



Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2020

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We recently reviewed the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return database for 2020 as part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project. The database covers about 83,991 of the approximately 86,000 registered charities in Canada that had filed their T3010 and were processed into CRA's Charity Listing database by March 2022.

This article provides a snapshot of the registered charity sector based on the 2020 T3010 filings. We have completed Blumbergs' Snapshots of the Canadian Charity Sector for 2010 – 2019 as well. Keep in mind that these statistics only relate to registered charities under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and not to the 80,000 -100,000 non-profits which are not registered charities and for which CRA is not permitted to release information.

The Canadian charity sector is a vital part of Canadian society and economy with revenue of over \$304 billion and expenditures of about \$281 billion.

Please review the caveats at the end about the reliability and usage of T3010 information.

The Sean Blumberg Transparency Project is in memory of my youngest brother Sean Blumberg. Sean was a sweet, kind person, a great brother who helped me on a number of occasions with many tasks including the time-consuming and arduous task of reviewing T3010 databases and making them into something useful. As part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project, Blumbergs has been releasing information on the Canadian charity sector to provide a better understanding of the size, scope, complexity, and challenges of the sector.

Some of the highlights of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2020 include:

- 83,991 registered charities filed their T3010 in Canada out of approximately 86,000 charities
- \$304 billion in total revenue for Canadian charities and total expenditures of \$281 billion.
- Government revenue totaled \$204.8 billion including from the federal government (\$10.7 billion), provincial governments (\$182.4 billion), and municipal/regional governments (\$11.6 billion). In total government is approximately 67% of the revenue of the whole charity sector.
- 77,017 identified themselves as active and 4,139 as inactive
- 29,811 made gifts to other charities or qualified donees during their 2020 fiscal year
- Canadian charities spent over \$4 billion outside of Canada
- 143 Canadian charities received funds from Global Affairs Canada for foreign activities)
- 2,884 identified having contractual relationships with foreign intermediaries, 1,131 charities identified that employees conducted activities outside of Canada and 2,230 had volunteers conducting foreign activities.
- \$2.9 billion was received by Canadian charities from outside of Canada
- In 2019 791 identified carrying on political activities but these questions have now been removed and there is no transparency about Canadian charities and political activities.
- 43,507 identified having employment expenses while 38,859 did not have any employment expenses
- \$166 billion was spent by Canadian charities on salaries and other compensation expenditures
- \$18.7 billion in official donation receipts were issued by Canadian registered charities

Registered Charity Information Return

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Section A: Identification

To help you fill out this form, refer to Guide T4033, Completing the Registered Charity Information Return. It can be found at canada.ca/cra-forms.

Note: Even if a charity is inactive, an information return must be filed to maintain its registered status.

Complete the following:

1. Charity name:

83,991 charities in the database

64,471 provided phone numbers
48,055 provided emails

2. Return for fiscal period ending:

Year	Month	Day

3. BN/registration number:

83,991 BN numbers

4. Web address (if applicable):

32,846 provided website URL

A1 Was the charity in a subordinate position to a head body? **1510** Yes No
If **yes**, give the name and BN/registration number of the organization. **10,928** **70,485**

Name

BN (9 digits, 2 letters, 4 digits. Example: 123456789RR0001)

A2 Has the charity wound-up, dissolved, or terminated operations? **1570** Yes No
647 **81,517**

A3 Is the charity designated as a public foundation or private foundation? **1600** Yes No
10,668 **71,157**

If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 1, Foundations. To confirm the charity's designation, go to canada.ca/charities-list and refer to the charity's detail page.

Section B: Directors/trustees and like officials

B1 All charities must complete Form T1235, Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet. Only the **public** information section of the worksheet is available to the public.

577,571 directors listed by all charities. Arm's length (466,275) and non-arm's length (80,400). 30,896 did not list whether arms length or not.

For charities subject to the Ontario Corporations Act.

As of May 15, 2021, the Canada Revenue Agency no longer collects this information on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. For more information on filing an Ontario annual information return, visit ontario.ca/businessregistry.

Note: If you would like these individuals to have the authority to communicate with the CRA on behalf of your charity, their name must also appear as an owner for your Business Number (BN). For more information, go to canada.ca/charities-giving, select "Operating a registered charity," then "Making a change to your organization" and see "Change director."

