

Volunteering and Intergenerational Solidarity

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Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity and is intended to promote goodness or improve human quality of life. In return, this activity can produce a feeling of self-worth and respect. There is no financial gain involved for the individual. Volunteering may have positive benefits for the volunteer as well as for the person or community served

Data host:

European Parliament

Unit of Measurement:

Percentage (%)

Link to Data:

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/pdf/eurobarometre/2011/juillet/04_07/rapport_%20eb... [2]

Type of Indicator source:

- [Intergovernmental Organisation](#) [3]

Geographical Coverage:

Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain

Sweden
United Kingdom

Geographical Level:

- [National](#) [4]

Same/similar indicators appears in the following sets:

- [EU Quality of Life Indicators](#) [5]

Methodological transparency:

- [Complete methodology available](#) [6]

Indicator relation: Indicator: [Participation in volunteering and unpaid work](#) [7]

Relationship explanation: Both indicators measure investment of time in unpaid activities

Type of relation: Similar indicator

Indicator: [Participation in informal voluntary activities \(PS100\)](#) [8]

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Temporal Coverage:

2011

Frequency of Updates:

- [irregular](#) [9]

Indicator developer:

Eurostat

Link to Methodology:

[Standard Eurobarometer Methodology](#) [10]

Aggregation level of indicator:

- [Single](#) [11]

Data quality assesment:

- [No published quality assessment](#) [12]

Publishing delay:

- [6-12 months](#) [13]

Contribution to the green economy:

Involvement in charity and voluntary activities indicates the level of social belonging and participation in the society, which are components of quality of life and effective governance.

Cost of accessing data:

- [free of charge](#) [14]

Potential misinterpretation: The indicator measures involvement in activities with purposes of serving public goods. But it does not measure voluntary political activity, which has the same purpose.

Related Indicator: [Time spent on voluntary work or political activities](#) [15]

Potential misinterpretation: The indicator measures involvement in activities, which help to the communities. It does not measure informal contribution to local communities, which might be not organised under formal voluntary/charity activities

Related Indicator: [Participation in informal voluntary activities \(PS100\)](#) [8]

Potential misinterpretation: Are volunteering and intergenerational activities at a low level, but the Satisfaction with social life is till at a high level (due to other reasons)?

Related Indicator: [Satisfaction with social life](#) [16]

Potential misinterpretation: Do more people have time for voluntary activities, because they are unemployed?

Related Indicator: [Unemployment rate by sex and age groups - annual average, %](#) [17]



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