

Facts on Volunteering in New Zealand

More than one million New Zealanders do some sort of volunteer work for 60,000 voluntary groups including sports groups and charities, and every year more than \$1.3 billion is invested in services provided by the voluntary sector.

Results from the 1996 Census show that 41% of people over the age of 15 reported doing some unpaid voluntary work for people not living with them in the four weeks preceding the Census, with 45% of women and 38% of men indicating they gave some of their time to this. Over half of these donated between one and fourteen hours per week, with a third of people over 60 giving over 15 hours. The types of volunteer work favoured by older and younger people were very similar, and ranged from examples of childcare, firefighting, and civil defence to administration work."