

**Quick facts about charitable giving from the
Center on Philanthropy Panel Study, 2005 wave
Revised January 2008***

**Percentage giving by type of recipient
Average and median total amount contributed in year
(excludes one gift of \$100,000, which was an outlier)**

Statistic	Percentage	Average	Median
Households giving to charity (total)	70.2	\$2,047	\$775
Households giving to religious organizations such as houses of worship or ministries (does not include faith-based charities providing other types of services, such as schools, hospitals, or social service agencies)	46.1	\$1,858	\$700
Households giving to secular organizations	61.6	\$ 941	\$335
By type of secular organization			
Arts, culture or humanities	8.3	\$272	\$100
Combined purposes (United Way, Jewish federations, and other charities that raise funds to redistribute to a variety of different types of recipient organizations)	27.4	\$502	\$200
Education	15.6	\$493	\$100
Environment or animal-related	9.0	\$181	\$61
Health	23.3	\$257	\$100
Help meet others' basic needs	29.0	\$482	\$200
Human services generally (combines giving to help meet needs with giving for youth or family)	34.6	\$475	\$200
International aid or peace (but not tsunami)	5.1	\$342	\$100
Neighborhood or community	6.1	\$233	\$88
Other types not specifically listed (This could include veterans orgs, public safety officers groups, civil rights organizations, legal clinics, centers serving seniors, and more)	8.2	\$467	\$100
Tsunami (only asked in 2005)	26.4	\$126	\$50
Youth or family	13.0	\$187	\$60

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* Revision affects percentage giving (increased slightly in all subsectors) and average amount given to education, which were entered incorrectly in November 2007.

Data: The Center on Philanthropy Panel Study module of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, 2005 wave about giving in 2004

Number of types of charities supported

Donors only

	Average	Median	Largest
Number of types of charities supported	2.7	2	10
Number of secular charity types supported	2.6	2	9

The number of types of charities supported rises with income.

- Donor households with income of \$100,000 or more give, on average, to 3.5 types of charities, with a median of 3.
- Donor households with income of \$50,000 or less give, on average, to 2.3 types of charities, with a median of 2.
- Medium-income donor households give, on average, to 2.7 types of charities (median of 2).

Percentage of income contributed

Donors only

	Average	Median	Largest
Percentage of income contributed	2.6	1.3	83*

* 10 cases with contributions more than 100% of income were not included in this statistic. It is possible to give more than 100% of income by making donations from wealth (assets). With these cases included, the average is 4.0 and the highest percentage is 411%. The median remains 1.3.

Households with higher income give a lower percentage of their income than do households with income below \$50,000.

- Higher income donor households, those with income of \$100,000 or more, give an average of 2.2 percent of their income (median of 1.3 percent).
- Lower income households, with income below \$50,000, give, on average 4.2% of their income (median of 1.6%).
- Middle income households gave an average of 2.7 % of their income to charity (median of 1.2%).

NOTE that these figures (number of types of charities and percentage of income contributed) are for donor households only. Among higher income households, 93 percent reported donations of \$25 or more to charity in the prior year. In the lower income households, 56 percent reported donations to charity.

Estimated household giving, 2004, United States

Total estimated: \$161 billion

\$ in billions

Does not include very high-income households, as they are not included in the Center on Philanthropy Panel Study

