-categories per CRA classification and those used in Charitydata. Sources complete the figure.

The T3010 is the Registered Charity Information Return file with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The T3010 is the Registered Charity Information Return that is required for all registered charities operating in Canada. Information was obtained through the CharityData website, including T3010 information. Schedule 6 of the T3010 provides rich information on charities' assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenditures. The focus is on Assets and Revenue. CharityData (2025) is a database on Canadian registered charities, compiling most — but not all — of the charities' financial data found on the CRA's website and gathered from their T3010 form. The CharityData Advanced Search tool was used to carry out data collection.

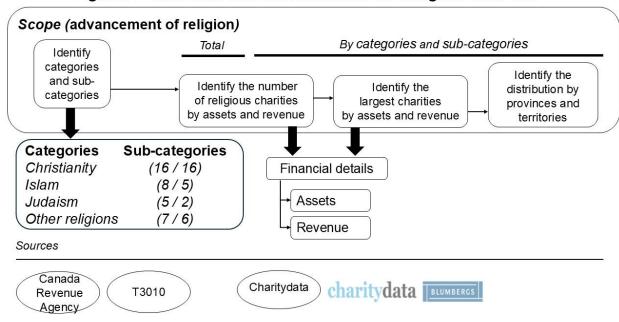


Figure A - Selection and Data collection for Religious charities





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Islam in Canada

"After Christianity, Islam was the second most commonly reported religion in Canada in 2021, with nearly 1.8 million, or 1 in 20, people. In 20 years, the share of the Muslim population in Canada has more than doubled-up from 2.0% in 2001 to 4.9% in 2021." (Statistics Canada, 2022) "Early Muslim settlements were concentrated in Ontario and Alberta, with a shift into Quebec in the 1930s. Most Muslims arriving in Canada since the 1960s settled in urban areas, with more than 70 per cent now concentrated in the Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver metropolitan areas; the number approaches 80 per cent if Edmonton and Calgary are included." (The Canadian Encyclopedia, 2023)

"The first recorded presence of Muslim communities in Canada dates back to the state formation period in the 1860s. Islam is now considered to be the most declared religion after Christianity, with flourishing and expansive religious communities across Canada. Today, we are privileged enough to reflect on the various journeys, challenges, and accomplishments that communities before us withstood to create a prosperous environment for Canadian Muslims in the present. Coming from various regions, such as South Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and sub-Saharan Africa, Canada's Muslim communities embody a diverse and enriching mix of traditions, languages, dialects, and experiences that contribute to Canadian society." (Islamic History Month Canada, 2025)

Table 1 shows the sub-categories for Islam.

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Category Description	Sub-Category Description	Page RN
Islam		4
	Ahmadi	5
	Shia	6
	Sufi	7
	Sunni	8
	Other Islam	9

Source: CharityData (2025)









Islam category

Table 2A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the religion of Islam, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 2B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 2C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the religion of Islam.

Table 2A – Assets and Revenue for Islam

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	2	0.4%	More than 5,000,000	14	2.8%
1,000,001-100 million	226	45.7%	1,500,001-5,000,000	52	10.5%
500,001-1,000,000	64	13.0%	500,001-1,500,000	79	16.0%
200,001-500,000	65	13.2%	150,001-500,000	130	26.3%
100,001-200,000	32	6.5%	30,001-150,000	132	26.7%
50,001-100,000	26	5.3%	30,000 or else	86	17.4%
50,000 or less	78	15.8%	Unknown	1	0.2%
Unknown	1	0.2%			
Total	494	100%	Total	494	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 2B – Largest registered charities for Islam

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total	Total
				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada Inc.	Maple, ON	113891717 RR0001	2024	141,276,098	33,411,791
Muslim Association of Canada	Mississauga, ON	880495163 RR0001	2023	108,837,390	50,225,399
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Markaz-UI-Islam Congregation of Fort Mcmurray	Fort McMurray, AB	119033389 RR0001	2024	28,399,992	4,147,298
Shia Muslim Community of British Columbia	Richmond, BC	133231571 RR0001	2023	21,492,350	3,157,382
Al-Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly	Calgary, AB	841674674 RR0001	2023	19,927,191	1,948,210

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 2C – Distribution by provinces for Islam

Can		Provinces									Territories		
total	ВС	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	ΥT	ТИ	NU
494	37	66	17	7	292	64	5	3	1	2	0	0	0
100%	7.5%	13.4%	3.4%	1.4%	59.1%	13.0%	1.0%	0.6%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)







Ahmadi sub-category

Table 3A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Ahmadi, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 3B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 3C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Ahmadi.

