

# TORONTO'S NONPROFIT SECTOR: A SNAPSHOT

Toronto is home to Canada's largest and most diverse concentration of nonprofits, grassroots groups and collectives. Together, they play a critical role in ensuring the physical, mental, and financial wellbeing of Torontonians. From homelessness and housing to arts and culture to education and employment, they offer essential programs and community-building services to all.

 A nonprofit is a club, society, collective or association that is organized and operated for social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure or recreation, or any other purpose, except profit.<sup>2</sup>

## STATE OF THE SECTOR

-  **14k** nonprofits, grassroots groups and collectives in Toronto<sup>1</sup>
-  **>8%** of Toronto's GDP<sup>1</sup> is contributed by nonprofits
-  **7%** of total revenue for nonprofits comes from local government investments - 93% comes from other sources<sup>1</sup>

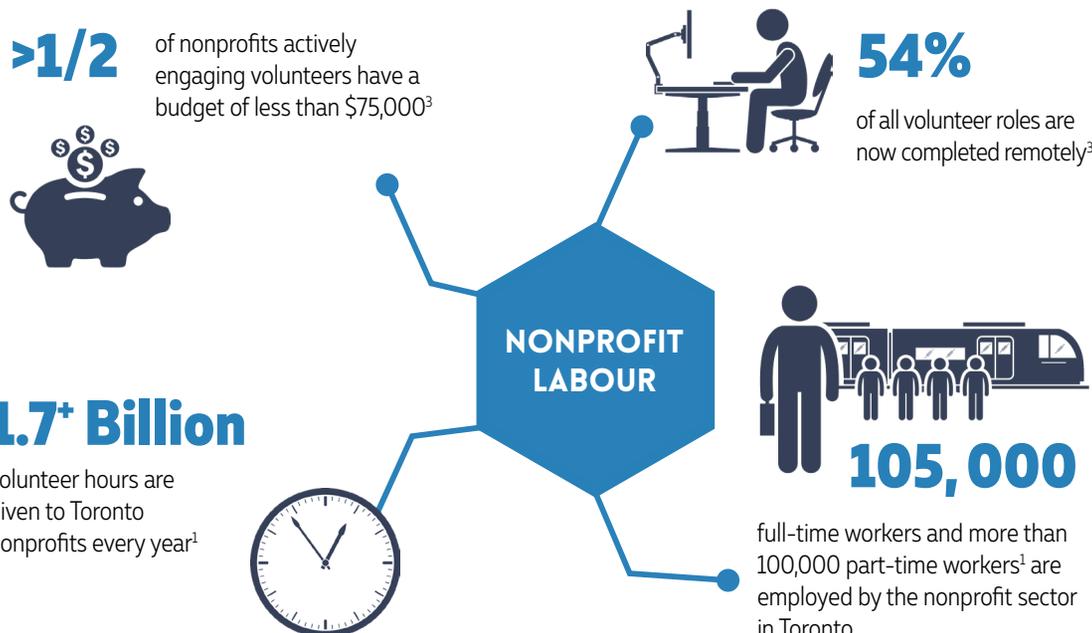
**>1/2** of nonprofits actively engaging volunteers have a budget of less than \$75,000<sup>3</sup>

**54%** of all volunteer roles are now completed remotely<sup>3</sup>

**1.7+ Billion** volunteer hours are given to Toronto nonprofits every year<sup>1</sup>

**NONPROFIT LABOUR**

**105,000** full-time workers and more than 100,000 part-time workers<sup>1</sup> are employed by the nonprofit sector in Toronto



## 2022 NEEDS UPDATE

-  **40%** of organizations report that they've had trouble bringing volunteers back after the pandemic<sup>4</sup>
-  **31%** of organizations forecast not being able to sustain their operations for over a year<sup>4</sup>
-  **73%** of nonprofits have experienced increased demand for their services<sup>4</sup>
-  **80%** of organizations reported increased costs between April 2021 and March 2022<sup>4</sup>
-  **~400** nonprofit organizations want to address spatial justice and access as a key issue<sup>5</sup>
-  **75%** report burnout and stress as the factor most affecting their ability to recruit/retain staff<sup>4</sup>

**Notes** <sup>1</sup>City of Toronto: <https://www.toronto.ca/not-for-profits/>  
<sup>2</sup>City of Toronto: For Public Benefit Report, 2018: [https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/8c1c-SDFA\\_ForPublicBenefit\\_WEB\\_Jan31.pdf](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/8c1c-SDFA_ForPublicBenefit_WEB_Jan31.pdf)

<sup>3</sup>Volunteer Toronto, 2022  
<sup>4</sup>Ontario Nonprofit Network: 2022 State of the Sector Survey (2022)  
<sup>5</sup>Toronto Nonprofit Network: Priorities Survey (2020)