Section C: Programs and general information

C1 Was the charity active during the fiscal period? **1800** Yes No
If **no**, explain why in the "Ongoing programs" space below at C2. **77,017** **4139**

C2 Describe all **ongoing** and **new** charitable programs the charity carried on during this fiscal period to further its purpose(s) (as defined in its governing documents). "Programs" includes all of the charitable activities that the charity carries out on its own through employees or volunteers as well as through qualified donees and intermediaries. The charity may also use this space to describe the contributions of its volunteers in carrying out its activities, for example, number of volunteers and/or hours. **Do not** include the names of employees or volunteers. Grant-making charities should describe the types of organizations they support. **Do not** describe fundraising activities in this space.

Do not attach additional sheets of paper or annual reports.

Ongoing programs
New programs

Registered charities may make gifts to qualified donees. Qualified donees are other registered Canadian charities, as well as certain other organizations described in the Income Tax Act.

C3 Did the charity make gifts or transfer funds to qualified donees or other organizations? **2000** Yes No
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Form T1236, Qualified donees worksheet/Amounts provided to other organizations. 29,811 52,597

C4 Did the charity carry on, fund, or provide any resources through employees, volunteers, agents, joint ventures, contractors, or any other individuals, intermediaries, entities, or means (other than qualified donees) for any activity/program/project outside Canada? **2100** Yes No
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 2, Activities outside Canada. 5109 77,122

C5 Public policy dialogue and development activities
 This question has been removed.

C6 If the charity carried on fundraising activities or engaged third parties to carry on fundraising activities on its behalf, select all fundraising methods that it used during the fiscal period:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 2500 <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisements/print/radio/ TV commercials 8590 | 2570 <input type="checkbox"/> Sales 11,420 | 2620 <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/TV solicitations 1783 |
| 2510 <input type="checkbox"/> Auctions 4673 | 2575 <input type="checkbox"/> Internet 11,352 | 2630 <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament/sporting events 3816 |
| 2530 <input type="checkbox"/> Collection plate/boxes 19,335 | 2580 <input type="checkbox"/> Mail campaigns 9313 | 2640 <input type="checkbox"/> Cause-related marketing 1570 |
| 2540 <input type="checkbox"/> Door-to-door solicitation 1001 | 2590 <input type="checkbox"/> Planned-giving programs 5454 | 2650 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 11,562 |
| 2550 <input type="checkbox"/> Draws/lotteries 6113 | 2600 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted corporate donations/sponsorships 11,039 | 2660 Specify: _____ |
| 2560 <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising dinners/galas/concerts 13,628 | 2610 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted contacts 11,069 | |

C7 Did the charity pay external fundraisers? **2700** Yes No 1384 80,116
If yes, you **must** complete the following lines, and complete Schedule 4, Confidential data, Table 1.

(a) Enter the gross revenue collected by the fundraisers on behalf of the charity. **5450** \$ **451,609,687**
 (b) Enter the amounts paid to and/or retained by the fundraisers. **5460** \$ **115,865,983**

(c) Select the method of payment to the fundraiser:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| 2730 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissions 401 | 2750 <input type="checkbox"/> Finder's fee 14 | 2770 <input type="checkbox"/> Honoraria 39 |
| 2740 <input type="checkbox"/> Bonuses 2 | 2760 <input type="checkbox"/> Set fee for services 632 | 2780 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 225 |
| 2790 Specify: _____ | | |

(d) Did the fundraiser issue tax receipts on behalf of the charity? **2800** Yes No
740 544

C8 Did the charity compensate any of its directors/trustees or like officials or persons not at arm's length from the charity for services provided during the fiscal period (other than reimbursement for expenses)? **3200** Yes No
5192 76,721

C9 Did the charity incur any expenses for compensation of employees during the fiscal period? **3400** Yes No
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 3, Compensation. 43,507 38,859

C10 Did the charity receive any donations or gifts of any kind valued at \$10,000 or more from any donor that was **not** resident in Canada and was **not** any of the following? **3900** Yes No
1105 81,037

- a Canadian citizen, nor
- employed in Canada, nor
- carrying on a business in Canada, nor
- a person having disposed of taxable Canadian property?

Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 4, Confidential data, Table 2, for each donation of \$10,000 or more.