Table 3A – Assets and Revenue for Ahmadi

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	0	0.0%
1,000,001-100 million	2	100%	1,500,001-5,000,000	2	100%
500,001-1,000,000	0	0.0%	500,001-1,500,000	0	0.0%
200,001-500,000	0	0.0%	150,001-500,000	0	0.0%
100,001-200,000	0	0.0%	30,001-150,000	0	0.0%
50,001-100,000	0	0.0%	30,000 or else	0	0.0%
50,000 or less	0	0.0%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	2	100%	Total	2	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 3B – Largest registered charities for Ahmadi

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA#	Year	Total Assets 4200	Total Revenue 4700
Majlis Ansarullah Canada	Maple, ON	715703674 RR0001	2023	5,338,946	3,326,080
Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada	Maple, ON	718286933 RR0001	2024	3,038,948	2,648,390

Source: CharityData (2025)

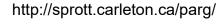
Table 3C – Distribution by provinces for Ahmadi

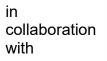
Can		Provinces									Territories		
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)











Shia sub-category

Table 4A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Shia, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 4B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 4C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Shia.

Table 4A – Assets and Revenue for Shia

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	0	0.0%
1,000,001-100 million	3	42.9%	1,500,001-5,000,000	1	14.3%
500,001-1,000,000	1	14.3%	500,001-1,500,000	0	0.0%
200,001-500,000	0	0.0%	150,001-500,000	3	42.9%
100,001-200,000	0	0.0%	30,001-150,000	0	0.0%
50,001-100,000	0	0.0%	30,000 or else	3	42.9%
50,000 or less	3	42.9%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	7	100%	Total	7	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 4B – Largest registered charities for Shia

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA#	Year	Total Assets 4200	Total Revenue 4700
The Shining Star Foundation	Richmond Hill, ON	789486008 RR0001	2024	2,380,289	1,729,929
Imam Ali Masjid of Ottawa	Ottawa, ON	832047484 RR0001	2023	2,114,216	484,225
Bab Ul Hawaij Islamic Centre of Calgary	Calgary, AB	739152320 RR0001	2023	1,903,825	257,898
IMAMIA Association of Regina Inc.	Regina, SK	838709905 RR0001	2023	643,534	381,511
Al-Kawthar Educational Society	Vancouver, BC	733155683 RR0001	2024	9,970	7,263
Lady Fatimah Foundation	Milton, ON	727274946 RR0001	2023	0	0
Al-Jawad Islamic Foundation of Edmonton	Edmonton, AB	793300419 RR0001	2023	0	0

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 4C – Distribution by provinces for Shia

Can		Provinces										Territories	
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	ΥT	NT	NU
7	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100%	14.3%	28.6%	14.3%	0.0%	42.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)







Sufi sub-category

Table 5A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Sufi, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 5B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 5C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Sufi.

Table 5A – Assets and Revenue for Sufi

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	0	0.0%
1,000,001-100 million	1	33.3%	1,500,001-5,000,000	0	0.0%
500,001-1,000,000	1	33.3%	500,001-1,500,000	0	0.0%
200,001-500,000	0	0.0%	150,001-500,000	2	66.7%
100,001-200,000	1	33.3%	30,001-150,000	1	33.3%
50,001-100,000	0	0.0%	30,000 or else	0	0.0%
50,000 or less	0	0.0%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	3	100%	Total	3	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 5B – Largest registered charities for Sufi

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Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA#	Year	Total Assets 4200	Total Revenue 4700
Islamic Society of New Brunswick Inc.	Saint John, NB	718299936 RR0001	2023	1,386,059	156,882
Organisation montréalaise de la mosquée Noor-e-Madina	Montréal, QC	811974831 RR0001	2023	726,969	104,557
Chestermere Muslim Council	Chestermere, AB	720039072 RR0001	2024	140,093	241,471

Source: CharityData (2025)

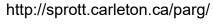
Table 5C – Distribution by provinces for Sufi

ſ	Can			7	Territorie	S								
ſ	total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
ſ	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ī	100%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)









Sunni sub-category

Table 6A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Sunni, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 6B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 6C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Sunni.

Table 6A – Assets and Revenue for Sunni

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	0	0.0%
1,000,001-100 million	3	30.0%	1,500,001-5,000,000	0	0.0%
500,001-1,000,000	0	0.0%	500,001-1,500,000	3	30.0%
200,001-500,000	5	50.0%	150,001-500,000	2	20.0%
100,001-200,000	0	0.0%	30,001-150,000	2	20.0%
50,001-100,000	1	10.0%	30,000 or else	3	30.0%
50,000 or less	1	10.0%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	10	100%	Total	10	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 6B – Largest registered charities for Sunni

