



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.

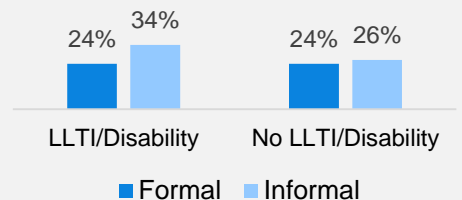


Women were more likely to have taken part in **informal** and **any** volunteering than men.

23% Formal	21%
29% Informal	24%
41% Any	36%

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.

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



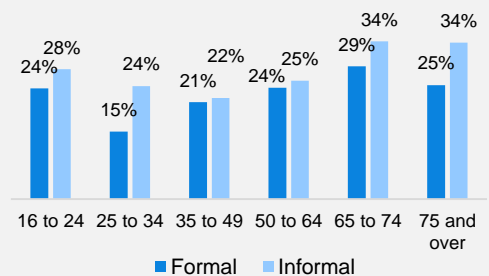
...but there was no significant difference for formal volunteering.



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

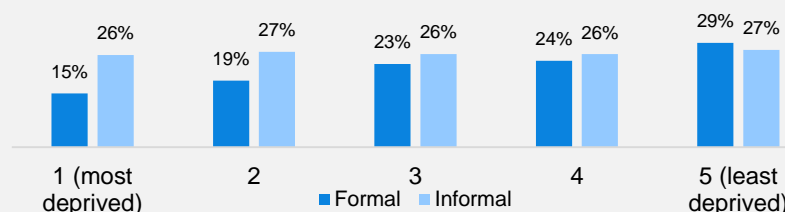
29% Formal	21%
30% Informal	26%
45% Any	37%

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.

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.