



Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2021

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Blumbergs Professional Corporation recently reviewed the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return database for 2021 as part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project. The database covers about 30,354 of the approximately 86,000 registered charities in Canada that had filed their T3010 and were processed into CRA's Charity Listing database by February 2023.

This article provides a snapshot of the registered charity sector in Alberta taken from a subset of the 2021 T3010 filings. We have completed Blumbergs' Snapshots of the Canadian Charity Sector for 2010 – 2020 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 across Canada which are not registered charities and for which CRA is not permitted to release information.

The amount of easily accessible data on the registered charity sector is lacking. The T3010 form asks for very little information from charities. It is unfortunate but when you look at other countries such as the US and UK there is far more publicly available information on individual charities. In this world of greater expectation of transparency, the charity sector has fallen far behind and this could result in a reduction of public trust in charities. Here is my most recent [submission to the Federal government](#) calling for greater transparency with non-profits and charities.

	Alberta 2021	Alberta 2018	Ontario 2021	Canada 2021
Number of registered charities in Alberta	9,074	9,049	30,354	83,771
Alberta charities identified themselves as active	8,390	8,502	28,085	77,460
Alberta charities identified themselves as inactive	436	331	1,640	4,520
Alberta charities that made gifts to other charities or qualified donees	3,303	3,530	12,238	29,557
Total revenue for Alberta charities	\$40.7 billion	\$36 billion	\$132.4 billion	\$334 billion
Total expenditures of Alberta charities	\$38.9 billion	\$34 billion	\$118.2 billion	\$308 billion
Alberta charities who funded projects outside of Canada	346	404	2,228	2,833
Amount spent by Alberta charities outside of Canada	\$122.5 million	\$144 million	\$2.7 billion	\$3.8 billion
Alberta charities received funds from Global Affairs Canada	7	13	74	137
Alberta charities that identified carrying on political activities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(not being asked anymore on T3010)				
Alberta charities that had employment expenses	4,601	4,865	15,111	43,359
Alberta charities that did not have any employment expenses	4,423	4,132	15,096	40,036
Amount spent by Alberta charities on salaries and other compensation	\$22.1 billion	\$20 billion	\$67.2 billion	\$177 billion
Value of official donation receipts issued by Alberta charities	\$2 billion	\$2 billion	\$10.9 billion	\$20.7 billion

The Canadian charity sector is a vital part of Canadian society and economy with revenue of over \$334 billion and expenditures of about \$308 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 Alberta Charity Sector 2021 include:

- 9,074 Alberta registered charities filed their T3010 out of approximately 86,000 charities in Canada
- \$40.7 billion in total revenue for Alberta charities and total expenditures of \$38.9 billion
- Government revenue totaled \$30.8 billion including from the federal government (\$1.2 billion), provincial governments (\$28.8 billion) and municipal/regional governments (\$831 million). In total, government is approximately 75.9% of revenue of the whole charity sector in Alberta.

- 8,390 identified themselves as active and 436 as inactive
- 3,303 made gifts to other charities or qualified donees during their 2021 fiscal year
- Alberta charities spent over \$122.5 million outside of Canada
- 7 Alberta charities received funds from Global Affairs Canada
- 578 identified having contractual relationships with foreign intermediaries, 115 charities identified that employees conducted activities outside of Canada and 242 had volunteers conducting foreign activities
- \$108.5 million was received by Alberta charities from outside of Canada
- 4,601 identified having employment expenses while 4,423 did not have any employment expenses
- \$22.1 billion was spent by Alberta charities on salaries and other compensation expenditures
- \$2 billion in official donation receipts were issued by Alberta registered charities

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' Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2021](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2021](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2020](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2020](#)

[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](#)

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

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2017](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2016](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2015](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2014](#)

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

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

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

[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' Directory on Transparency Related Articles](#)

[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 – 2023](#)

[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](#)

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[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](#)

[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](#)

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[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?](#)

[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](#)

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[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](#)

[Largest Gifts from Canadian Charities to all other Qualified Donees – 2020](#)

[Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from Provincial Governments in 2020?](#)

[Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from Municipal Governments in 2020?](#)

[Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from the Federal government in 2020?](#)

[Canadian Soccer Association not filing financial statements with Corporations Canada as required by the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act \(“CNCA”\)](#)

[Canadian Federal Non-Profit Corporations under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act \(“CNCA”\) need to ensure that they do their filings](#)

[Which Canadian charities spent money on foreign activities in 2020 and how much did they spend?](#)

[Key statistics on Canada’s charity and non-profit sector 2023](#)

[List of municipal or public bodies performing a function of government in Canada has now increased to 555 entities](#)

[How much did the largest Canadian private foundations spend in 2018, 2019 and 2020?](#)

[CRA's list of RCAAs may be confusing for some as it omits important historical context](#)

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:

9,074 Registered Charities in the Database

 6,969 Provided Phone Numbers
 5,448 Provided Emails

2. Return for fiscal period ending:

Year	Month	Day

3. BN/registration number:

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4. Web address (if applicable):

3,810 Provided Websites

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.

