

How much did Americans give in 2018?

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

Where did the generosity come from?

The following information lists contributions by source (by percentage of the total)

Giving by Foundations

- \$75.86 billion: A 7.3 percent increase from 2017 (4.7 percent increase when adjusted for inflation)

Giving by Bequest

- \$39.71 billion: This number is the same as 2017 (2.3 percent decrease when adjusted for inflation)

Giving by Corporations

- \$20.05 billion: A 5.4 percent increase from 2017 (2.9 percent increase when adjusted for inflation)

Giving by Individuals

- \$292.09 billion: A 1.1 percent decrease from 2017. (3.4 percent down when adjusted for inflation)
- Giving by individuals declined in 2018, comprising less than 70 percent of overall giving for the first time in at least 50 years.
 - Giving by individuals: 68 percent of overall
 - Giving by corporations: 5 percent of overall
 - Giving by Bequest: 9 percent of overall
 - Giving by foundations: 18 percent of overall

Where are all the charitable dollars going?

The following information lists contributions by source (by percentage of the total)

- 29 percent to Religion | \$124.52 billion
 - Down 1.5 percent (Down 3.9 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 14 percent to Education | \$58.72 billion
 - Down 1.3 percent (Down 3.7 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 12 percent to Human Services | \$51.54 billion
 - Approximately the same as 2017 - down .3 percent (Down 2.7 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 12 percent to Foundations | \$50.29 billion
 - Down 6.9 percent (Down 9.1 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 10 percent to Health | \$40.78 billion
 - Approximately the same as 2017 - down .1 percent (Down 2.3 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 7 percent to Public-Society Benefit | \$31.21 billion

- Down 3.7 percent (Down 6.0 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 5 percent to International Affairs | \$22.88 billion
 - Up 9.6 percent (Up 7.0 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 5 percent to Arts, Culture, and Humanities | \$19.49 billion
 - Approximately the same as 2017 - down .3 percent (Down 2.1 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 3 percent to Environment/Animals | \$12.70 billion
 - Up 3.6 percent (Up 1.2 percent adjusted for inflation)
- 2 percent to Individuals | \$9.06 billion
- Giving to foundations decreased the most, after experiencing strong double digit growth in the year prior.
- Giving to international affairs showed the largest growth in 2018 of any sector.

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