

# RESEARCH NOTE

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# **Religious Charities in Canada**

An examination of Other Religions

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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 Other religions 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?

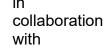
RQ1C) What are the distribution by provinces / territories of the religious charities?

The sub-categories of Other religions, based on Statistics Canada, which will be examined in this study are Baha'i, Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism and Other Other Religions, totaling six 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).









## 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.

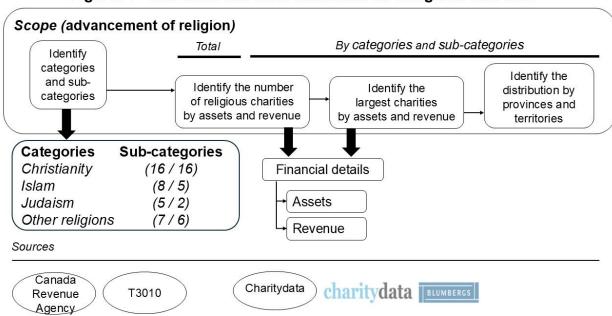


Figure A - Selection and Data collection for Religious charities





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## Other Religions in Canada

The category Other religions are those that are not included in the categories Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.

Table 1 shows the sub-categories for Other religions.

Table 1 – The sub-categories for Other religions

Category Description	Sub-Category Description	Page RN
Other religions		4
-	Baha'i	5
	Buddhism	6
	Hinduism	8
	Jainism	9
	Sikhism	10
	Other Other Religions	11

Source: CharityData (2025)







## Other religions category

Table 2A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the religion of Other Religions, 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 Other religions.

Table 2A – Assets and Revenue for Other religions

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	3	0.3%	More than 5,000,000	10	1.0%
1,000,001-100 million	304	29.1%	1,500,001-5,000,000	41	3.9%
500,001-1,000,000	128	12.3%	500,001-1,500,000	86	8.2%
200,001-500,000	91	8.7%	150,001-500,000	210	20.1%
100,001-200,000	74	7.1%	30,001-150,000	331	31.7%
50,001-100,000	45	4.3%	30,000 or else	362	34.7%
50,000 or less	395	37.9%	Unknown	3	0.3%
Unknown	3	0.3%			
Total	1,043	100%	Total	1,043	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 2B – Largest registered charities for Other religions

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA#	Year	Total	Total
	-			Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society	Little Sands, PE	837671320 RR0001	2023	288,353,789	50,172,268
Great Wisdom Buddhist Institute Inc.	Vernon Bridge, PE	818232480 RR0001	2023	145,729,829	13,967,899
National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Canada	Thornhill, ON	119051944 RR0001	2024	143,178,991	22,654,786
Nanaksar Gurdwara - Gursikh Temple	Richmond, BC	119050904 RR0001	2023	86,657,800	4,275,753
Edmonton Buddhist Research Institute	Edmonton, AB	876795675 RR0001	2023	54,390,979	12,931,531
Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation	Calgary, AB	836674838 RR0001	2024	47,177,129	10,849,942
Dharma Realm Buddhist Association	Vancouver, BC	118885060 RR0001	2023	45,969,072	6,285,991
Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism	Toronto, ON	118934371 RR0001	2023	44,911,461	7,136,859
The Canada Bodhi Dharma Society	Richmond, BC	835199951 RR0001	2023	44,871,013	4,276,279
The International Buddhist Society	Richmond, BC	108084906 RR0001	2023	39,589,051	4,470,079

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 2C – Distribution by provinces for Other religions

Can		Provinces										Territorie	s
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	ΥT	NT	NU
1,043	282	97	29	33	491	77	8	13	5	3	3	2	0
100%	27.0%	9.3%	2.8%	3.2%	47.1%	7.4%	0.8%	1.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)







## Baha'i sub-category

Table 3A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Baha'i, 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 Baha'i.

