STATE OF VOLUNTEERING IN QUEENSLAND | 2024

Youth

(15-24 year olds)

SUMMARY REPORT

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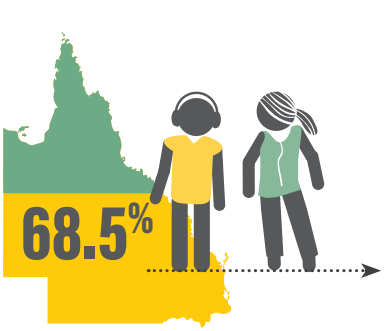
KEY FINDINGS FOR *Youth*
(15–24 year olds)



474,000 people

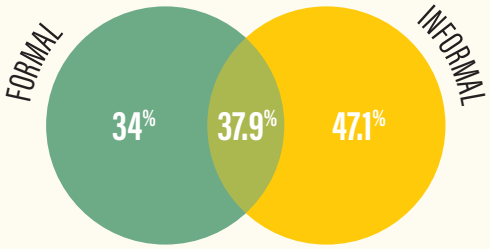
68.5% of Queensland youth aged 15-24 years old or **474,000 people** contribute to the community as volunteers (higher than the whole population at 64%)

Youth contribute an average of

22.6
HOURS PER MONTH

which equates to

128.4
MILLION HOURS IN 2023



34% volunteer formally, **47.1%** informally and **37.9%** do both

> ‘Creating a welcoming and supportive environment was important for retaining younger volunteers.’

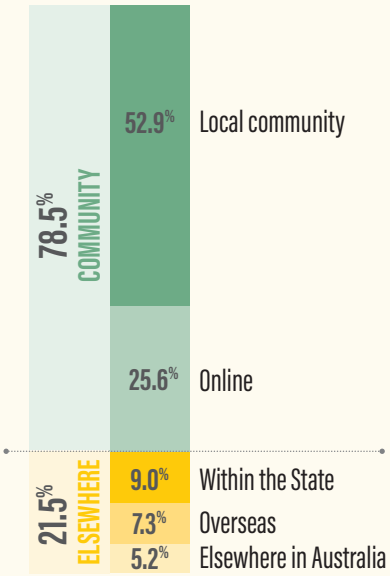
Youth are motivated to volunteer to

- **61.5%** Help others
- **44.8%** Be active
- **40%** For enjoyment
- **39.7%** For social and community connection
- **32.7%** To gain confidence

Youth were far more likely than other volunteers to be motivated by

- **+15.6** percentage points Gaining confidence
- **+12.2** percentage points Supporting or learning more about a cause
- **+11.9** percentage points Developing new skills or gaining work experience

Where they volunteer:



The ways youth contribute to their community are through:

- **32.3%** Event support
- **29.7%** Teaching or coaching
- **27.5%** Skilled support
- **27.3%** Other community contribution
- **26.8%** Social or wellbeing support

Youth find volunteering opportunites by:

- **52.2%** Word of mouth
- **50.0%** Social media
- **29.6%** Google / online search
- **26.9%** Seek volunteer or other online recruitment site
- **26.8%** Open days or events

Youth prefer to volunteer with others rather than alone

BARRIERS TO VOLUNTEERING

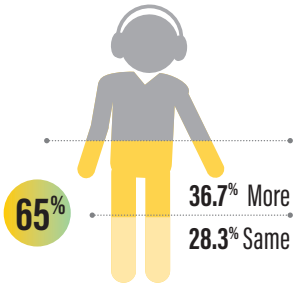
The top 5 barriers to volunteering more were:

- **43.0%** No time
- **16.6%** Burnout (over volunteering)
- **16.4%** Costs
- **14.9%** No transport
- **11.7%** No one to volunteer more with

The top five barriers to non volunteering youth in Queensland participating were:

- **41.9%** No time
- **40.8%** Not sure how / never been asked
- **28.2%** Lack of confidence
- **22.9%** No one to volunteer with
- **18.3%** Not interested in volunteering

65% of youth said they would be volunteering the same (28.3%) or more (36.7%) in 3 years



THE VALUE OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERING

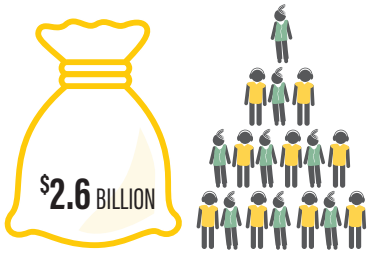
Youth volunteering delivers a total economic and social value of

$16.4 BILLION to Queensland

For every **$1** invested in youth volunteering **$3.60** is returned

Youth volunteers are spending **$19.74** per hour on their volunteering and are reimbursed for **19.9%** of their expenses

It would cost **$2.6 billion** to replace the labour cost of the hours youth volunteer



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