



STATE OF VOLUNTEERING IN QUEENSLAND | 2024

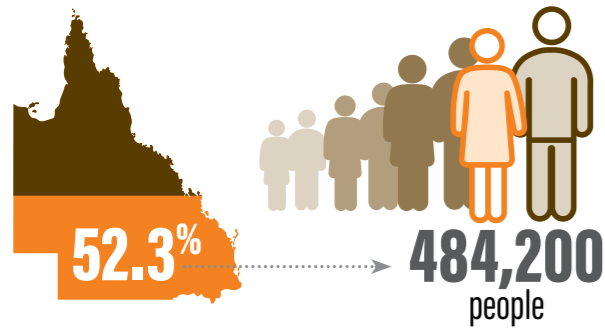
Elder people 65+
SUMMARY REPORT



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KEY FINDINGS FOR Older people ⁶⁵⁺

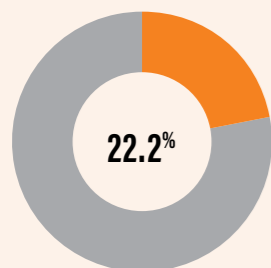


52.3% of Queensland residents aged 65 and over, or **484,200** people contributed to the community as volunteers (compared to the whole population of Queensland which is 64%)

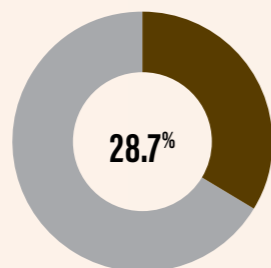
Older Queenslanders volunteer for an average of



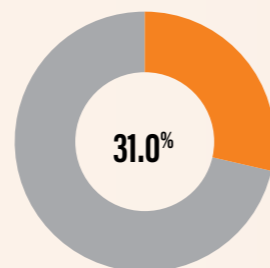
which equates to **111.1 million hours** in 2023



volunteer formally



volunteer informally

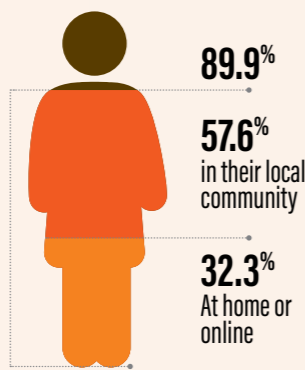


do both

Older Queenslanders are motivated to volunteer to:

- 77.1%** Help others
- 47.2%** For enjoyment
- 45.3%** To use my skills and experience
- 41.4%** To be active
- 38%** For social and community connection

89.9% of Older Queenslanders volunteer within their local community (57.6%) or at home or online (32.3%)



The ways in which Older Queenslanders contribute to their community are through:

- 21.3%** Governance roles
- 12.7%** Other community contribution
- 10.7%** Administrative support
- 9.5%** Teaching or coaching
- 8.5%** Faith based or cultural support

Older Queenslanders generally find out about volunteer opportunities by:

- 74.4%** Word of mouth
- 18.4%** Other
- 11.5%** Social media
- 11.2%** Google / searching online
- 10.8%** Traditional media (posters, newsletters, radio)



“ Meeting those beautiful people, it just fulfilled me. It was just very rewarding doing what I did ... has given me some purpose once I retired

BARRIERS TO VOLUNTEERING

The top 5 barriers to volunteering more were:

- 41.8%** No time
- 14.5%** Costs
- 13.1%** Health reasons
- 12.3%** Burnout (over volunteering)
- 11.0%** Not interested in volunteering more

The top five barriers to non-volunteers participating were:

- 37.4%** No time
- 23.3%** Not sure how / never been asked
- 17.9%** Health reasons
- 17.6%** Not interested in volunteering
- 13.1%** Lack of confidence



33%

of older Queenslanders plan to volunteer the same or more in the next three years' time

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING FOR OLDER QUEENSLANDERS

Volunteering of Older Queenslanders brings



of benefits to Queensland

For every \$1 invested in volunteering for Older Queenslanders an **\$8.70** return is provided



Older Queensland Volunteers reported spending an average of **\$3.78** per hour on their volunteering with only **5.2%** of their expenses reimbursed by the organisations they volunteer with.

It would cost **\$4.6 billion** to replace the hours Older Queenslanders volunteer



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