Table 3A – Assets and Revenue for Baha'i

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	1	0.5%	More than 5,000,000	1	0.5%
1,000,001-100 million	1	0.5%	1,500,001-5,000,000	0	0.0%
500,001-1,000,000	6	2.9%	500,001-1,500,000	3	1.4%
200,001-500,000	3	1.4%	150,001-500,000	14	6.7%
100,001-200,000	7	3.3%	30,001-150,000	49	23.3%
50,001-100,000	3	1.4%	30,000 or else	142	67.6%
50,000 or less	188	89.5%	Unknown	1	0.5%
Unknown	1	0.5%			
Total	210	100%	Total	210	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 3B – Largest registered charities for Baha'i

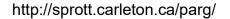
Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total	Total
				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
National Spiritual Assembly of The Baha'is of Canada	Thornhill, ON	119051944 RR0001	2024	143,178,991	22,654,786
The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Toronto	Toronto, ON	119255909 RR0001	2024	9,153,747	943,597
L'Assemblée spirituelle des Baha'is de Montréal	Montréal, QC	118791615 RR0001	2024	1,115,143	193,354
The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Ottawa / L'Assemblée spirituelle des bahá'ís d'Ottawa	Ottawa, ON	119159747 RR0001	2024	937,334	835,044
The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill, ON	119255792 RR0001	2024	847,754	292,415
The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Edmonton	Edmonton, ON	119256402 RR0001	2024	681,073	349,033
The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Winnipeg	Winnipeg, MB	119159994 RR0001	2024	621,111	103,234
Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Regina	Regina, SK	119160018 RR0001	2024	443,013	42,945

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 3C – Distribution by provinces for Baha'i

Can		Provinces										Territories	
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
210	72	19	6	3	77	19	6	3	1	1	1	2	0
100%	34.3%	9.0%	2.9%	1.4%	36.7%	9.0%	2.9%	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)













## **Buddhism sub-category**

Table 4A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Buddhism, 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 Buddhism.

Table 4A – Assets and Revenue for Buddhism

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	2	0.5%	More than 5,000,000	4	1.1%
1,000,001-100 million	132	35.7%	1,500,001-5,000,000	11	3.0%
500,001-1,000,000	60	16.2%	500,001-1,500,000	17	4.6%
200,001-500,000	40	10.8%	150,001-500,000	87	23.5%
100,001-200,000	29	7.8%	30,001-150,000	159	43.0%
50,001-100,000	20	5.4%	30,000 or else	92	24.9%
50,000 or less	87	23.5%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	370	100%	Total	370	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 4B – Largest registered charities for Buddhism

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total	Total
				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society	Little Sands, PE	837671320 RR0001	2023	288,353,789	50,172,268
Great Wisdom Buddhist Institute Inc.	Vernon Bridge, PE	818232480 RR0001	2023	145,729,829	13,967,899
Edmonton Buddhist Research Institute	Edmonton, AB	87679567 5RR0001	2023	54,390,979	12,931,531
Dharma Realm Buddhist Association	Vancouver, BC	118885060 RR0001	2023	45,969,072	6,285,991
The Canada Bodhi Dharma Society	Richmond, BC	835199951 RR0001	2023	44,871,013	4,276,279
The International Buddhist Society	Richmond, BC	108084906 RR0001	2023	39,589,051	4,470,079
International Buddhist Progress Society of Toronto	Mississauga, ON	136720273 RR0001	2023	31,662,281	4,279,218
Dakinava Buddhist Educational and Cultural Society	Mission, BC	893838060 RR0001	2023	29,012,338	1,930,800
Vancouver International Buddhist Progress Society	Richmond, BC	141012567 RR0001	2023	28,186,254	3,137,233
Tai Bay Buddhist Temple of Toronto	Toronto, ON	119208361 RR0001	2023	23,813,358	1,144,515
Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society (GEBIS) Toronto	Concord, ON	824357990 RR0001	2023	15,419,098	2,062,738
Thrangu Monastery Association	Richmond, BC	850958349 RR0001	2024	14,617,653	73,470
International Buddhist Progress Society of Ottawa-Carleton	Richmond, ON	882048184 RR0001	2023	14,313,755	2,658,120
Mui Kwok Buddhist Temple	Edmonton, AB	137180527 RR0001	2023	14,017,303	687,298
Buddhist Society for Compassionate Wisdom - Canada	Toronto, ON	888434644 RR0001	2023	13,941,700	434,453
Buddhist Prajna Temple	Markham, ON	862342490 RR0001	2024	12,698,119	819,141
Tibetan Canadian Cultural Centre	Toronto, ON	824646525 RR0001	2024	9,697,771	1,280,311

Source: CharityData (2025)









Table 4C – Distribution by provinces for Buddhism

Can		Provinces										Territories	
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
370	106	40	8	9	153	41	0	9	3	0	1	0	0
100%	28.6%	10.8%	2.2%	2.4%	41.4%	11.1%	0.0%	2.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)









## **Hinduism sub-category**

Table 5A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Hinduism, 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 Hinduism.