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA#	Year	Total	Total
				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Masjid Al-Fatima Tuz Zahra(Sa) And Shah Sufi Congregation Centre	Edmonton, AB	814436366 RR0001	2023	7,822,894	341,789
Muslim Council Of Ontario	Mississauga, ON	710909805 RR0001	2023	4,535,501	586,629
Sayyiduna Uthman Islamic Academy	Georgetown, ON	758257489 RR0001	2023	3,081,280	704,028
Centre Islamique Shah Jalal Montréal / Shah Jalal Islamic Center Montreal	Montréal, QC	839500162 RR0001	2024	418,554	65,669
Al Makkah Calgary Islamic Society	Calgary, AB	774118061 RR0002	2023	341,931	262,772
Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Centre	Edmonton, AB	717841076 RR0001	2023	244,574	707,714
Markham Muslim Association	Markham, ON	803013515 RR0001	2023	232,852	87,879
Al-Baaqi Foundation Inc.	Regina, SK	709976476 RR0001	2023	202,456	5,394
Al-Mawrid Institute Canada	Mississauga, ON	754418119 RR0001	2023	65,943	0
Canadian Muslim Organization Inc.	Mississauga, ON	846177350 RR0001	2024	1,324	2,025

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 6C – Distribution by provinces for Sunni

Ī	Can			7	erritorie	s								
ĺ	total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
ĺ	10	0	3	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ĺ	100%	0.0%	30.0%	10.0%	0.0%	50.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)









Other Islam sub-category

Table 7A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Other Islam, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 7B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 7C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Other Islam.

Table 7A – Assets and Revenue for Other Islam

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	2	0.4%	More than 5,000,000	14	3.0%
1,000,001-100 million	217	46.0%	1,500,001-5,000,000	49	10.4%
500,001-1,000,000	62	13.1%	500,001-1,500,000	76	16.1%
200,001-500,000	60	12.7%	150,001-500,000	123	26.1%
100,001-200,000	31	6.6%	30,001-150,000	129	27.3%
50,001-100,000	25	5.3%	30,000 or else	80	16.9%
50,000 or less	74	15.7%	Unknown	1	0.2%
Unknown	1	0.2%			
Total	472	100%	Total	472	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 7B – Largest registered charities for Other Islam

Name of registered	City, Prov	CRA#	Year	Total	Total
charities				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada Inc.	Maple, ON	113891717 RR0001	2024	141,276,098	33,411,791
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Islamic Society of North America- Canada (Isna-Canada)	Mississauga, ON	118971886 RR0001	2023	19,302,403	8,325,518
Islamic Society of Toronto	Toronto, ON	892522566 RR0001	2023	19,093,513	1,518,698
Imam Ali Islamic Centre	Mississauga, ON	137408209 RR0001	2024	14,332,747	372,693
Anjuman-E-Fakhri (Mississauga)	Mississauga, ON	81061474 3RR0001	2023	18,027,695	1,844,013
Anjuman - E - Burhani (Toronto)	Richmond Hill, ON	861327005 RR0001	2023	16,598,285	2,593,341
Assunnah Muslims Association	Ottawa, ON	863858494 RR0001	2023	16,050,687	2,417,762
Islamic Foundation of Toronto	Scarborough, ON	134667039 RR0001	2023	15,420,921	3,780,770
Halton Islamic Association	Burlington, ON	118951292 RR0001	2023	14,449,854	3,938,461
Faith of Life Network	Mississauga, ON	812877751 RR0001	2023	14,431,970	3,426,560
World Islamic Mission Canada Inc.	Oakville, ON	886679950 RR0001	2024	14,620,118	1,113,618
Salaheddin Islamic Centre Inc	Scarborough, ON	891127375 RR0001	2023	13,095,743	7,749,993











Name of registered	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total	Total
charities				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Scarborough Muslim Association	Scarborough, ON	889756441 RR0001	2023	13,093,837	3,397,075
Muslim Neighbour Nexus	Mississauga, ON	802570507 RR0001	2023	12,696,740	2,043,623
Abu Huraira Center	North York, ON	865949614 RR0001	2023	12,521,407	3,506,842
The Islamic Centre of Cambridge	Cambridge, ON	119238699 RR0001	2023	11,868,918	2,586,336
London Muslim Mosque	London, ON	863045654 RR0001	2024	11,797,037	6,074,049
Islamic Society of Vaughan	Concord, ON	701340499 RR0001	2023	11,101,254	5,352,475
Centre Islamique du Québec-El Markaz Islami	Saint-Laurent, QC	106899925 RR0001	2023	11,087,840	1,715,631
Islamic Research Centre of Canada	Scarborough, ON	78017408 2RR0001	2023	9,935,934	1,362,050

Source: CharityData (2025)

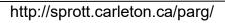
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100%	7.6%	12.7%	3.2%	1.5%	59.7%	13.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)







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