

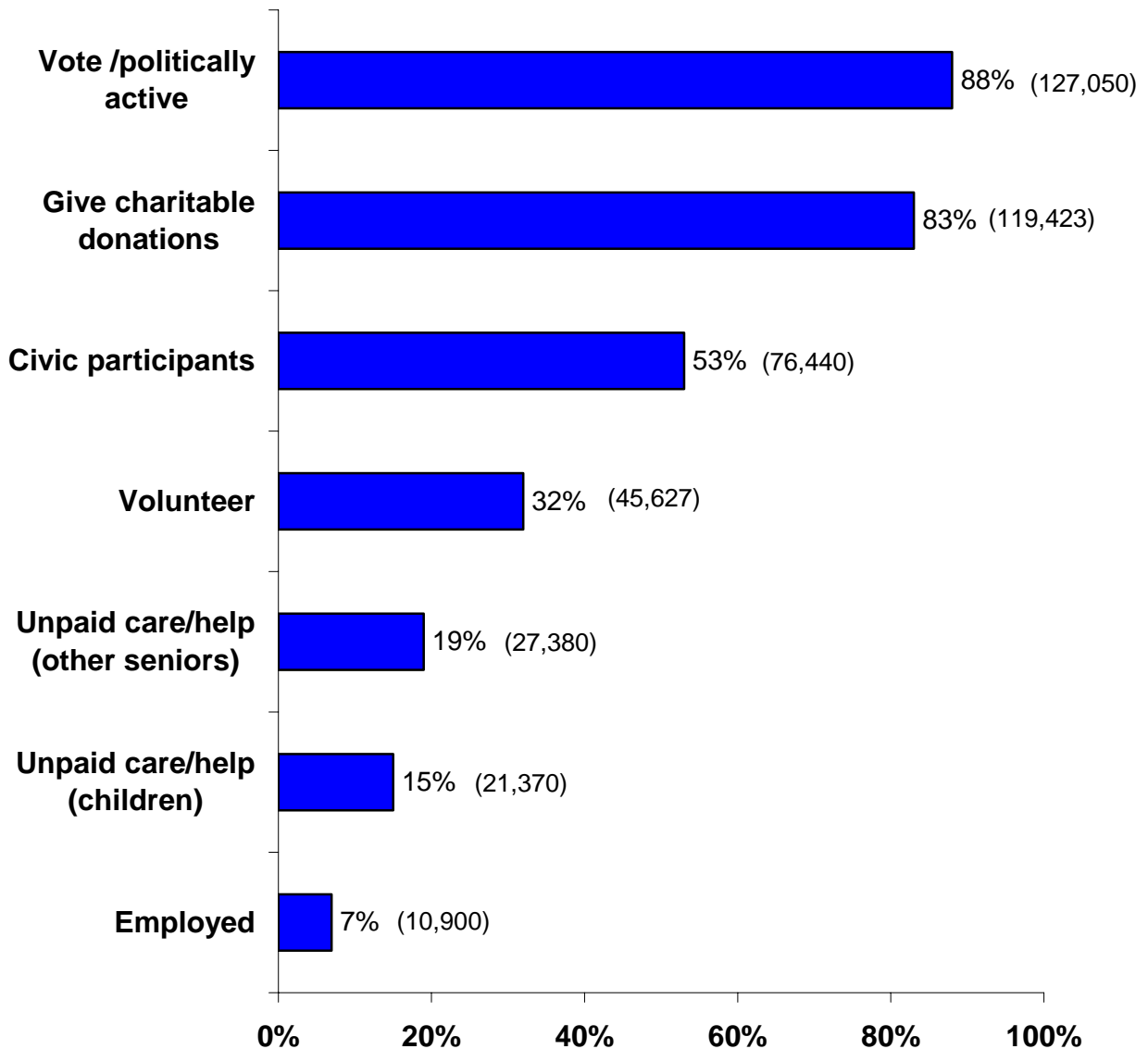


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Seniors' Contributions to Manitoba Quick Facts

- In 2001, there were **157,191** Manitobans aged 65 and over. These seniors actively contributed to society in a variety of ways (employment, volunteerism, etc.).
- Also in 2001, roughly **10,900** senior Manitobans were actively employed, with **61.5%** of these working full-time. More than **two-thirds** of employed seniors were men.
- Over **45,000** Manitoba seniors volunteered in 2000 spending close to **8.8 million hours** in volunteer activities. Men and women 65+ volunteered on average 3.5 to 4.0 hours per week.
- Senior Manitobans gave more money **per capita** to charitable donations than any other age group in the province. In 2000, **119,423 (83%)** of Manitoba's seniors gave charitable donations totaling nearly **\$67.5 million**.
- In 2003, senior Manitobans living in one-person households had an average annual expenditure of **\$20,510** of which **\$1717 (8%)** was spent on personal taxes and **\$1594 (8%)** on gifts of money and contributions. Comparatively, seniors living in multiple-person households had an average annual expenditure of **\$40,975**, of which **\$5822 (14%)** went toward personal taxes and **\$2966 (7%)** toward gifts of money and contributions.
- Approximately **88%** of Manitoba's seniors were politically active in some way, including voting, attending public meetings, signing petitions, and expressing views by contacting a newspaper or politician. In 2003, nearly **one-fifth** of Manitoba's voters were seniors.
- In 2003, roughly **half (53%)** of Manitoba's seniors belonged to a formal organization; **56%** of these civic participants belonged to **at least 2** organizations.
- Many senior Manitobans spend time and effort taking care of others for no pay. In 2001, **19% (27,380)** gave unpaid care or assistance to other seniors with **3,300** seniors spending **20 hours or more per week** doing so. In addition, **15% (21,370)** of seniors spent time taking care of children with **1,045** 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 ().

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