C11	Did the charity receive any non-cash gifts for which it issued tax receipts?	4000	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Important: If yes , you must complete Schedule 5, Non-cash gifts.			11,425 70,678
C12	Did the charity acquire a non-qualifying security?	5800	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
				67 82,085
C13	Did the charity allow any of its donors to use any of its property? (except for permissible uses)	5810	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
				65 82,070
C14	Did the charity issue any of its tax receipts for donations on behalf of another organization?	5820	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
				524 81,626
C15	Did the charity have direct partnership holdings at any time during the fiscal period?	5830	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
				198 81,629

Section D: Financial information

Fill out either Section D or Schedule 6, Detailed financial information.

If **any** of the following applies to the charity, complete Schedule 6 instead of Section D:
 (a) The charity's revenue exceeds \$100,000.
 (b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities was more than \$25,000.
 (c) The charity had permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "See attached financial statements." All relevant fields must be filled out.

D1 Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis? **4020** Accrual Cash

D2 Summary of financial position:

Using the charity's own financial statements, enter the following:

Did the charity own land and/or buildings?	4050	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Total assets (including land and buildings)	4200	\$ _____	
Total liabilities	4350	\$ _____	
Did the charity borrow from, loan to, or invest assets with any non-arm's length persons?	4400	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

D3 Revenue:

Did the charity issue tax receipts for gifts?	4490	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes , enter the total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issued or will issue tax receipts	4500	\$ _____	
Total amount of 10 year gifts received 4505	4505	\$ _____	
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	\$ _____	
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4530	\$ _____	
Did the charity receive any revenue from any level of government in Canada?	4565	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes , total amount received	4570	\$ _____	

Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	\$ _____	
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4575	\$ _____	
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	\$ _____	
Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4570, and 4575 to 4650)	4700	\$ _____	

D4 Expenditures:

Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$ _____	
Travel and vehicle expenses	4810	\$ _____	
All other expenditures not already included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees)	4920	\$ _____	
Total expenditures (excluding gifts to qualified donees) (add lines 4860, 4810, and 4920)	4950	\$ _____	
Of the amount at line 4950:			
(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities	5000	\$ _____	
(b) Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	\$ _____	
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	\$ _____	
Total expenditures (add lines 4950 and 5050)	5100	\$ _____	

Section E: Certification

This return **must** be signed by a person who has authority to sign on behalf of the charity. **It is a serious offence under the Income Tax Act to provide false or deceptive information.**

I certify that the information given on this annual return and any attachment is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, complete, and current.

Name (print)		Signature
Position in charity	Date	Phone number

Section F: Confidential data

F1 Enter the physical address of the charity and the address in Canada for the charity's books and records. Post office box numbers and rural routes are not sufficient.

	Physical address of the charity	Address for the charity's books and records
Complete street address		
City		
Province or territory and postal code		

F2 Name and address of individual who completed this return.

Name	
Company name (if applicable)	
Complete street address	
City, province or territory, and postal code	
Phone number	Is this the same individual who certified in Section E above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Privacy statement

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Income Tax Act and is used to establish and validate the identity and contact information of directors, trustees, officers, like officials, and authorized representatives of the organization. This information will also be used as a basis for the indirect collection of additional personal information from other internal and external sources, which includes personal tax information, and relevant financial and biographical information. Personal information will be used to assess the risk of registration with respect to the obligations and requirements as outlined in the Act and the common law. The social insurance number (SIN) is collected under subsection 237 of the Act and is used for identification purposes.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will make the information on this annual information return available to the public on the Charities Directorate website, except for information identified as confidential. Personal information may also be disclosed under information-sharing agreements and in accordance with section 241 of the Act. Incomplete or inaccurate information may result in compliance measures including revocation of registered status.

Personal information is described in personal information bank CRA PPU 200 and is protected under the Privacy Act. Individuals have a right of protection, access to and correction or notation of their personal information. You are entitled to complain to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding our handling of your information.

Notification to directors and like officials: The CRA strongly encourages the organization to voluntarily inform its directors and like officials that it has collected and disclosed their personal information to the CRA.

I confirm that I have read the Privacy statement above.

Checklist

A charity's complete annual information return includes:

- Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return, and all applicable schedules
- a copy of the charity's financial statements
- Form T1235, Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet
- Form T1236, Qualified donees worksheet/Amounts provided to other organizations (if applicable)
- Form T2081, Excess Corporate Holdings Worksheet for Private Foundations (if applicable)

If financial statements are not included, the charity's **registration may be revoked**.

