## **StatsUpdate**

## Topic:Charitable Donors, 2015Released by Statistics Canada—February 22, 2017

**Background:** In Nunavut, **1,550** taxfilers made a charitable donation in the 2015 tax year, a **decrease** of **7.2%** from 2014. The total amount of charitable donations was around **\$2.8 million**, **down 5.0%** from the previous year. Nunavut donors accounted for **7.8%** of all taxfilers in the territory. Donors reported a median charitable donation of **\$570** - highest among the provinces and territories.

## **Details:**

Charitable Donations						
	2015	2014 to 2015	2015	2014 to 2015	2015	2015
	Taxfilers V	Vho Donated	Taxfiler Donations			Taxfilers Claiming Donation
	Number	% Change	\$ Thousands	% Change	Median in \$	%
Nunavut	1,550	-7.2	2,835	-5.0	570	7.8
Canada	5,495,900	-0.9	9,132,170	3.8	300	21.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	80,910	-1.7	84,680	2.0	360	19.5
Prince Edward Island	25,170	-2.1	33,820	1.9	400	22.9
Nova Scotia	139,740	-2.4	179,410	-0.2	340	19.7
New Brunswick	113,040	-1.2	148,680	1.1	310	19.3
Quebec	1,219,690	-1.9	878,840	3.0	130	19.3
Ontario	2,171,620	-0.6	3,968,115	3.1	360	22.0
Manitoba	227,460	0.4	443,050	5.7	420	24.6
Saskatchewan	180,000	-1.2	323,930	3.4	410	22.4
Alberta	628,440	-1.3	1,607,555	3.6	450	21.7
British Columbia	699,780	0.7	1,448,625	7.1	430	20.1
Yukon	4,610	-1.5	6,330	-0.4	420	17.8
Northwest Territories	3,890	-2.3	6,295	8.1	400	13.1

Notes:

- 1. Canadians contribute in many ways to charitable organizations. These data include only amounts given to charities and approved organizations or which official tax receipts were provided and claimed on tax returns. It is possible to carry donations forward for up to five years after the year in which they were made. Therefore, donations reported for the 2015 taxation year could include donations that were made in any of the five previous years. According to tax laws, taxfilers are permitted to claim both their donations and those made by their spouses to receive better tax benefits. Consequently, the number of people who made charitable donations may be higher than the number who claimed tax credits.
- 2. All data in this release have been tabulated according to the 2011 Standard Geographical Classification used for the 2011 Census.

## Note to Readers:

The percentage figures for Nunavut reflect the relatively small number of donors and small amount of donations. Over a number of years, the resulting changes would be a better indication of actual changes in either donors or donations.

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