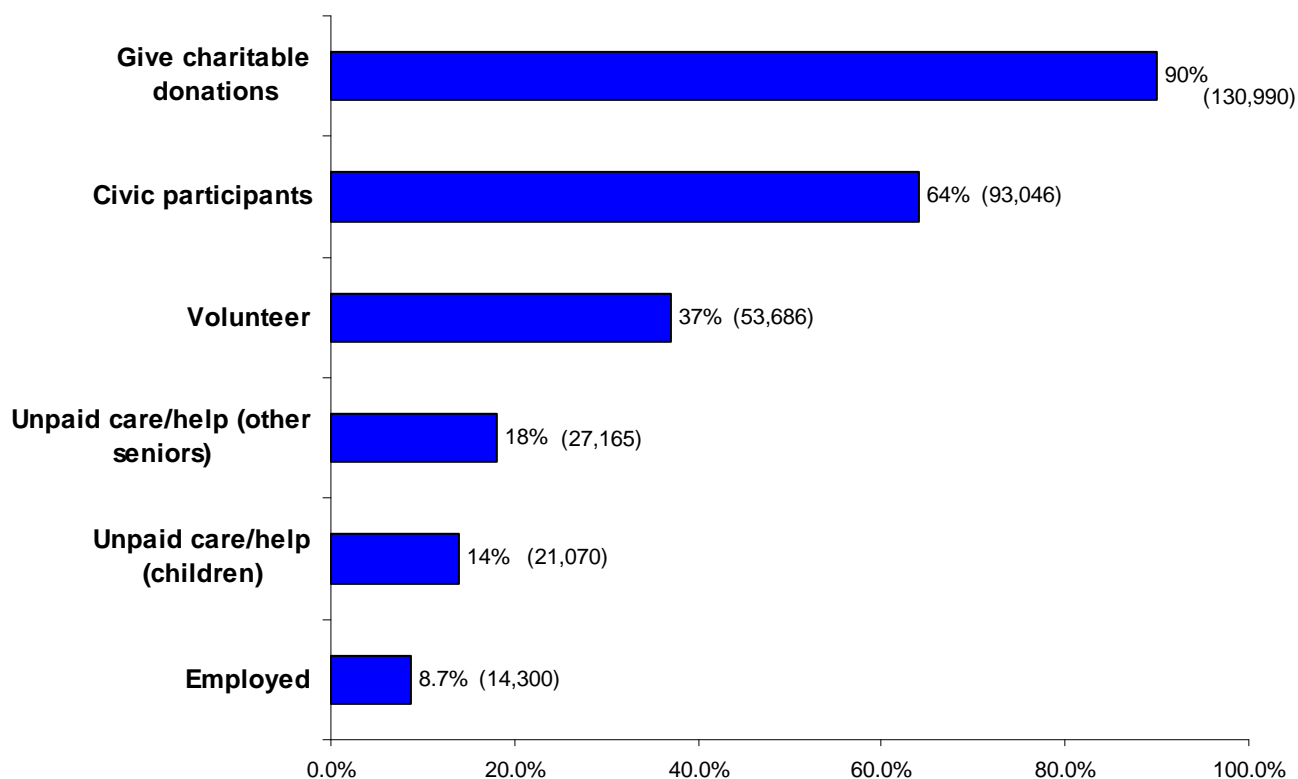




Seniors' Contributions to Manitoba Quick Facts

- In 2008, there were **164,882** Manitobans aged 65 and over. These seniors actively contributed to society in a variety of ways (employment, volunteerism, etc.).
- Also in 2006, roughly **14,300** senior Manitobans were actively employed, with **55%** of these working full-time. About **two-thirds** of employed seniors were men.
- Over **53,000** Manitoba seniors volunteered in 2004 spending **17 million hours** in volunteer activities. Men and women 65+ volunteered on average **7.8 and 4.8 hours** per week, respectively.
- Senior Manitobans gave more money **per capita** to charitable donations than any other age group in the province. In 2004, **130,990 (90%)** of Manitoba's seniors gave charitable donations totaling nearly **\$80 million**.
- In 2004, about half of Manitoba senior men and women volunteers most often donated their time in the domain of religion (49% and 48%, respectively).
- Among senior male volunteers in Manitoba, the activity most often engaged in was "**unpaid member of board/committee**" (53%). The activity most often engaged in among senior female volunteers in Manitoba was "**canvassing/fundraising**" (55%).
- **More than half (64%)** of senior Manitobans belonged to a formal organization in 2004.
- In 2004, the most common reason for volunteering for both senior men and women in Manitoba was to "**make a contribution to the community**" (86% and 93%, respectively).
- Many senior Manitobans spend time and effort taking care of others for no pay. In 2006, **18% (27,165)** gave unpaid care or assistance to other seniors with **3,700** seniors spending **20 hours or more per week** doing so. In addition, **14% (21,070)** of seniors spent time taking care of children with **1,030** seniors spending 60 hours or more per week doing this.

Activities of Senior Manitobans*



*Number of seniors engaged in these activities is shown in brackets ().

Sources: Manitoba Health and Healthy Living Population Report, June 1, 2004 and June 1, 2008.

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