Name

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

A2 Has the charity wound-up, dissolved, or terminated operations? **1570** Yes No
81 **8,931**

A3 Is the charity designated as a public foundation or private foundation? **1600** Yes No
1,162 **7,828**

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. **62,689 directors listed by all charities. Arm's length (50,304) and non-arm's length (9,384). 3,001 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.

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

8,395

New programs

1,800

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 **3,303** No **5,716**
Important: If yes, you must complete Form T1236, Qualified donees worksheet/Amounts provided to other organizations.

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 **578** No **8,405**
Important: If yes, you must complete Schedule 2, Activities outside Canada.

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 935	2570 <input type="checkbox"/> Sales 1,305	2620 <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/TV solicitations 124
2510 <input type="checkbox"/> Auctions 577	2575 <input type="checkbox"/> Internet 1,420	2630 <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament/sporting events 381
2530 <input type="checkbox"/> Collection plate/boxes 2,383	2580 <input type="checkbox"/> Mail campaigns 782	2640 <input type="checkbox"/> Cause-related marketing 231
2540 <input type="checkbox"/> Door-to-door solicitation 88	2590 <input type="checkbox"/> Planned-giving programs 632	2650 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 1,387
2550 <input type="checkbox"/> Draws/lotteries 722	2600 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted corporate 1,295 donations/sponsorships	2660 Specify: _____
2560 <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising dinners/galas/concerts 1,029	2610 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted contacts 1,239	

C7 Did the charity pay external fundraisers? **2700** Yes **142** No **8,761**
Important: 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 \$ 89,942,304
(b) Enter the amounts paid to and/or retained by the fundraisers 5460 \$ 7,455,689

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

2730 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissions 38	2750 <input type="checkbox"/> Finder's fee 2	2770 <input type="checkbox"/> Honoraria 0
2740 <input type="checkbox"/> Bonuses 0	2760 <input type="checkbox"/> Set fee for services 80	2780 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 22
	2790 Specify: _____	

(d) Did the fundraiser issue tax receipts on behalf of the charity? **2800** Yes **83** No **54**

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 **657** No **8,315**

C9 Did the charity incur any expenses for compensation of employees during the fiscal period? **3400** Yes **4,601** No **4,423**
Important: If yes, you must complete Schedule 3, Compensation.

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 **118** No **8,886**

- 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.	1,420		7,573
C12	Did the charity acquire a non-qualifying security?	5800	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		3		8,987
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
		10		8,977
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
		64		8,930
C15	Did the charity have direct partnership holdings at any time during the fiscal period?	5830	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		14		8,964

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Accrual	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
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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?

If yes, enter the total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issued or will issue tax receipts

4505 \$

Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4510	\$	
Total amount received from other registered charities	4530	\$	
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4565	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the charity receive any revenue from any level of government in Canada?	4570	\$	

If yes, total amount received

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 3	<input type="checkbox"/> No 1,132
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 7	<input type="checkbox"/> No 1,129
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 4	<input type="checkbox"/> No 877
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 8	<input type="checkbox"/> No 871

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	\$ 122,510,694
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 333

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 7	<input type="checkbox"/> No 554
	If yes , what was the total amount the charity spent under this arrangement?	230	\$ 2,531,855	
5	Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by employees of the charity?.....	240	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 115	<input type="checkbox"/> No 444
6	Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by volunteers of the charity?	250	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 242	<input type="checkbox"/> No 317
7	Did the charity export goods as part of its charitable activities?	260	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 32	<input type="checkbox"/> No 522

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

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.

300 325,108

(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	4,573	310	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 – \$79,999	8,047	315	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 – \$119,999	3,127
320	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120,000 – \$159,999	1,117	325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160,000 – \$199,999	442	330	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 – \$249,999	220
335	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 – \$299,999	79	340	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 – \$349,999	46	345	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350,000 and over	56

2 (a) Enter the **number** of part-time or part-year (for example, seasonal) employees the charity employed during the fiscal period.

370 422,699

(b) Total expenditure on compensation for part-time or part-year employees in the fiscal period.

