

Volunteering in Manitoba

How many? How much?

More than one in three residents of Manitoba (36% or 312,000 people) volunteered through a charitable or nonprofit organization, according to the 2000 National Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating.¹ This is a decrease from 40% in 1997.

However, Manitoba volunteers contributed more time, on average, in 2000, giving 140 hours of their time, an increase of about 8% from the 1997 average of 130 hours.

In total, Manitobans volunteered 43.7 million hours in 2000, the equivalent of almost 23,000 full-time jobs. This is a decline since 1997, when they volunteered 44.8 million hours.

Much comes from the few

In Manitoba, 46%* of all volunteer hours were contributed by the 10% of volunteers who gave 325 hours or more of their time. An additional 25%* of volunteer hours were contributed by the 15% of volunteers who gave between 167 and 324 hours during the year.

Combined, these two groups accounted for 25% of volunteers, but 71% of all volunteer hours.

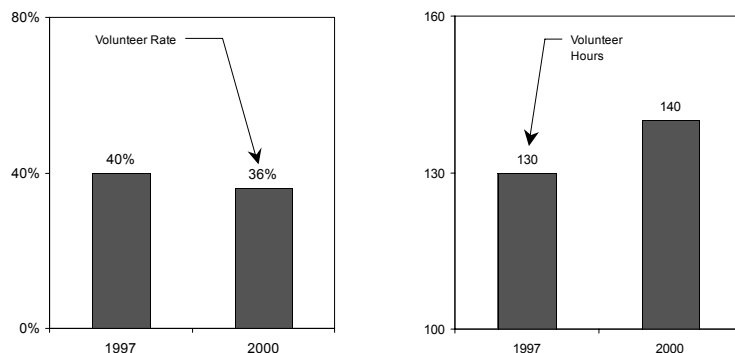
What volunteers do

While volunteers in Manitoba engaged in a wide range of voluntary activities, the most common were helping to organize activities (54% of volunteers), serving as a member of a board or committee (45%), and canvassing, campaigning, or fundraising (43%). This pattern is broadly similar to most other provinces.

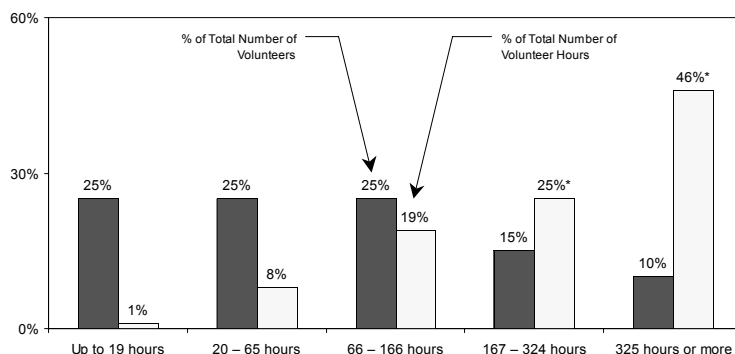
¹ NSGVP estimates are based on reports of charitable giving and volunteering over a one-year period by Canadians aged 15 and older.

* Sample size limitations affect the reliability of this estimate.

Percentage of Population Volunteering and Average Annual Volunteer Hours



Percentage of Volunteers and Percentage of Total Volunteer Hours by Annual Hours Volunteered



Note. Percentages do not add up to 100% due to rounding

Percentage of Volunteers Engaging in Each Type of Volunteer Activity



Where they volunteer

While volunteers contributed time to many types of organizations, most volunteering occurred in organizations devoted to:

- Arts, Culture, and Recreation (25% of volunteer events² and 24% of volunteer hours),
- Religion (17% of events and 16% of hours),
- Social Services (17% events and 18% hours),
- Education and Research (15% and 16%), and
- Health (10*% and 8%*).

Volunteers in Manitoba devoted more of their volunteer hours to organizations devoted to Education and Research than did volunteers in any other province.

How volunteers get involved

There are many ways to become a volunteer, but by far the most common way in Manitoba, as in the rest of Canada, was to be asked by someone in the organization (31%). Two thirds as many people volunteered because they were members of the organization or as a result of approaching the organization on their own (20% each).

How long volunteers have been involved

Compared to the rest of the country, volunteers in Manitoba tend to volunteer for the same organization for longer periods of time. Thirty-eight percent of Manitoba volunteers had devoted six or more years to an organization, compared to only 33% of Canadian volunteers.

² A “volunteer event” is defined as all voluntary activities for a particular organization, regardless of whether those activities took the form of a single episode of volunteering or multiple episodes of volunteering over time.

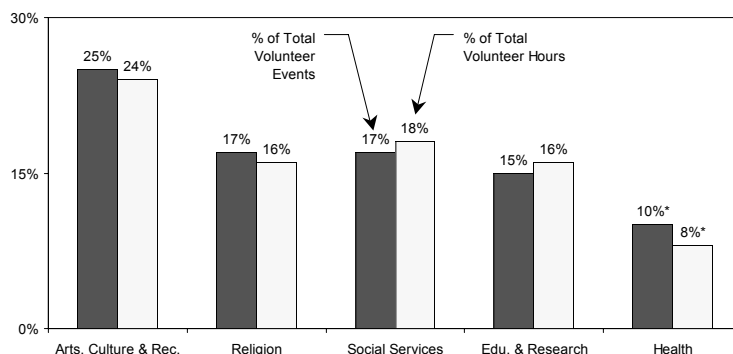
For more information on the 1997 and 2000 National Survey for Giving, Volunteering and Participating, including full text of the highlight report, *Caring Canadians*, *Involved Canadians*, please visit www.givingandvolunteering.ca.

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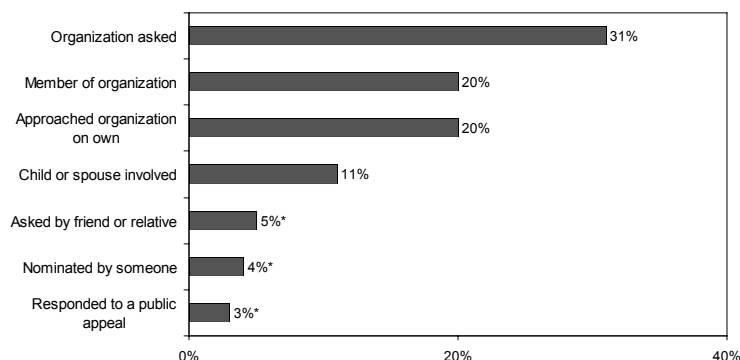
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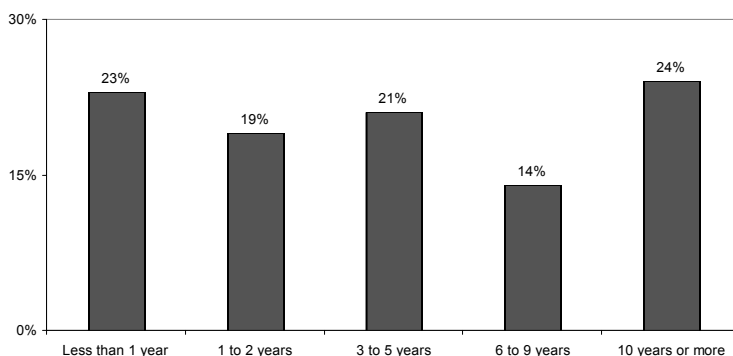
Percentage of Volunteer Events and Volunteer Hours by Type of Organization



Percentage of Volunteer Events by Method of Becoming Involved



Percentage of Volunteers by Length of Involvement



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