Foundations		Schedule 1
1	Did the foundation acquire control of a corporation?.....	100 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 26 10,211
2	Did the foundation incur any debts other than for current operating expenses, purchasing or selling investments, or in administering charitable activities?.....	110 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 32 10,168
For private foundations only:		
3	Did the foundation hold any shares, rights to acquire shares, or debts owing to it that meet the definition of a non-qualified investment?.....	120 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 48 7166
4	Did the foundation own more than 2% of any class of shares of a corporation at any time during the fiscal period? If yes, you must complete and attach Form T2081, Excess Corporate Holdings Worksheet for Private Foundations.	130 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 86 7124

Activities outside Canada		Schedule 2
Important: If you complete this section, you must answer yes to question C4.		
For more information, go to canada.ca/charities-giving and see Guidance CG-002, Canadian registered charities carrying on activities outside Canada.		

1	Total expenditures on activities/programs/projects carried on outside Canada, excluding gifts to qualified donees	200 \$ 4,022,023,248
2	Were any of the charity's financial resources spent on programs outside of Canada under any kind of an arrangement including a contract, agency agreement, or joint venture to any other individual or organization (excluding gifts to qualified donees)?	210 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 2884 2154

If yes, provide details of the amount reported in question 1 on line 200, that the charity transferred to these individuals or organizations in the following table:

Name of individual/organization	Country code where the activities were carried out (see list at the end of Schedule 2)	Amount (\$) Show amounts to the nearest Canadian dollar

Important: If you entered information in the table above, you **must** answer **yes** in line 210.

3 Using the table below, enter the countries outside Canada where the charity itself carried on programs or devoted any of its resources.

4	Were any projects undertaken outside Canada funded by Global Affairs Canada?.....	220 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, what was the total amount the charity spent under this arrangement?	230 \$ 619,147,819
5	Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by employees of the charity?.....	240 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 1131 3874
6	Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by volunteers of the charity?	250 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 2230 2777
7	Did the charity export goods as part of its charitable activities?	260 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 288 4690

If yes, list the items exported, their destination, the country code, and their value.

Item exported	Destination (city/region)	Country code	Value (CAN \$)

Country codes

AF-Afghanistan	CU-Cuba	KP-North Korea	RO-Romania
AL-Albania	CY-Cyprus	KR-South Korea	RU-Russia
DZ-Algeria	DK-Denmark	KW-Kuwait	RW-Rwanda
AO-Angola	DO-Dominican Republic	KG-Kyrgyzstan	SA-Saudi Arabia
AR-Argentina	EC-Ecuador	LA-Laos	RS-Serbia
AM-Armenia	EG-Egypt	LB-Lebanon	SL-Sierra Leone
AZ-Azerbaijan	SV-El Salvador	LR-Liberia	SG-Singapore
BD-Bangladesh	ET-Ethiopia	MK-Macedonia	SO-Somalia
BY-Belarus	FR-France	MG-Madagascar	ES-Spain
BT-Bhutan	GA-Gabon	MY-Malaysia	LK-Sri Lanka
BO-Bolivia	GM-Gambia	ML-Mali	SD-Sudan
BA-Bosnia and Herzegovina	GE-Georgia	MU-Mauritius	SY-Syrian Arab Republic
BW-Botswana	DE-Germany	MX-Mexico	TJ-Tajikistan
BR-Brazil	GH-Ghana	MN-Mongolia	TZ-United Republic of Tanzania
BN-Brunei Darussalam	GT-Guatemala	ME-Montenegro	TH-Thailand
BG-Bulgaria	GY-Guyana	MZ-Mozambique	TL-Timor-Leste
BI-Burundi	HT-Haiti	MM-Myanmar (Burma)	TR-Turkey
KH-Cambodia	HN-Honduras	NA-Namibia	UG-Uganda
CM-Cameroon	IN-India	NL-Netherlands	UA-Ukraine
CF-Central African Republic	ID-Indonesia	NI-Nicaragua	GB-United Kingdom
TD-Chad	IR-Iran	NE-Niger	US-United States of America
CL-Chile	IQ-Iraq	NG-Nigeria	UY-Uruguay
CN-China	IL-Israel	OM-Oman	UZ-Uzbekistan
CO-Colombia	PS-Israeli Occupied Territories	PK-Pakistan	VE-Venezuela
KM-Comoros	IT-Italy	PA-Panama	VN-Vietnam
CD-Democratic Republic of Congo	JM-Jamaica	PE-Peru	YE-Yemen
CG-Republic of Congo	JP-Japan	PH-Philippines	ZM-Zambia
CR-Costa Rica	JO-Jordan	PL-Poland	ZW-Zimbabwe
CI-Côte d'Ivoire	KZ-Kazakhstan	QA-Qatar	
HR-Croatia	KE-Kenya	RE-Réunion	

Use the following codes for countries not listed above:

QS-Other countries in Africa
 QR-Other countries in Asia and Oceania
 QM-Other countries in Central and South America
 QP-Other countries in Europe
 QO-Other countries in the Middle East
 QN-Other countries in North America

Compensation

Schedule 3

Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C9.

