

# How much did Americans give in 2018?

# \$427.71 billion

Americans gave \$427.71 billion to charity in 2018 in a complex year for charitable giving.

Giving to foundations decreased the most, after experiencing strong double-digit growth in the year prior.



## Where did the generosity come from?

Contributions by source (by percentage of the total)

Giving by Foundations

7.3% over 2017

18%

\$75.86 billion  
(4.7% up when inflation adjusted)

Giving by Bequest

0.0% same as 2017

9%

\$39.71 billion  
(2.3% down when inflation adjusted)

Giving by Corporations

5.4% from 2017

5%

\$20.05 billion  
(2.9% up when inflation adjusted)

Giving by Individuals

1.1% from 2017

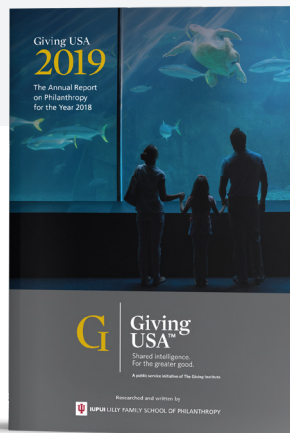
68%

\$292.09 billion  
(3.4% down when inflation adjusted)

Giving by individuals declined in 2018, comprising less than 70 percent of overall giving for the first time in at least 50 years.



\* All figures on this infographic are reported in current dollars unless otherwise noted.



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## Where are all the charitable dollars going?

Contributions by source (by percentage of the total)

Giving to international affairs showed the largest growth in 2018 of any sector.



	% of total giving in 2018	\$	% change from 2017	% change inflation adjusted
29% to Religion	29%	\$124.52 billion	↓ -1.5%	-3.9%
14% to Education	14%	\$58.72 billion	↓ -1.3%	-3.7%
12% to Human Services	12%	\$51.54 billion	= -0.3%	-2.7%
12% to Foundations	12%	\$50.29 billion	↓ -6.9%	-9.1%
10% to Health	10%	\$40.78 billion	= 0.1%	-2.3%
7% to Public-Society Benefit	7%	\$31.21 billion	↓ -3.7%	-6.0%
5% to International Affairs	5%	\$22.88 billion	↑ 9.6%	7.0%
5% to Arts, Culture, and Humanities	5%	\$19.49 billion	= 0.3%	-2.1%
3% to Environment/Animals	3%	\$12.70 billion	↑ 3.6%	1.2%
2% to Individuals	2%	\$9.06 billion	-	-

■ indicates growth in current dollars with a decline after adjusted for inflation



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