380 \$ 7,291,271,033

3 Total expenditure on all compensation in the fiscal period.

390 \$ 22,134,779,776

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	205	525	<input type="checkbox"/> Ecological properties	4	550	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicly traded securities/ commodities/mutual funds	232
505	<input type="checkbox"/> Building materials	164	530	<input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance policies	72	555	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	122
510	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/furniture/food	430	535	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical equipment/supplies	77	560	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	792
515	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles	61	540	<input type="checkbox"/> Privately-held securities	14	565	Specify:	
520	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural properties	22	545	<input type="checkbox"/> Machinery/equipment/ computers/software	244			

2 Enter the total amount of tax-receipted non-cash gifts

580 \$ 262,775,092

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 **4,980** Cash **2,991**

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:

Cash, bank accounts, and short-term investments
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons
Amounts receivable from all others

Investments in non-arm's length persons

Long-term investments

Inventories

Land and buildings in Canada

Other capital assets in Canada

Capital assets outside Canada

Accumulated amortization of capital assets.....

Other assets

10 year gifts..... **4180** \$ 4,231,843,794

4100 \$ 7,505,982,179
4110 \$ 1,215,155,976
4120 \$ 1,307,271,097
4130 \$ 289,548,724
4140 \$ 13,252,440,887
4150 \$ 679,408,979
4155 \$ 47,020,925,524
4160 \$ 15,954,590,311
4165 \$ -3,164,156
4166 \$ -26,171,292,765
4170 \$ 2,701,978,733

4200 \$ 64,539,840,035

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Deferred revenue

Amounts owing to non-arm's length persons

Other liabilities

Total liabilities (add lines 4300 to 4330)... **4300** \$ 4,189,619,521
4310 \$ 22,520,679,834
4320 \$ 1,495,674,069
4330 \$ 7,224,110,876
4350 \$ 35,575,923,375

**Amount included in lines 4150, 4155,
4160, 4165 and 4170 not used in
charitable activities** **4250** \$ 1,839,902,759

Total assets (add lines 4100 to 4170).....

Statement of operations

Revenue:

Total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issued or will issue tax receipts..... **4500** \$ 1,952,610,499

Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees

Total amount of 10 year gifts received..... **5610** \$ 35,251,979
4505 \$ 147,261,813

Total amount received from other registered charities

Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was **not** issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630).....

Total revenue received from federal government.....

Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments

Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments

Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)..... **4571** \$ 4,849,454

Total **non** tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)

Total interest and investment income received or earned..... **4575** \$ 103,671,272
4580 \$ 667,969,391

Gross proceeds from disposition of assets

Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with brackets)

Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings

Total **non** tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees

Total **non** tax-receipted revenue from fundraising

Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)

Other revenue not already included in the amounts above..... **4650** \$ 820,925,351
4660 \$ 214,396,207
4610 \$ 495,434,686
4620 \$ 109,173,257
4630 \$ 494,026,275
4640 \$ 2,683,223,204
4650 \$ 1,420,214,455

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** \$ 40,656,213,996

Expenditures:

Advertising and promotion	4800	\$ 87,545,345
Travel and vehicle expenses.....	4810	\$ 124,657,667
Interest and bank charges.....	4820	\$ 166,848,584
Licences, memberships, and dues	4830	\$ 128,545,344
Office supplies and expenses.....	4840	\$ 362,095,737
Occupancy costs	4850	\$ 1,439,662,854
Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$ 658,164,775
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	\$ 62,081,710
Total expenditure on all compensation (enter the amount reported at line 390 in Schedule 3, if applicable)	4880	\$ 22,218,656,787
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charitable activities	4890	\$ 165,738,871
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	\$ 2,884,943,016
Amortization of capitalized assets	4900	\$ 1,894,157,506
Research grants and scholarships as part of charitable activities.....	4910	\$ 447,101,079
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees).....	4920	\$ 7,250,719,324
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	\$ 37,824,787,273

Of the amounts at lines 4950:

(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities.....	5000	\$ 31,253,884,238
(b) Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	\$ 4,722,637,771
(c) Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	\$ 335,013,774
(d) Total other expenditures included in line 4950.....	5040	\$ 464,313,244
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	\$ 1,126,925,325
Total expenditures (add lines 4950 and 5050).....	5100	\$ 38,859,680,469

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	\$ 31,450,832
• Enter the amount disbursed for the fiscal period for the specified purpose.....	5510	\$ 14,915,590

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	\$ 1,008,330
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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	\$ 8,904,004,707
• The 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	\$ 9,690,714,988

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 19 years of 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 2021 T3010 Registered Charity Information Return filings. Although all charities are supposed to file their T3010 within six 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 six 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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