- 1** (a) Enter the **number** of permanent, full-time, compensated positions in the fiscal period. This number should represent the number of positions the charity had including both managerial positions and others, and should not include independent contractors. **Do not** enter a dollar amount. **300** 3,009,857
- (b) For the **ten (10)** highest compensated, permanent, full-time positions enter the **number of positions** that are within each of the following annual compensation categories. **Do not** tick the boxes; use numbers.
- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 305 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 – \$39,999 65,884 | 310 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 – \$79,999 76,261 | 315 <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 – \$119,999 23,298 |
| 320 <input type="checkbox"/> \$120,000 – \$159,999 7487 | 325 <input type="checkbox"/> \$160,000 – \$199,999 3122 | 330 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 – \$249,999 1661 |
| 335 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 – \$299,999 734 | 340 <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 – \$349,999 444 | 345 <input type="checkbox"/> \$350,000 and over 636 |
- 2** (a) Enter the **number** of part-time or part-year (for example, seasonal) employees the charity employed during the fiscal period. **370** 3,540,754
- (b) Total expenditure on compensation for part-time or part-year employees in the fiscal period. **380** \$ 33,456,544,327
- 3** Total expenditure on all compensation in the fiscal period. **390** \$ 166,303,971,958

Confidential data

Schedule 4

Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C10.

The information in this schedule is for the CRA's use and may be shared as permitted by law (for example, with certain other government departments and agencies).

1. Information about external fundraisers

Enter the name(s) and arm's length status of each external fundraiser.

Name (confidential)	At arm's length? Yes/No (confidential)

2. Information about donors not resident in Canada

Complete this schedule to report any gift of any kind valued at \$10,000 or more received from any donor that was **not** resident in Canada and was **not** any of the following:

- a Canadian citizen, nor
- employed in Canada, nor
- carrying on business in Canada, nor
- a person having disposed of taxable Canadian property.

Enter the name of each donor and the value of the gift in the table below. Select whether the donor was an organization (for example a business, corporate entity, charity, non-profit organization), a government or an individual.

Name (confidential)	Type of donor (confidential)			Value (CAN \$)
	Organization	Government	Individual	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Non-cash gifts

Schedule 5

Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C11.

- 1** Select all types of non-cash gifts received for which a tax receipt was issued:
- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 500 <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork/wine/jewellery 1645 | 525 <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological properties 43 | 550 <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly traded securities/ commodities/mutual funds 2221 |
| 505 <input type="checkbox"/> Building materials 971 | 530 <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance policies 576 | 555 <input type="checkbox"/> Books 885 |
| 510 <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/furniture/food 3352 | 535 <input type="checkbox"/> Medical equipment/supplies 557 | 560 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 5699 |
| 515 <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles 349 | 540 <input type="checkbox"/> Privately-held securities 142 | 565 Specify: _____ |
| 520 <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural properties 171 | 545 <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery/equipment/ computers/software 1507 | |
- 2** Enter the total amount of tax-receipted non-cash gifts **580** \$ 3,416,206,429

Detailed financial information

Schedule 6

Fill out this schedule if **any** of the following applies to the charity:

- (a) The charity's revenue exceeded \$100,000.
 (b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities was more than \$25,000.
 (c) The charity had permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis?..... 4020 Accrual Cash
 49,217 25,093

Statement of financial position

Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "see attached financial statements." All relevant fields must be filled out.

