

Thurston County Giving Survey

1. Welcome to the Thurston County Giving Survey

Dear Participant:

We are students in the Master's of Public Administration program at The Evergreen State College. As part of our coursework in Analytical Techniques for Public Service, we are conducting a research project on charitable giving patterns in Thurston County. The purpose of the project is to gather information about local individuals' support of charitable organizations and their motivations for giving socially.

We need your help in gathering information for this study. The information you provide will only be seen and used by ourselves and our faculty sponsor, Gail Johnson. We will keep your identity confidential, and your responses will not be attributed to you in any way.

Any risks to you are minimal, and would likely be nothing more than mild embarrassment from sharing your opinions regarding charitable organizations. There will be no compensation of any kind available for your participation, which is completely voluntary.

As mentioned above, we will use your responses only as resource material for our research project on charitable giving motivations and practices. If you would like a copy of the final report, please send an email to givingsurvey@gmail.com with the words "report request" in the subject line.

If you have any questions about this project or your participation in it, please email us at givingsurvey@gmail.com. The person to contact if you experience problems as a result of your participation in this project is Eddy Brown, Academic Dean at The Evergreen State College, Sem 2 D4107, Olympia, WA 98505; Phone 360.867.6972.

By clicking the "Next" button below, you are agreeing to serve as a subject in this research project. You further certify that you understand that your participation in this project is completely voluntary, and that your choice of whether to participate in this project will not jeopardize your relationship with The Evergreen State College. You are free to skip any question or to withdraw at any point before or during the survey.

Thank you for your participation and assistance!

2. Demographic Information

1. How old were you at your last birthday?

2. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Other

3. What is the ZIP code of your primary residence?

4. What is the ZIP code of your primary work or school location? (if applicable)

5. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than 9th grade

9th to 12th grade, no diploma

High school graduate/equivalency (i.e. GED)

Some college, no degree

Associate (2 year) degree

Bachelor's (4 year) degree

Graduate/professional degree

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6. For your primary job, what type of employer do you work for?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City government | <input type="checkbox"/> Private, for profit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County government | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State government | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal government | <input type="checkbox"/> Not currently employed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self employed | |

3. Demographics (Cont.)

7. What was your total household income from all sources in 2007?

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125,000-\$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000-\$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000-\$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000-\$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000-\$299,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000-\$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-\$124,999 | |

8. What was the total value of your household's charitable donations in 2007?

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 - \$4,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 - \$249 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 - \$9,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 - \$499 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - \$24,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 - \$2,499 | |

9. Approximately how many hours did you volunteer to charitable or philanthropic organizations in 2007?

10. Do you see yourself as having a strong religious identity?

- Yes
 No

11. How often do you attend religious services?

- At least once per week
 At least once per month
 At least once every few months
 Not on any regular basis
 Never

4. How you give

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12. The following list indicates different categories of charitable and philanthropic organizations. Please indicate how you rank the importance of giving to each type of organization:

	Not important	Somewhat important	Very Important	N/A
arts, culture and humanities (symphony, museums, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn
public-society benefit organizations (food banks, homeless shelters, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn
international affairs organizations (international relief, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn
educational organizations (colleges, community education opportunities, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn
health and human services (hospitals, health services, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn
religious organizations (churches, missionary societies, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn
environmental and wildlife organizations (zoos, environmental advocates, etc.)	jn	jn	jn	jn
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>			

13. For your social and charitable giving in 2007, please indicate whether you gave in the following ways:

	How often did you give?	Method used to give:
I gave to a religious organization/community	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I gave through a workplace campaign (ie. Combined Fund Drive, United Way) to a general fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I purchased items or pledged money to individuals participating in benefit events	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I gave to a community fund/foundation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I gave to organizations with which I am affiliated	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I gave directly to individuals in need	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I gave material resources such as clothing, food or furniture, but not including money, directly to people in need	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I gave through a workplace campaign (ie. Combined Fund Drive, United Way) to a specific organization(s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>	

5. Motivations

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14. Please indicate to what degree you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I have a social obligation to assist those who are poor or disadvantaged.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give to charitable or philanthropic organizations to help accomplish a social goal.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I have a religious or spiritual obligation to give money for religious causes.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I have a religious or spiritual obligation to assist those who are poor or disadvantaged.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give on my own when I recognize a specific need I can assist.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
In my life, I have received financial assistance or basic support (food, shelter, etc.) from a charitable or philanthropic organization.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give to charitable or philanthropic organizations to get tax benefits for myself.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give to charitable or philanthropic organizations because it is expected of me.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give through my religious community to help accomplish a social goal.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I generally do not give to charitable or philanthropic organizations.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give to charitable or philanthropic organizations that have a proven record of effectiveness in their area.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
In my life, I have received a benefit (such as a scholarship) from a charitable or philanthropic organization.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I have a social obligation to support organizations that benefit the community.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give to charitable or philanthropic organizations to help people in unfortunate circumstances.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

6. Opinions

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15. Please indicate to what degree you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
It is mainly the role of charitable organizations to provide support to the poor.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I prefer to give non-cash donations to organizations.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I trust the charitable or philanthropic organizations to which I donate.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I prefer to give time to a charitable or philanthropic organization.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Charitable and philanthropic organizations play an important role in my community.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
It is mainly the role of the government to provide support to the poor.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
It is mainly the role of religious organizations to provide support to the poor.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I prefer to give through formal giving drives organized through the organization at which I work.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I give only when asked.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I prefer to give money to charitable or philanthropic organizations for a specific program or activity.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I prefer to give money to a charitable or philanthropic organization for them to use at their discretion.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
It is mainly the role of the private sector to provide support for the poor.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

7. Final Thoughts?

16. Do you have any additional comments about your charitable giving that you would like to share with us?

Thank you for your response, we greatly appreciate your time and efforts. If you have any questions, please send us an email at "givingsurvey@gmail.com".

Please click "DONE>>" below to submit your response and exit the survey. Again, thank you!