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Size of civil society by type of organisation, 2007/08

	Number of organisations	Income (£ millions)	Expenditure (£ millions)	Net assets (£ millions)	Paid staff	Data quality
General charities	171,100	35,500	32,850	96,630	668,000 ¹	Good
Co-operatives	4,600	24,490	24,030	7,870	16,520	Good
Universities	170	23,440	22,880	26,620	174,950 ²	Good
Housing associations	1,820	11,570	9,980	60,910	148,100	Good
Independent schools	2,410	6,260	5,880	6,960	53,090 ²	Good
Building societies	50	4,000	3,090	-	42,300	Good
Trade associations and professional bodies	290	2,070	1,980	2,270	16,880	Good
Trade unions	190	1,040	900	1,130	12,390	Good
Common investment funds	60	640	460	3,740	1,640	Good
Credit unions	490	60	40	590	1,000	Good
Political parties	161	76	68	-19	590	Good
Employee-owned businesses	200	25,000	23,000 ³	8,000 ³	110,000	Limited
Financial mutuals	16	7,250	6,800 ³	-	26,300	Limited
Companies limited by guarantee	22,700	6,100	5,930	1,670	41,100	Limited
Faith groups	13,700	3,780	3,470	15,580	43,700	Limited
Friendly societies	200	1,650	1,540 ³	17,000	5,000	Limited
Leisure trusts	120	630	590 ³	-	26,000	Limited
Community interest companies	1,400	600	590	50	4,300	Limited
Benevolent societies	2,200	310	280	2,050	3,200	Limited
Clubs and societies	6,600	200	190 ³	90	8,600	Limited
GP co-ops and mutuals	40	150	140 ³	-	8,000	Limited
Football supporter trusts	170	10	10 ³	10	100	Limited
Sports clubs	127,010	5,330	5,090	-	254,000	Poor
Excepted charities	4,000	400	380 ³	-	-	Poor
Co-operative trust schools	30	-	-	-	-	Poor
Unincorporated organisations	600,000	-	-	-	-	Poor
Duplications	59,500	3,200	3,000	7,000	60,800	
Total size of civil society	900,000	157,000	115,000	236,000	1,605,000	
Total size of civil society (including estimates of missing values)	900,000	157,000	147,000	244,000	1,605,000	

▲ Source: NCVO, Various sources

¹Estimated using the Labour Force Survey

²Academic staff only

³Value is estimated using ratio of income and expenditure from other parts of civil society

Distribution of voluntary organisations and their financial characteristics by region and UK country, 2007/08

	Number of organisations	Number of organisations (per 1,000 population)	Income (£ millions)	Expenditure (£ millions)	Assets (£ millions)
North East	4,818	1.9	762.0	720.8	1,378.0
North West	14,029	2.0	2,143.3	1,989.3	3,363.9
Yorkshire and the Humber	11,023	2.1	1,615.3	1,520.6	2,301.8
East Midlands	11,617	2.6	1,229.2	1,105.9	2,357.3
West Midlands	12,467	2.3	1,733.9	1,596.8	3,647.5
East of England	17,515	3.1	1,844.5	1,656.9	4,272.9
London	23,081	3.0	14,733.4	13,785.0	53,442.2
South East	25,616	3.1	4,223.0	3,904.3	9,375.7
South West	18,555	3.6	2,573.9	2,329.8	5,951.4
England	138,721	2.7	30,858.5	28,609.4	86,090.7
Wales	8,067	2.7	1,006.6	851.5	1,444.1
Scotland	19,586	3.8	3,062.8	2,840.8	8,358.4
Northern Ireland	4,700	2.6	570.1	544.4	737.5
UK	171,074	2.8	35,498.0	32,846.1	96,630.7

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services, SCVO, NICVA

Distribution of voluntary organisations and their financial characteristics by area of activity, 2007/08

