



The Community Life Survey is an annual survey commissioned by Cabinet Office to provide Official Statistics on issues that are key to encouraging social action and empowering communities, including volunteering, giving, community engagement and well-being. Headline findings published today show:

## Volunteering, charitable giving and social action

- In 2013-14, 74% of people had volunteered at least once in the last 12 months, no statistical difference from 2012-13. This is a statistically significant increase compared to 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, but no statistical difference from any other year since 2001.
- Nearly two thirds of people (64%) volunteered informally, no statistical difference from 2012-13. This is a statistically significant increase compared to 2009-10 and 2010-11 but not statistically different from any other year since 2001.
- 41% of people volunteered formally, a statistically significant decrease compared to 2012-13, 2007-08 and 2005 but no statistical difference from any other year since 2001.
- In 2013-14, just under a fifth of people (18%) had been involved in social action at least once in the last year, a statistically significant decrease compared to 2012-13 (23%).
- In 2013-14, the proportion of people giving money to charity was sustained at three-quarters (75%) compared to 2012-13. This is a statistically significant increase compared to 2009-10 and 2010-11 (both 72%), but no statistical difference from all other years since 2005.

## Neighbourhood

- In 2013-14, there was a statistically significant increase in the proportion of people who were 'very satisfied' with their local area as a place to live (43%) compared with 2012-13 and all years since 2008-09.
- In 2013-14, 85% of people said that their neighbourhood was a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together. This is no statistical difference from 2008-09 to 2012-13, and a statistically significant increase compared to all other years since 2001.
- In 2013-14, 60% of people agreed that people pull together to improve their neighbourhood. This is not statistically different from 2012-13 (62%) but a statistically significant decrease compared to all other years since 2001.
- In 2013-14, 70% of people had a strong sense of belonging to their neighbourhood, a statistically significant decrease compared to 2012-13 (78%) and all other years since 2005.

## Civic engagement

- In 2013-14, 41% of people took part in civic participation and 18% in civic consultation at least once in the last year, a statistically significant decrease compared to 2012-13.
- In 2013-14, 34% of people felt that they could influence decisions affecting their local area, a statistically significant decrease compared to 2012-13 (38%) and all other years since 2001.

### Notes to Editors

- *The Survey is representative of adults (aged 16+) in England. This third release is based on 5,105 interviews carried out in 2013-14 by TNS-BMRB.*
- *The Survey is designed to be comparable with key measures on the previous Citizenship Survey so that trends can be tracked over time. Where applicable, data from Community Life is compared with data from the Citizenship Survey.*
- *The full statistical release, Excel tables and survey outputs can be found at:*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/community-life-survey>
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