

CHARITABLE GIVING

Description of Indicator

This indicator measures the percentage of residents who have contributed to charitable organizations from 1989 to 1998. It shows the percentage of the total population donating \$500 or more, and the percentage of those who earn more than \$50,000.

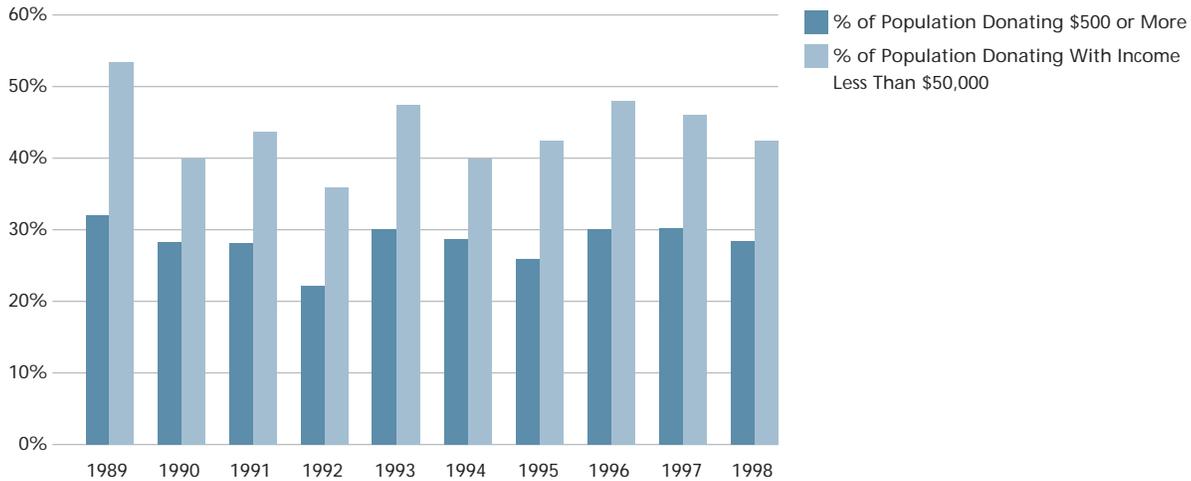
Why is it Important?

Residents of a community and their charitable contributions play an important part in filling the gap between government expenditures and local existing needs. Residents' willingness to be charitable is critical for a healthy community.

How is Orange County Doing?

Orange County's percentage of charitable giving has been fairly consistent since 1989. On average, 28% of the population donates \$500 or more each year, and 44% of the donors earn more than \$50,000 annually. Only 22 % of the population made significant donations in 1992 compared with a high of 32% in 1989.

Percentage of Charitable Giving



Source: University of California, Irvine, 1999 Orange County Annual Survey