	Number of organisations	Income (£ millions)	Expenditure (£ millions)	Assets (£ millions)	Mean income (£)
Culture and recreation	22,443	3,647.5	3,395.6	6,054.5	162,521
Education	7,993	1,312.8	1,220.9	2,642.8	164,245
Parent teacher associations	13,724	180.7	168.1	171.1	13,167
Playgroups and nurseries	8,454	407.0	386.1	164.7	48,146
Research	3,688	2,441.9	2,690.7	19,878.5	662,121
Health	6,470	3,386.6	3,275.6	4,750.2	523,432
Social services	32,870	8,338.0	7,901.0	12,295.3	253,666
Scout groups and youth clubs	6,911	215.6	194.8	378.6	31,196
Environment	5,316	2,382.1	2,175.6	4,248.9	448,091
Community development	15,352	913.1	863.7	1,511.8	59,481
Housing	3,963	1,325.5	1,178.4	4,575.8	334,461
Employment and training	1,671	1,197.6	1,154.2	691.9	716,707
Village halls	5,970	82.0	72.6	206.6	13,732
Law and advocacy	4,033	1,077.3	1,033.8	629.3	267,126
Grant-making foundations	11,687	3,444.6	2,669.1	28,397.1	294,740
Umbrella bodies	1,386	602.9	595.1	620.0	434,985
International	4,857	2,264.9	2,226.6	1,824.0	466,311
Religion	13,974	1,705.4	1,461.2	5,590.5	122,040
Other	312	572.5	182.9	1,999.0	1,835,076
Total	171,074	35,498.0	32,846.1	96,630.6	207,501

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

Voluntary sector income by size of organisation, 2007/08 (£ millions)

	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	Major	Total	Number of organisations with income stream ⁴
Individuals (excluding legacies)	85.7	290.5	1,016.4	1,695.3	2,700.4	5,788.2	98,000
Legacies	2.5	5.7	175.2	350.1	1,468.2	2,001.5	4,200
Statutory sources (excluding National Lottery distributors)	10.8	172.7	1,058.9	1,386.6	1,055.9	3,684.9	27,300
National Lottery distributors	5.2	26.4	178.2	205.3	107.5	522.7	9,100
Voluntary sector	13.4	92.9	443.7	570.6	583.9	1,704.6	26,900
Private sector	1.3	20.5	145.0	428.3	602.6	1,197.6	9,200
Total voluntary income	118.9	608.7	3,017.3	4,636.1	6,518.6	14,899.6	116,600
Individuals	80.3	596.1	1,134.7	1,754.0	1,730.3	5,295.4	76,100
Statutory sources	3.7	238.8	1,231.9	2,892.4	4,756.9	9,123.8	19,000
Voluntary sector	11.7	138.7	278.3	309.9	519.4	1,258.0	21,300
Private sector	4.8	25.6	157.6	321.2	295.6	804.9	11,700
Trading subsidiaries	0.0	1.8	83.6	364.8	481.5	931.7	1,500
Total earned income	100.5	1,001.0	2,886.2	5,642.2	7,783.9	17,413.8	104,100
Rent from property	0.0	15.4	133.1	257.9	109.5	515.9	3,000
Dividends etc	14.7	157.7	370.0	551.6	1,011.9	2,105.8	35,300
Interest on deposits	30.0	73.4	95.9	189.2	174.4	562.9	101,400
Total investment income	44.7	246.5	599.0	998.8	1,295.7	3,184.7	120,600
Total incoming resources	264.1	1,856.1	6,502.5	11,277.1	15,598.1	35,498.0	160,615
Number of organisations with incoming resources⁴	80,608	53,971	21,470	4,128	438	160,615	

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

⁴10,459 organisations received no income in 2007/08

Voluntary sector income, 2001/02 – 2007/08 (£ millions, in April 2008 prices)