Table 5A – Assets and Revenue for Hinduism

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	1	0.4%
1,000,001-100 million	76	31.1%	1,500,001-5,000,000	11	4.5%
500,001-1,000,000	33	13.5%	500,001-1,500,000	32	13.1%
200,001-500,000	31	12.7%	150,001-500,000	55	22.5%
100,001-200,000	23	9.4%	30,001-150,000	73	29.9%
50,001-100,000	12	4.9%	30,000 or else	70	28.7%
50,000 or less	67	27.5%	Unknown	2	0.8%
Unknown	2	0.8%			·
Total	244	100%	Total	244	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 5B – Largest registered charities for Hinduism

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA#	Year	Total	Total
	-			Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Brampton Triveni Community Centre	Brampton, ON	717156699 RR0001	2023	22,280,504	658,432
Yogi Divine Society Canada	Mississauga, ON	893409961 RR0001	2023	14,847,448	1,804,653
Sringeri Vidya Bharati Foundation, Canada	Etobicoke, ON	135758399R R0001	2023	13,664,498	724,831
Canada Kanthaswamy Temple Society (Scarborough)	Scarborough, ON	893363168 RR0001	2024	12,289,889	2,072,189
The Shirdi Sai Mandir and Cultural Centre	Scarborough, ON	835452145 RR0001	2023	12,234,004	1,932,217
Hindu Temple Society of Canada	Richmond Hill, ON	118958420 RR0001	2023	10,489,951	2,447,252
Guruvayurappan Temple of Brampton	Brampton, ON	860244110 RR0001	2023	9,350,633	1,346,347
Sanatan Mandir Cultural Society of Fort McMmurray	Fort McMurray, AB	850716606 RR0001	2024	8,788,105	1,074,949
Radha Madhav Society	Hamilton, ON	794161885 RR0001	2023	8,150,691	2,440,555
Swaminarayan Mandir Vasna Sanstha (SMVS) Canada	North York, ON	851595173 RR0001	2023	7,899,411	1,191,795

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 5C – Distribution by provinces for Hinduism

Can		Provinces											Territories		
total	ВС	BC AB SK MB ON QC NB NS PE NL									ΥT	ТИ	NU		
244	22	18	7	8	177	9	2	0	0	1	0	0	0		
100%	9.0%	7.4%	2.9%	3.3%	72.5%	3.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

Source: CharityData (2025)





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## Jainism sub-category

Table 6A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Jainism, 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 Jainism.

Table 6A – Assets and Revenue for Jainism

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	0	0.0%
1,000,001-100 million	0	0.0%	1,500,001-5,000,000	0	0.0%
500,001-1,000,000	1	16.7%	500,001-1,500,000	1	16.7%
200,001-500,000	2	33.3%	150,001-500,000	1	16.7%
100,001-200,000	0	0.0%	30,001-150,000	1	16.7%
50,001-100,000	1	16.7%	30,000 or else	3	50.0%
50,000 or less	2	33.3%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	6	100%	Total	6	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 6B – Largest registered charities for Jainism

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total	Total
				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
SRI Jain Mandir	Brampton, ON	861819993 RR0001	2023	969,460	121,573
Shree Arihant Shwetamber Murtipujak Jain Sangh and Cultural Centre	Brampton, ON	710943200 RR0001	2024	599,376	722,163
Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Canada)	Markham, ON	839649001 RR0001	2024	387,845	285,214
Jain Society of Alberta	Edmonton, AB	712325539 RR0001	2023	97,976	27,854
Shree Swetambar Jain Sangh of Toronto Inc.	Brampton, ON	731262606 RR0001	2023	5,471	0
Jain Society of Waterloo Region Inc.	Kitchener, ON	782531149 RR0001	2024	0	112,943

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 6C – Distribution by provinces for Jainism

Can		Provinces											Territories		
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU		
6	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
100%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	83.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

Source: CharityData (2025)







## Sikhism sub-category

Table 7A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Sikhism, 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 Sikhism.

