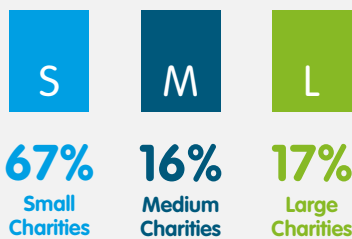


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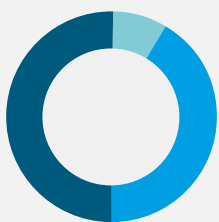
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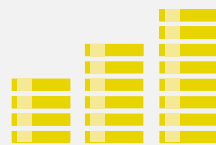


**37%**  
of all charities are **Extra Small**,  
with less than **\$50,000**  
in income

Charities had  
**combined total income**  
over  
**\$134 billion**



- **50.3%** from other income and revenue, including sales, member fees and user pays
- **41.4%** from government grants
- **8.3%** from donations and bequests



Donations and bequests  
grew by **2.4%** to  
**\$11.2 billion**



Charities spent  
**\$122.8 billion**  
pursuing their  
charitable purpose



Total income  
for charities grew  
by **2%** from  
2014 to 2015<sup>1</sup>

Total income of the Australian Charity  
sector is equivalent to **8.3%**  
of Australian GDP

**2.97 million**  
volunteers



**4 out of 5** charities  
engage  
volunteers

Charities employ over  
**1.2 million staff**  
Second largest Australian  
sector for employment<sup>2</sup>

Almost

**1 in 2**

charities (**47.5%**) operate  
with no paid staff

<sup>1</sup> Based on total income for all charities reporting in both the 2014 and 2015 years.

<sup>2</sup> The charity sector employs more than every industry except retail.



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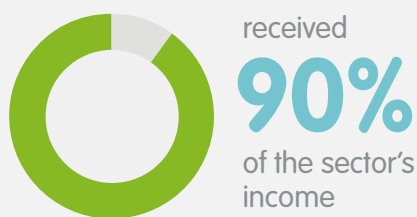
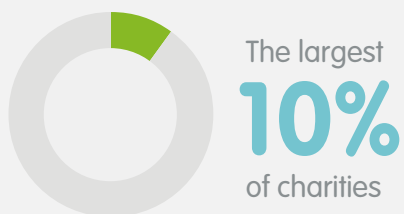
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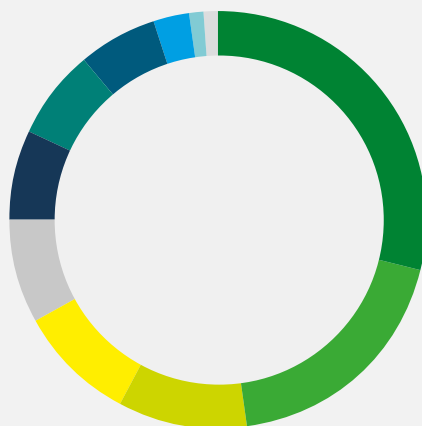


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## Number of charities by sector



- Religion (29%)
- Education and research (19%)
- Social services (10%)
- Other/Unknown (9%)
- Health (8%)
- Culture and recreation (7%)
- Development and housing (7%)
- Philanthropy (6%)
- Environment (3%)
- International (1%)
- Law, advocacy and politics (1%)

## Top 3 sectors by total income



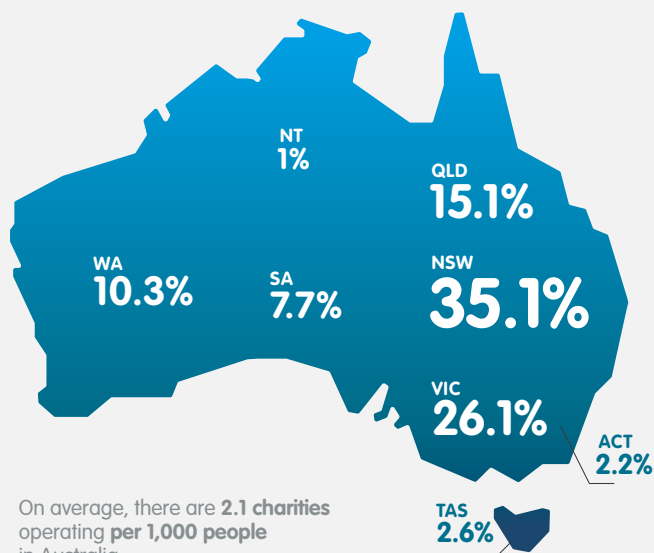
Education & Research  
**45%**



Health  
**25%**



Social services  
**9%**



**38%**

of registered charities have DGR status



More than 3 in 4 charities in the health category had DGR status

**77.8%**

**82%** operate in one state or territory

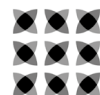
**67%** are based in major cities

**13%** operate in several states/territories

**30%** are based in regional areas

**5%** operate in every state and territory

**3%** are based in remote or rural areas



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