

Faith in numbers

CHAA members are guided solely by our long-standing faith, values, and commitment to love our neighbours and serve those in need. Some of our member organizations were founded by churches; others by lay people who, motivated by their faith, joined together to meet the needs in their community. Our roots can be traced back to the missionary work of nine Christian communities: Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, United, Lutheran, Baptist, Pentecostal and Evangelical ministries.

It is well established that faith is central to the lives of Canadians and Albertans. The importance of faith is particularly strong among seniors: approximately three-quarters of Canadians aged 60 and over report a moderate to high degree of religiosity (measured by affiliation, attendance, personal practices and importance of religion).¹

Christianity is the predominant faith across Canada, with two-thirds of all religious Canadians declaring themselves Christians.² Similarly, more than 60% of Albertans identify as Christian.³ Alberta ranks second among Canadian provinces for having, across all denominations, the most devout religious followers.⁴

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Our vision

To expand the provision of charitable, not-for-profit, Christian health and housing services to Albertans of all creeds, cultures, circumstance and lifestyle so they may commune in the sacred and welcoming embrace of Jesus' healing ministry, and so our capacity to serve the vulnerable is ever improved.

¹ Clark, W. and Schellenberg, G. *Who's Religious?*
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-008-x/2006001/9181-eng.htm>

² Pew Research Centre. *Canada's Changing Religious Landscape.*
June 27, 2013. <http://www.pewforum.org/2013/06/27/canadas-changing-religious-landscape/>

³ Statistics Canada. *2011 National Household Survey – Data Tables.*

⁴ Angus Reid Institute. *A spectrum of spirituality.*
<http://angusreid.org/religion-in-canada-150/#part3>