Table 7A – Assets and Revenue for Sikhism

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	3	1.5%
1,000,001-100 million	90	45.9%	1,500,001-5,000,000	19	9.7%
500,001-1,000,000	25	12.8%	500,001-1,500,000	32	16.3%
200,001-500,000	16	8.2%	150,001-500,000	47	24.0%
100,001-200,000	12	6.1%	30,001-150,000	45	23.0%
50,001-100,000	9	4.6%	30,000 or else	50	25.0%
50,000 or less	44	22.4%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	196	100%	Total	196	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 7B – Largest registered charities for Sikhism

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total	Total
-				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Nanaksar Gurdwara - Gursikh Temple	Richmond, BC	119050904 RR0001	2023	86,657,800	4,275,753
Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation	Calgary, AB	836674838 RR0001	2024	47,177,129	10,849,942
SRI Guru Nanak Sikh Centre Brampton	Brampton, ON	891731051 RR0001	2023	21,490,169	5,822,935
Ontario Khalsa Darbar	Mississauga, ON	119067981 RR0001	2024	18,646,171	6,608,881
Gurdwara Nanaksar Satsang Sabha Society	Langley, BC	882824303 RR0001	2023	18,639,970	1,427,205
Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara Society	Surrey, BC	107458192 RR0001	2023	17,873,022	3,623,624
Guelph Sikh Society	Guelph, ON	118949387 RR0001	2023	17,856,902	1,504,483
Gursikh Sabha Canada	Scarborough, ON	118949841 RR0001	2024	14,307,130	2,703,725
Khalsa Diwan Society New Westminster	Surrey, BC	118980390 RR0001	2023	13,755,088	2,786,510
Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Ontario	Brampton, ON	844945527 RR0001	2023	10,477,538	1,606,455
Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Society	Surrey, BC	856683370 RR0001	2024	10,347,880	5,890,010
Khalsa Diwan Society	Vancouver, BC	118980382 RR0001	2023	9,980,879	2,502,899
Ramgarhia Gursikh Society of Edmonton	Edmonton, AB	119109072 RR0001	2024	9,840,396	2,252,140
Hindu Cultural Society and Community Centre of B.C.	Burnaby, BC	108184987 RR0001	2023	9,734,133	983,358

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 7C – Distribution by provinces for Sikhism

Can		Provinces											Territories		
total	ВС	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	ΥT	ΝТ	NU		
196	81	18	8	12	66	7	0	1	1	1	1	0	0		
100%	41.3%	9.2%	4.1%	6.1%	33.7%	3.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%		

Source: CharityData (2025)

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## Other Other Religions sub-category

Table 8A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the subcategory of Other Other Religions, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 8B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 8C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Other Other Religions.

Table 8A – Assets and Revenue for Other Other Religions

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	1	5.9%
1,000,001-100 million	5	29.4%	1,500,001-5,000,000	0	0.0%
500,001-1,000,000	3	17.6%	500,001-1,500,000	2	11.8%
200,001-500,000	2	11.8%	150,001-500,000	5	29.4%
100,001-200,000	0	0.0%	30,001-150,000	4	23.5%
50,001-100,000	0	0.0%	30,000 or else	5	29.4%
50,000 or less	7	41.2%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	17	100%	Total	17	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 8B – Largest registered charities for Other Other Religions

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total	Total
				Assets	Revenue
				4200	4700
Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism	Toronto, ON	118934371 RR0001	2023	44,911,461	7,136,859
Shree Shivkrupanand Swami Foundation Canada	Beaconsfield, QC	827620626 RR0001	2023	1,970,055	235,129
International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON Muskoka)	Brace Bridge, ON	788101863 RR0001	2023	1,834,029	427,956
Blue Mosque Foundation - Diyanet Edmonton	Edmonton, AB	756123733 RR0001	2023	1,094,552	257,125
Om Sharavanabhava Seva Foundation <u>o</u> Of Canada	Markham, ON	788849529 RR0001	2023	1,076,160	851,145
Eckankar Canada	Toronto, ON	118892157 RR0001	2023	947,159	713,186
Friends of the Society of Servants of God	Victoria, BC	869813923 RR0001	2024	803,570	19,512
Saint Maron Parish	Holland Landing, ON	782430086 RR0001	2023	727,216	279,383
Science of Self Knowledge	Brampton, ON	742661481 RR0001	2023	199,207	99,889

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 8C – Distribution by provinces for Other Other Religions

Can	Provinces											Territories		
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	ΥT	NT	NU	
17	1	1	0	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
100%	5.9%	5.9%	0.0%	5.9%	76.5%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

Source: CharityData (2025)









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