

FAST FACTS ABOUT THE CHARITY SECTOR



There are about

163,000

charities in the UK that exist to support good causes at local, national and international levels.¹

Bottom line

UK charities have an annual income of **£43.8 billion** and spend **£41.7 billion** each year helping millions of people in the UK and across the world.



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Their money comes from a range of sources, including donations from the public, trading to raise funds, and selling their services.

Their total funds are worth

£105.1bn

Charities add

£12.2bn

to the UK economy



Staff

UK charities employ

827,000



people, that's **2.7%** of the UK workforce. But **91%** of charities rely solely on the work of volunteers

Public support

More than **21 million** volunteers help UK charities and the estimated value of their work is **£23.9 billion** per year.²

44%

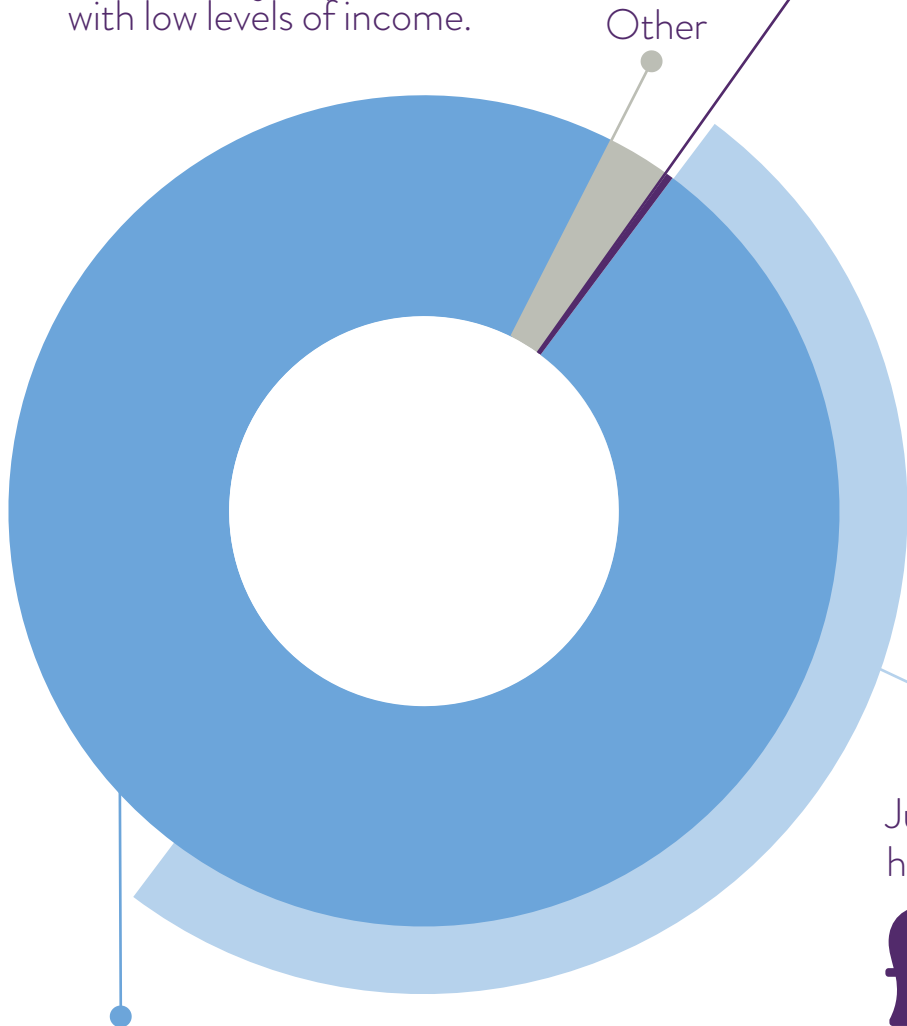
of the UK public donate to charity in a typical month.

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² UK Giving report 2014, Charities Aid Foundation: www.cafonline.org/about-us/publications/2015-publications/uk-giving-2014.aspx

Size

Like businesses, there are a few very large charities. The vast majority are small with low levels of income.



Only a very small proportion of charities have an income of over

£100million

These 'super major' charities make up only

0.02%

of all charities by number, but receive **18.4%** of the total income for the sector

Just under half of all charities have an income of less than

£10,000

while nearly

97%

have an income of less than

£1 million