



Connecting the Data

Building A Knowledge-Driven Nonprofit Sector

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The nonprofit sector knows that accessing timely, relevant information provides the best possible foundation to make evidence-based decisions. Data collected by the provincial government can be used to better inform organizations in many ways, from informing program development to enabling targeted fundraising. [PolicyWise](#) and the [Alberta Nonprofit Network](#) brought together sector representatives and experts to further explore what data the nonprofit sector wants access to, and how to support nonprofits to access available open data. Representatives from the [Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism & Status of Women](#), [Service Alberta](#), [Alberta Libraries](#), [Volunteer Alberta](#), and [Edmonton Social Planning Council](#), led this work. A survey we conducted in early 2020 indicated that specifically, the nonprofit sector is interested in demographic, immigration, disability, and health and wellness data. Respondents are also very interested in information about the sector itself.

Service Alberta produced an [Open Portal Sampling Document](#), connecting the data the nonprofit sector wants with [Open Government Portal Data](#). This snapshot, while only a small sampling of the data available, is a list of open datasets, reports, and legislation that correlate with the needs stated by survey respondents. Take a look to see what information can be used in your organization today!

For more information on this group's work and the Alberta Nonprofit Data Strategy read our [2019-2020 Final Report here](#).