Assets:		Liabilities:	
Cash, bank accounts, and short-term investments	4100 \$ 65,574,715,676	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300 \$ 40,979,750,653
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons	4110 \$ 11,338,572,824	Deferred revenue	4310 \$ 94,228,989,940
Amounts receivable from all others	4120 \$ 28,162,331,302	Amounts owing to non-arm's length persons	4320 \$ 11,757,876,996
Investments in non-arm's length persons	4130 \$ 2,758,751,405	Other liabilities	4330 \$ 125,188,248,525
Long-term investments	4140 \$ 149,184,927,294	Total liabilities (add lines 4300 to 4330)...	4350 \$ 281,072,713,597
Inventories	4150 \$ 2,215,548,364		
Land and buildings in Canada	4155 \$ 300,383,699,473		
Other capital assets in Canada	4160 \$ 102,282,019,143		
Capital assets outside Canada	4165 \$ 338,763,715		
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	4166 \$ -154,792,091,102	Amount included in lines 4150, 4155,	
Other assets	4170 \$ 22,653,004,295	4160, 4165 and 4170 not used in	
10 year gifts.....	4180 \$ 12,976,699,011	charitable activities	4250 \$ 21,365,617,443
Total assets (add lines 4100 to 4170)	4200 \$ 532,360,389,434		

Statement of operations

Revenue:			
Total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issued or will issue tax receipts		4500	\$ 18,716,859,779
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees	5610	\$ 914,875,127	
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4505	\$ 674,398,286	
Total amount received from other registered charities		4510	\$ 8,684,952,718
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630).....		4530	\$ 3,360,578,106
Total revenue received from federal government		4540	\$ 10,744,141,428
Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments		4550	\$ 182,397,211,621
Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments		4560	\$ 11,627,462,557
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	\$ 146,595,810	
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)		4575	\$ 2,735,030,786
Total interest and investment income received or earned		4580	\$ 4,754,765,996
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets	4590	\$ 14,867,387,604	
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with brackets)		4600	\$ 1,417,960,087
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings		4610	\$ 3,574,105,980
Total non tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees		4620	\$ 1,618,155,517
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising		4630	\$ 2,672,526,913
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)		4640	\$ 25,128,169,874
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above		4650	\$ 28,173,713,815
Specify type(s) of revenue included in the amount reported at 4650	4655	N/A	
Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4560, 4575, 4580, and 4600 to 4650)		4700	\$ 304,406,647,053

Expenditures:

Advertising and promotion	4800	\$ 1,181,346,678	
Travel and vehicle expenses.....	4810	\$ 2,659,976,541	
Interest and bank charges.....	4820	\$ 2,834,906,856	
Licences, memberships, and dues.....	4830	\$ 667,331,099	
Office supplies and expenses.....	4840	\$ 3,972,898,552	
Occupancy costs	4850	\$ 10,205,744,517	
Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$ 6,121,795,440	
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	\$ 779,275,169	
Total expenditure on all compensation (enter the amount reported at line 390 in Schedule 3, if applicable)	4880	\$ 170,421,283,172	
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charitable activities	4890	\$ 1,804,953,805	
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	\$ 20,539,046,317	
Amortization of capitalized assets.....	4900	\$ 12,937,589,138	
Research grants and scholarships as part of charitable activities.....	4910	\$ 4,591,460,962	
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees).....	4920	\$ 43,140,115,274	
Specify type(s) of expenditures included in the amount reported at 4920.....	4930	N/A	
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees (add lines 4800 to 4920).....	4950	\$ 280,991,295,394	
Of the amounts at lines 4950:			
(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities.....	5000	\$ 220,122,005,017	
(b) Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	\$ 22,664,479,889	
(c) Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	\$ 2,548,019,975	
(d) Total other expenditures included in line 4950.....	5040	\$ 10,455,647,028	
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	\$ 12,834,307,145	
Total expenditures (add lines 4950 and 5050).....	5100	\$ 288,509,907,775	

Other financial information**Permission to accumulate property:**

Only registered charities that have written permission to accumulate should complete this section.

• Enter the amount accumulated for the fiscal period, including income earned on accumulated funds.....	5500	\$ 291,296,131
• Enter the amount disbursed for the fiscal period for the specified purpose.....	5510	\$ 170,693,586

Permission to reduce disbursement quota:

If the charity has received approval to make a reduction to its disbursement quota, enter the amount for the fiscal period	5750	\$ 49,473,662
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Property not used in charitable activities:

Enter the average value of property not used for charitable activities or administration during:

• The 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period	5900	\$ 107,537,564,251
• The 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	\$ 120,205,996,738

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Further information

Are you interested in more information on Transparency in the charity sector? If so, you might find these links helpful including our Blumbergs' Directory on [Transparency](#):

