



➤ Key Facts

- In 2006/07 there were **870,000 civil society organisations** in the UK with a total income of **£116 billion** and assets of **£210 billion**.
- The total income of general charities in the UK was **£33 billion** in 2006/07, a **40% (£9 billion)** increase since 2000/01.
- **501,000 full-time employees** were employed in the sector in England in 2008/09, an increase of over **90,000 FTEs** since 2000.
- **26% of adults in England** formally volunteered at least once a month in 2008/09; this level is unchanged from 2007/08.
- Across Government departments an average of **65.7% of grants** are for three years or more.
- Income from Government totalled **£12 billion** in the UK in 2006/07; an increase of **£3.6 billion** since 2000/01.

➤ Size of the sector

- In 2006/07 there were over **137,000 general charities** in England.
- There are approximately **61,800 social enterprises** in England (average estimate 2005-2007).
- NCVO estimate there were **600,000 informal community organisations** in the UK in 2006/07.
- In 2006/07 **54% of general charities in England** had an annual turnover of under **£10,000**; 85% had an annual turnover of under £100,000.

➤ Economic value of the sector

- The **total income** of general charities in the UK was **£33 billion** in 2006/07, of which 51% was earned, 41% was voluntary and 8% was investment income.
- In 2005, **social enterprises had a turnover of £27 billion** and contributed £8.4 billion to the UK economy.

➤ Government support to the sector

- **Income from Government** in 2006/07 totalled **£12 billion in the UK**. This included £7.8 billion from contracts and £4.2 billion from grants.
- Since 2000/01, **statutory income from contracts** in the UK **has increased by £4 billion**.
- Across government departments **65.7% of grants** on average **are for three years or more**.
- **98 (65%) of England's 152 top tier local authority areas** have chosen to **prioritise third sector indicators in their local area agreement**. 63 have chosen NI7 (environment for a thriving third sector), 44 have chosen NI6 (participation in volunteering) and nine have included both NI6 and NI7.

➤ Employment

- In 2008/09, **576,000 people were employed by the sector** in England.
- In 2008/09 there were **501,000 full-time equivalent employees in the sector** in England – 176,000 men (35%) and 325,000 women (65%).

➤ Volunteering

- In 2008/09, **26% of adults in England formally volunteered at least once a month**, and 41% formally volunteered at least once in the last 12 months.
- In 2008/09, **35% of people in England informally volunteered at least once a month**, and 62% informally volunteered at least once in the last 12 months.
- In 2008/09, **24% of 16-25 year olds in England formally volunteered at least once a month**, and **38% volunteered informally at least once a month**.
- Whilst there has been variation within these figures over time, current levels of regular formal and informal volunteering in England in 2008/09 are in line with those from 2001.

➤ Giving

- In 2007/8, **76% of people in England had given to charity** in the four weeks prior to interview.
- In 2007/08, **the average amount given to charity was £16.13** in the four weeks prior to interview.
- **Levels of giving in the UK as a % of GDP are the highest in Europe** at 0.73%, and are second only to levels of giving in the USA (1.67% of GDP).

➤ National Survey of Third Sector Organisations

- In 2008, **16% of English third sector organisations felt that local statutory bodies had a positive influence of their success (NI7)**.
- Of English third sector organisations **who felt able to influence local decisions, 65% felt that local statutory bodies had a positive influence** on their success (2008).
- Of English third sector organisations that had **direct dealings with local statutory bodies, 58% felt they had a positive influence** on their success.
- In 2008, **89% of English third sector organisations felt they were successful in meeting their objectives**.
- In 2008, **84% of English third sector organisations felt confident they would be successful in meeting their objectives over the coming year**.

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