Australian Charities Report 2015

This report is the most comprehensive record to date of the Australian charity sector - and builds on Australian Charities Reports in previous years.

Produced by the Centre for Social Impact in partnership with the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales, the report analyses data submitted through the 2015 Annual Information Statement from over 51,000 charities registered with the ACNC.

- 67% Small Charities
- 16% Medium Charities
- 17% Large Charities

37% of all charities are Extra Small, with less than $50,000 in income.

Charities had combined total income over $134 billion

- 50.3% from other income and revenue, including sales, member fees and user pays
- 41.4% from government grants
- 8.3% from donations and bequests

Total income for charities grew by 2% from 2014 to 2015.

Total income of the Australian Charity sector is equivalent to 8.3% of Australian GDP.

Donations and bequests grew by 2.4% to $11.2 billion

Charities spent $122.8 billion pursuing their charitable purpose.

4 out of 5 charities engage volunteers.

Charities employ over 1.2 million staff. Second largest Australian sector for employment.

Almost 1 in 2 charities (47.5%) operate with no paid staff.

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1. Based on total income for all charities reporting in both the 2014 and 2015 years.
2. The charity sector employs more than every industry except retail.

Read the full report at: australiancharities.acnc.gov.au