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2019](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2019](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2018](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the British Columbia Charity Sector 2018](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2018](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2018](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Quebec Charity Sector 2018](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Nova Scotia Charity Sector 2018](#)

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[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2010](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the BC Charity Sector 2012](#)

[Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2011 - understanding the charity sector through the T3010](#)

[Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2010 -a little more perspective on the sector](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2011](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2012](#)

[Blumbergs' Directory on Transparency Related Articles](#)

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[Blumbergs' Directory on Canadian charity statistics](#)

[Comparison of the CRA's Charities Listing and Blumbergs' CharityData.ca](#)

[Transparency in the Canadian Charitable Sector and the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return Online Course](#)

[Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission – February 25, 2022](#)

[Blumbergs' Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations for the Canadian Federal Budget 2022 with a focus on Transparency and Accountability in the Non-profit and Charity Sector](#)

[“Confidence in charity leaders has fallen sharply over the last two decades – what does that mean for the sector?”](#)

[How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 2 – more data from the T3010](#)

[How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 1](#)

[Canadian charities giving to Indigenous Charities and Qualified Donees – 2018](#)

[Discussion paper from the T3010 User Group on improvements to the T3010](#)

[When is a financial statement not a financial statement?](#)

[Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Associations and their financial statements](#)

[CRA charity audit statistics released through freedom of information in 2022](#)

[Update completed to CharityData.ca website \(May 2022\)](#)

[Gifts by Canadian Charities to the United Nations and its Agencies in 2019](#)

[Gifts by Canadian Charities to Donor Advised Funds in 2019](#)

[Gifts by Canadian Registered Charities to the Registered Foreign Universities in 2019](#)

[Recent CRA letters of revocation for Canadian registered charities – received December 2021](#)

[Recent CRA letters of revocation for Canadian registered charities – 2021](#)

[Canadian Federal Budget 2022 and its impact on non-profits and charities](#)

[List of Canadian Registered Charities Revoked as a Result of an Audit Over the Last 30 Years](#)

[Blumbergs Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2018 – Fundraising Activity](#)

[Top Fallacies about Canadian Private Foundations in Canada in 2022](#)

[National Post article “Charity sector worth \\$300B per year, but CRA audits have dropped four-fold since 2010”](#)

[Dramatic changes to charity audits by CRA over the last few years](#)

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[Budget Implementation Act passed allowing certain additional charitable partnerships](#)

[How to search for an Ontario non-profit corporation using the Ontario Business Registry](#)

[Which Canadian registered charities had the largest assets in 2019?](#)

[Which Charities Received the Most Money from the Federal Government in 2019?](#)

[Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission for the Federal Budget 2021 relating to charities and transparency](#)

[CRA provides additional information on foreign activities by Canadian charities](#)

[Another version of CRA's guidance on advancement of religion released in an access to information request](#)

[The Charity Report provides a profile of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector](#)

[Dramatic changes to the CRA Charities Listing](#)

[If the T3010 annual charity return improves perhaps the charity sector and transparency will also improve](#)

[Mark Blumberg's submission to the Standing Committee on Finance on transparency](#)

[CRA publishes new web page on "How to get information about a charity"](#)

[New Transparency in Ontario for Non-Profits to be released in next few months](#)

[Finance Memo on Registered Charities - Political Activities, Foreign Funding and Transparency](#)

[Which Canadian Charities Spent Money on "political activities" and how much did they spend](#)

[So how much do Canadian charities receive from foreign sources according to the T3010 Returns?](#)

[Transparency - What can the Charities Directorate of CRA disclose about registered charities?](#)

[How accurate are the T3010 charity returns when it comes to political activities?](#)

[How to Decide Which Charity to Support](#)

[Community Foundations of Canada 2013 Conference in Winnipeg -some interesting stats](#)

[CRA publishes new web page on "How to get information about a charity"](#)

[CRA releases new T3010 \(13\) for registered charities with fiscal year ends after January 1, 2013](#)

[List of Ontario Non-Profit Corporations finally revealed for the first time](#)

[Who are the Canadian environmental charities?](#)

[Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Municipal Governments in 2012?](#)

[Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Provincial Governments in 2012?](#)

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[Which Charities Received the Most Money from the Federal Government – 2012?](#)

[Largest Gifts from Canadian Charities to other Qualified Donees - 2012](#)

[Which Canadian Private Foundations had the largest total expenditures in 2013-2015?](#)

[More from the T3010-13 on political activities](#)

