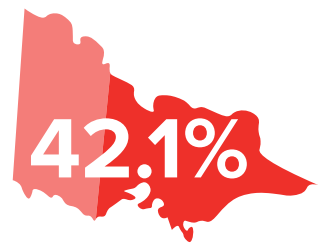
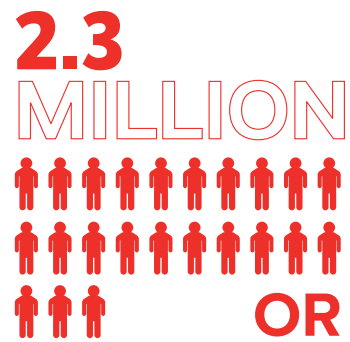


# Key findings



of Victorians over 15 years of age who volunteer

OR

Victorians donated at least

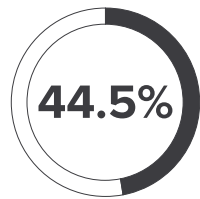
**507.7 MILLION VOLUNTEER HOURS**

to the community in 2019

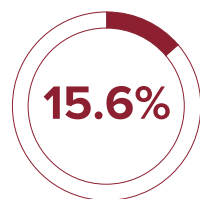
## Do Victorians volunteer formally or informally?



of volunteers volunteer formally in organisations (not for profit, government and private organisations).



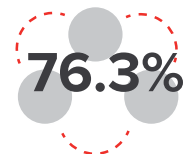
of volunteers volunteered both formally and informally.



of volunteers volunteer informally in the community.



## Top methods used by organisations to recruit volunteers



Cultivating personal connections and relationship building was the most common way of motivating and retaining volunteers (76.3% of organisations reporting this)

If volunteers were paid, the volunteering sector would be equal to **1.5 times** the Victorian Government sector and nearly **half the size** of the Victorian private sector

**24.7%**

Almost a quarter (24.7%) of volunteer-involving organisations engage volunteers in delivering services funded by the Victorian Government

The value of volunteering to Victoria was

**\$58.1 BILLION IN 2019**

This represents a net return of approximately

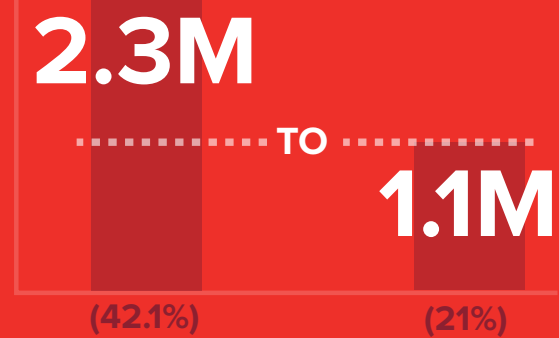
**\$3.70 ON EVERY \$1 INVESTED**

Volunteers contribute on average

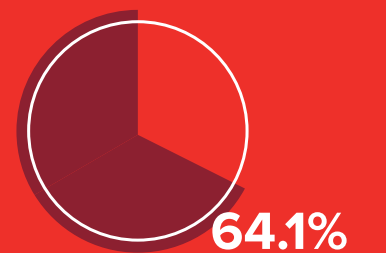
**223.9 HOURS A YEAR & 4.3 HOURS EVERY WEEK**

## The early impact of coronavirus pandemic

Volunteer participation halved from



There was an almost two-thirds (64.1%) net decline in volunteering



Victorians main reason for not volunteering went from limited time to health risk concerns



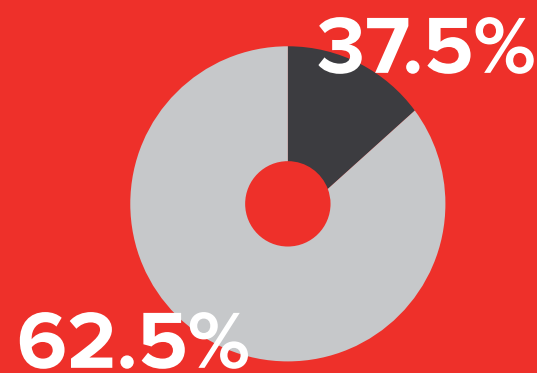
**4 OUT OF 5**

people's volunteering took place from their home or local community

**65+**

**78.9%**

Around three quarters of organisations (78.9%) engage volunteers over the age of 65



62.5% of organisations think people prefer **occasional and flexible hours** for volunteering compared with 37.5% of organisations that think people prefer regular / fixed hours

**35.4%**

of organisations have seen an increase in the need for volunteer training across the last three years

**89.3%**

of volunteer-involving organisations think they will have the same amount or more volunteers in three years



After reimbursements, it is costing Victorians nearly **\$6.70 / hour** on average to volunteer - which is over **\$1,700 per year**