Community Life Survey: Volunteering

This factsheet contains statistics on volunteering by adults (16+) in England, based on the 2017-18 Community Life Survey. The survey measures three types of volunteering:

**Formal Volunteering:** giving unpaid help through clubs or organisations.

**Informal Volunteering:** giving unpaid help to individuals who are not relatives.

**Any Volunteering:** any formal or informal volunteering.

**22%** adults formally volunteered once a month and...

**38%** formally volunteered in the last year.

**27%** of adults informally volunteered once a month and...

**53%** informally volunteered at least once in the last year.

**38%** of adults took part in any volunteering at least once a month and...

**64%** took part in any volunteering at least once in the last year.

Who is more likely to volunteer?

Figures represent **monthly** volunteering unless otherwise stated.

Women were more likely to have taken part in informal and any volunteering than men.

Women (40%) were also more likely to have formally volunteered in the last year than men (35%) but there was no significant difference for monthly formal volunteering.

Adults living in rural areas were more likely to have taken part in formal and any volunteering than those living in urban areas.

Adults from less deprived areas are more likely to do formal, and any kind of volunteering than those from more deprived areas...

...but there was no significant difference in informal monthly volunteering.

Those with a limiting long term illness (LLTI) or disability were more likely to have informally volunteered than those without...

...but there was no significant difference for formal volunteering.

Adults over 65 were more likely to have taken part in informal volunteering than 25-64 year olds...

... and 25-34 year olds were less likely to have taken part in monthly formal volunteering than all other age groups.

For more information see [https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/community-life-survey--2](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/community-life-survey--2)