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.

Where did the generosity come from?
Contributions by source (by percentage of the total)

- Giving by Foundations: $75.86 billion (4.7% up when inflation adjusted)
  - 18% of total giving in 2018
- Giving by Bequest: $39.71 billion (2.3% down when inflation adjusted)
  - 9% of total giving in 2018
- Giving by Corporations: $20.05 billion (2.9% up when inflation adjusted)
  - 5% of total giving in 2018
- Giving by Individuals: $292.09 billion (3.4% down when inflation adjusted)
  - 68% of total giving in 2018

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

Where are all the charitable dollars going?
Contributions by source (by percentage of the total)

- 29% to Religion | $124.52 billion ↓ -1.5% -3.9%
- 14% to Education | $58.72 billion ↓ -1.3% -3.7%
- 12% to Human Services | $51.54 billion ↓ -0.3% -2.7%
- 12% to Foundations | $50.29 billion ↓ -6.9% -9.1%
- 10% to Health | $40.78 billion = 0.1% -2.3%
- 7% to Public-Society Benefit | $31.21 billion ↓ -3.7% -6.0%
- 5% to International Affairs | $22.88 billion ↑ 9.6% 7.0%
- 5% to Arts, Culture, and Humanities | $19.49 billion = 0.3% -2.1%
- 3% to Environment/Animals | $12.70 billion ↑ 3.6% 1.2%
- 2% to Individuals | $9.06 billion - -
- 1% to Other (not shown)

*Indicates growth in current dollars with a decline after adjusted for inflation

Giving USA Foundation™, The Giving Institute, and the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy are pleased to continue their partnership in providing the most comprehensive, longest-running, and most rigorously researched resource on U.S. charitable giving, Giving USA: The Annual Report on Philanthropy. It is a privilege to report on the generosity of Americans and related historical trends on U.S. charitable giving.