



Anti-choice and Pro-choice Groups in Canada – *a Comparison*

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Anti-choice Groups

For names and details of anti-choice groups, see:

- [List of All Anti-Choice Groups, alphabetical](#) (Sorted by province and city)
- [List of Anti-Choice Charities, alphabetical](#) (Sorted by province and city)
- [List of Crisis Pregnancy Centres, alphabetical](#)

Type of Anti-Choice Group	Total	Charity	Non-charitable
All	315	215 (68%)	100 (32%)
Advocacy groups (political or “educational”)	163	73 (45%)	90 (55%)
CPCs (“crisis pregnancy centres”, pregnancy care centres)	148	137 (93%)	11 (7%)
Abstinence education or adoption agencies	4	4	0

Pro-Choice Advocacy Groups

Canada has about 37 active pro-choice advocacy groups:

Not included: Campus groups, Medical Students for Choice chapters, temporary *ad-hoc* groups, sexual and reproductive health centres.

- **4** national pro-choice groups:
 - Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada
 - Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights (**charity**)
 - Handmaid’s Local Canada
 - National Abortion Federation (**charity**)
- **33** regional or local pro-choice advocacy groups
 - Abortion Rights Defense Brigade (Ottawa)
 - Abortion Support Services Atlantic (Halifax)
 - Alberta Abortion Access Network
 - Alberta Pro-Choice Coalition
 - Defend Choice (Ottawa)
 - Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances (Montréal, FQPN) (**charity**)
 - Feminists for Action (Windsor)
 - Haldimand Norfolk Reproductive Justice (ON)

- Kelowna & District Pro-Choice Action Society (BC)
- Kingston Voice for Choice (ON)
- Love Team Peterborough (ON)
- Ontario Abortion Rights Coalition
- Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics
- Ottawa Abortion Doula Collective
- Niagara Reproductive Justice (St. Catharines)
- North Simcoe Centre for Reproductive Justice (ON)
- Northern Manitoba Abortion Support
- PEI Abortion Rights Network
- Pro-Choice Cape Breton (NS)
- Pro-choice Collective of Northern Ontario (North Bay)
- Pro-Choice Moncton / Moncton Pro-Choix (NB)
- Pro-Choice Peterborough (aka Reproductive Justice Committee) (ON)
- Pro-Choice Society of Lethbridge & Southern Alberta
- Pro-Choice Southwestern Ontario (ON)
- Red Deer & Area Pro-Choice (AB)
- Reproductive Justice New Brunswick (aka Choix NB Choice)
- Riposte féministe (Ottawa/Gatineau)
- Saskatchewan Abortion Support Network (Saskatoon)
- Saskatchewan Pro-Choice
- Sudbury Pro-Choice Coalition (ON)
- Sudbury Manitoulin Abortion Support
- Thompson Abortion Access Committee (MB)
- W.A.R.R.I.O.R.S. (Brockville ON)

Sexual and Reproductive Health Centres

Canada has an estimated 120 sexual and reproductive health centres/clinics. Some SRH centres may provide medical abortion, but most do not. In addition, several doula agencies provide abortion support.

- **120** clinics/agencies (estimated) that provide sexual and reproductive health care or info:
 - BC alone has about 65 clinics operated by Options for Sexual Health, which is a **charity**.
 - All 4 Planned Parenthood clinics are **charities**.
 - Charity status of remainder not all checked, but it appears **a minority are charities**.

Not included: Abortion clinics and hospitals (see below).

Clinics and Hospitals That Provide Abortions

This list includes abortion clinics, hospitals, and CLSCs in Quebec (local community services centres) that provide abortion – traditionally, aspiration and surgical abortions; but most now also provide medical abortion.

- **25** standalone clinics (**5 are charities**)
- **13** hospital-based women’s clinics focused on reproductive healthcare (**11 are charities**)
- About **67** additional hospitals(**most are charities**)
- About **21** CLSCs in Quebec (**most are charities**)

Not included: Primary care clinics and doctors’ offices that may provide medical abortion.