	2001/02	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Individuals (excluding legacies)	3,353.9	4,015.5	4,777.5	4,494.0	5,578.1	5,788.2
Legacies	1,545.2	1,548.7	1,812.9	1,942.4	1,813.8	2,001.5
Statutory sources (excluding National Lottery distributors)	4,154.0	4,963.4	4,175.4	3,886.2	3,752.4	3,684.9
National Lottery distributors	652.4	487.8	583.8	602.9	608.9	522.7
Voluntary sector	1,297.0	1,879.9	1,664.7	2,237.8	1,645.2	1,704.6
Private sector	610.5	445.6	525.8	690.9	689.1	1,197.6
Total voluntary income	11,612.9	13,340.9	13,540.1	13,854.1	14,087.5	14,899.6
Individuals	4,145.5	5,923.0	4,888.8	5,994.6	5,691.2	5,295.4
Statutory sources	4,363.2	4,683.5	5,521.1	7,417.6	8,143.2	9,123.8
Voluntary sector	443.3	1,066.0	1,475.5	1,504.2	1,514.6	1,258.0
Private sector	326.2	161.9	1,582.8	769.8	1,072.7	804.9
Trading subsidiaries	1,284.9	2,275.0	1,126.9	1,111.4	1,234.0	931.7
Total earned income	10,563.2	14,109.4	14,595.1	16,797.5	17,655.7	17,413.8
Rent from property	363.9	607.1	532.5	591.3	612.5	515.9
Dividends etc	1,610.9	1,302.0	1,408.6	1,561.5	1,538.4	2,105.8
Interest on deposits	483.0	346.7	434.1	575.2	593.3	562.9
Total investment income	2,457.7	2,255.8	2,375.2	2,728.0	2,744.2	3,184.7
Total incoming resources	24,633.8	29,706.1	30,510.4	33,379.6	34,487.4	35,498.0

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

Voluntary sector income source by size of organisation, 2007/08 (£ millions)

	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	Major	Total	Number of organisations with income source ⁵
Individuals	168.4	892.3	2,326.2	3,799.3	5,899.0	13,085.2	118,200
Statutory sources (excluding National Lottery distributors)	14.5	411.5	2,290.8	4,279.0	5,812.8	12,808.7	38,100
National Lottery distributors	5.2	26.4	178.2	205.3	107.5	522.7	9,100
Voluntary sector	25.1	231.6	722.0	880.5	1,103.4	2,962.6	40,600
Private sector	6.2	46.1	302.6	749.4	898.2	2,002.5	19,700
Internally generated	44.7	248.2	682.6	1,363.5	1,777.2	4,116.4	120,600
Total income	264.1	1,856.1	6,502.5	11,277.1	15,598.1	35,498.0	160,615
Number of organisations with incoming resources⁵	80,608	53,971	21,470	4,128	438	160,615	

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

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Voluntary sector expenditure by size of organisation, 2007/08 (£ millions)

	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	Major	Total	Number of organisations with type of expenditure
Fundraising and publicity costs	2.3	63.3	348.0	730.6	1,429.5	2,573.7	18,869
Trading subsidiary costs	0.0	1.1	84.1	423.0	531.7	1,039.9	1,040
Investment management costs	3.4	27.5	107.1	152.1	169.0	459.1	6,972
Total cost of generating funds	5.7	91.9	539.1	1,305.8	2,130.2	4,072.7	25,258
Total grants	169.3	198.2	687.3	1,426.0	2,562.5	5,043.3	28,842
Charitable activities	108.3	1,472.3	4,595.4	7,381.1	9,438.1	22,995.2	137,608
Governance	24.3	89.7	314.8	208.4	97.7	734.9	70,974
Total current expenditure	307.6	1,852.2	6,136.6	10,321.3	14,228.4	32,846.1	151,578
Number of organisations with expenditure	71,975	53,663	21,379	4,128	433	151,578	
Number of organisations without expenditure	19,092	308	91	0	5	19,496	

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

Voluntary sector expenditure, 2001/02 – 2007/08 (£ millions, in April 2008 prices)

