

# Imagine Canada's Sector Monitor

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Over half of organizations face challenges carrying out their mission and more than one-quarter are at risk.

More charities are reporting increased demand and/or that their existence is at risk.





Most organizations forecast difficulty covering expenses at some point in the next two years.

More organizations are forecasting difficulty covering expenses over the medium- to long-term.





The percentage of charities under high stress has increased to 17%, from 13% in late 2009.

## More charities are experiencing high levels of stress.







The percentage of operating charities under high stress has increased.





More charities with revenues between \$500 thousand and \$1.5 million and fewer charities with annual revenues of \$5 million or more are under high stress.



More charities working in the areas of Education & Research and Social Services are under high stress.





The percentages of organizations under high stress have remained consistent or increased in almost all regions.







The percentage of charities with 10 to 24 paid staff under high stress has increased.





Revenues are stagnating or dropping slightly.



The percentage of operating charities reporting increased revenues has dropped.



The percentages of organizations reporting decreases in corporate support and investment income have dropped.





The percentage of operating charities reporting that expenditures have remained about the same has climbed.

#### Expenditures are largely unchanged.





Figures for change in the amount of cash on hand have remained essentially unchanged from 2009.

Organizations are most likely to report that the amount of cash they have on hand has remained the same or decreased.





Percentages of charities reporting change in paid staff size are essentially unchanged.

## Paid staff change picture remains largely stable.





The percentage of operating charities reporting decreases in the number of volunteers has climbed.

## Volunteer change picture has deteriorated slightly.





Budgetary forecasts for the end of 2010 are essentially unchanged from those previously made for the end of 2009.

60% 40% 30% 30% 30% 20% 0% Deficit Balanced Surplus •Operating Charities

Late 2009





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Overall, levels of confidence are essentially unchanged from 2009. In spite of challenges, the level of confidence in the future remains high.





Imagine Canada's programs that support the sector include:

CANADIAN DIRECTORY TO FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS

\$1 billion in available funding.





Essential tax information for Canada's charities.



Governance and financial accountability.



#### Insurance & Liability RESOURCE CENTRE for Nonprofits

Risk management support for the sector.





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