[Latest statistics on “abusive charity gifting tax schemes”](#)

[Some simple and free steps to increase your Canadian registered charity’s transparency](#)

[CRA released it’s 2018 T3010 annual return form for Canadian registered charities](#)

[Corporations Canada has made a giant leap forward in increasing transparency of Federal corporations](#)

[Top Canadian Charity Law Issues by Mark Blumberg – For Charity Village – March 2018](#)

[Key statistics on Canada’s charity and non-profit sector](#)

[Discussion paper from the T3010 User Group on improvements to the T3010](#)

[CRA provides additional details as to changes with the T3010 over the last few years](#)

Limitations and Caveats

There are a number of cautions in dealing with the information from the T3010. You can access the CRA Charities Listing database directly on the CRA website at: www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/list-charities/list-charities-other-qualified-donees.html. As well, Blumbergs also maintains Canada's largest charity information portal at www.charitydata.ca with up to 17 years information on every Canadian registered charity. The portal is free and the aim is to increase transparency in the Canadian charity sector. With CRA removing recently over 10 years' worth of information from the Charities Listing, www.charitydata.ca has far more years available

- 1) The data in this note is based on the 2020 T3010 Registered Charity Information Return filings. Although all charities are supposed to file their T3010 within 6 months of their fiscal year end, some charities file late or do not file at all and then will lose their charitable status. Depending on the data set from CRA, not every charity may have filed their T3010 or been inputted yet.
- 2) Registered charities complete the T3010 and one person signs the form. The T3010 information is not independently verified by CRA when it is posted on the CRA site or placed in the CRA database.
- 3) Although an important legal document, the T3010 is often completed by volunteers or others who may have little understanding of the nuances of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), limited language skills, may not have easy access to the correct information or are in a hurry to file the form to avoid deregistration. In the case of larger institutions, it is typically accountants or finance staff who prepare the T3010. One would expect greater accuracy with the larger institutions. However, as they also tend to be more complicated and involve bigger numbers, the likelihood of a significant inaccuracy in their T3010 filings is great.
- 4) The T3010s are filed with CRA and in many cases needs to be coded by hand at CRA which can also introduce mistakes. Only a small number of T3010s have 2D bar code technology which can eliminate most processing errors on CRA's part. Canadian charities can as of June 2019 electronically file the T3010 which will hopefully reduce errors and speed up the process for T3010 data becoming available.
- 5) In some cases, those completing the T3010 for a charity are deliberately deceptive when completing the T3010. For example, an organization knows that it has substantial fundraising or political expenses but chooses to put them under charitable activities. Or, an organization claims pharmaceuticals that it can purchase for \$50,000 are really worth \$50 million.
- 6) Don't rely on any of this information without checking with the charity and appropriate due diligence as required.
- 7) The T3010 is a tax form which is supposed to be completed according to guidance provided by the CRA in [Guide Completing the Registered Charity Information Return \(T-4033\)](#) and also various other CRA guidances and policies. The information inputted may not conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and often the numbers will not match what is in a financial statement.

You can obtain copies of financial statements, whether audited or not, on any registered charity by requesting the financial statements from CRA. These financial statements are filed with CRA but not placed on the CRA website and they can sometimes add further information.

8) Some questions on the T3010 are more prone to error than others. Some questions are complicated, while others are quite straightforward. Some matters are easily quantifiable, like value of official donation receipts, while others require allocation and other subjective measurements. Some questions, like revenue, are answered by almost every charity and if a charity makes a mistake, the likelihood is that such a mistake will not have much impact on the bigger picture. On the other hand, some numbers like political expenditures by Canadian charities are often incorrectly completed and even one or two charities by mistakenly inserting large numbers in this category can distort the picture. With the 2012 numbers, the top 6 organizations listing political expenditures appear to be all mistakes. This seems to have inflated the numbers by about 1000%. You can see my article "[Did the University of Windsor spend \\$285 million on political activities in 2012](#)". For 2013, the political numbers were \$171 million on the T3010. If one reviews the actual organizations, the number is probably about \$26 million. For 2017, the number is \$28 million. For 2018, the number is \$30 million.

9) The T3010 asks certain questions. Many [important questions](#) are not asked on the T3010. Relying on the T3010 to make decisions on whether a charity is efficient or worthwhile to support is prone to failure. We have established a website at www.smartgiving.ca which discusses in detail questions donors may want to ask before donating to charity.

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