	2001/02	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Fundraising and publicity costs	1,544.7	2,089.2	1,816.5	2,177.0	2,313.2	2,573.7
Trading subsidiary costs	1,031.7	765.2	778.7	973.0	944.6	1,039.9
Investment management costs	0.0	86.3	94.9	359.7	428.1	459.1
Total cost of generating funds	2,576.4	2,940.6	2,690.1	3,509.7	3,685.9	4,072.7
Total grants	4,067.4	4,297.0	3,783.6	4,107.4	4,548.4	5,043.3
Charitable activities	15,638.1	18,877.8	19,525.3	22,693.2	23,519.3	22,995.2
Governance	1,907.6	1,941.1	1,673.4	1,077.2	676.7	734.9
Total current expenditure	24,189.5	28,056.5	27,672.3	31,387.5	32,430.3	32,846.1

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

Voluntary sector assets and liabilities by size of organisation, 2007/08 (£ millions)

	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	Major	Total	Number of orgs with type of assets
Intangible fixed assets	0.6	1.1	1.2	7.9	7.8	18.6	550
Tangible fixed assets	1,580.8	1,724.7	4,747.1	7,103.9	5,965.5	21,121.9	49,036
Investments	315.9	3,493.4	11,601.1	16,901.4	36,514.9	68,826.7	25,880
Fixed assets	1,897.3	5,219.2	16,349.4	24,013.2	42,488.2	89,967.3	65,885
Current assets	381.5	2,487.6	5,057.7	6,465.3	7,355.5	21,747.7	156,045
Creditors due within one year	100.3	201.3	1,027.8	2,210.9	3,655.5	7,195.8	83,157
Net current assets	281.3	2,286.3	4,029.9	4,254.4	3,700.0	14,551.9	156,286
Total assets less current liabilities	2,178.5	7,505.5	20,379.3	28,267.6	46,188.2	104,519.1	-
Creditors due after one year	1,414.7	119.6	522.7	1,885.7	3,736.8	7,679.6	6,931
Provisions	0.0	3.5	20.3	61.4	123.8	209.0	973
Net total assets	763.8	7,382.4	19,836.2	26,320.5	42,327.6	96,630.6	168,258
Number of organisations with assets	88,474	53,865	21,364	4,124	431	168,258	
Number of organisations without assets	2,593	106	106	4	7	2,816	

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

Voluntary sector funds by size of organisation, 2007/08 (£ millions)

	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	Major	Total	Number of orgs with type of funds
Unrestricted funds	619.6	4,974.3	12,522.2	14,315.3	28,835.4	61,266.8	158,470
Restricted funds	99.7	766.7	2,344.2	3,741.4	4,588.6	11,540.6	50,012
Income funds	719.3	5,741.0	14,866.5	18,056.7	33,423.9	72,807.4	162,969
Endowment funds	44.5	1,641.4	4,969.8	8,263.8	8,903.7	23,823.2	13,313
Net assets	763.8	7,382.4	19,836.2	26,320.5	42,327.6	96,630.6	168,258

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

Voluntary sector assets and liabilities, 2003/04 – 2007/08 (£ millions, in April 2008 prices)

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Intangible fixed assets	22.4	46.9	21.7	27.4	18.6
Tangible fixed assets	18,937.9	19,487.7	20,721.0	20,872.3	21,121.9
Investments	50,465.3	57,790.5	64,248.8	68,156.3	68,826.7
Fixed assets	69,425.6	77,325.1	84,991.5	89,056.1	89,967.3
Current assets	19,450.6	20,352.1	19,627.2	19,324.0	21,747.7
Creditors due within one year	7,666.1	7,565.6	6,415.8	7,082.3	7,195.8
Net current assets	11,784.5	12,786.5	13,211.4	12,241.7	14,551.9
Total assets less current liabilities	81,210.1	90,111.6	98,202.9	101,297.8	104,519.1
Creditors due after one year	4,447.9	4,218.0	5,013.4	6,114.9	7,679.6
Provisions	1,333.9	248.2	454.9	264.7	209.0
Net total assets	75,428.2	85,645.3	92,734.7	94,918.1	96,630.6

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services