

## 6.6 Voluntary contribution

Because of the need for community involvement in social services, voluntary agencies continue to play a major role in the administration of social services in Canada.

In 1987, approximately 50,000 agencies were registered as charitable organizations in Canada. In the health and welfare areas they covered community support activities ranging from those which provide direct care for individuals in need to the operation of broad community services.

Voluntary work represents a major contribution to the operation of health and welfare organizations. A survey conducted by Statistics Canada in 1987 indicated that 27% of the adult population participates in voluntary work. Much of this effort is directed to the health and welfare field in services, transportation, administration and client support activities.

## 6.7 Analysis of expenditures

Canada's social security system delivered a total of \$54.0 billion in direct financial benefits to Canadians in 1986-87, as compared with \$42.9 billion in 1982-83. During the five-year period, Old Age Security (including Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance) remained the largest program, accounting for approximately one-quarter of the total social security expenditure. The Spouse's Allowance component of the Old Age Security program and the retirement component of the Canada/Quebec Pension plans realized the greatest percentage increases in expenditures. The Spouse's Allowance component increased 114% from \$221.5 million in 1982-83 to \$473.2 million in 1986-87. The retirement component of CPP/QPP increased 97% from \$2,564.6 million in 1982-83 to \$5,054.0 million in 1986-87. These increases are largely attributable to expanded eligibility criteria.

### Sources

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### FOR FURTHER READING

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- Family Allowances and Related Programs: Social Security, National Programs, Volume 4, 1982, 104 p., 1982. 86-508
- Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance: Social Security, National Programs, Volume 5, 1982, 81 p., 1982. 86-509
- Social Allowances and Services: Social Security, National Programs, Volume 6, 1982, 79 p., 1982. 86-510
- Other Programs: Social Security, National Programs, Volume 7, 1982, 198 p., 1982. 86-511
- Health and Social Support, 1985, 232 p., 1987. 11-612

More information about these publications is available from Statistics Canada. See Appendix F for a complete list of Statistics Canada offices.