Chicago Giving Snapshot

No. 4 city in the U.S. for giving to Human Services, with 56% of Fidelity Charitable® donors in the Chicago metro area recommending grants to the sector.

Ranked among the top 10 cities for giving in three of the eight charitable sectors: Human Services (No. 4), Health (No. 9), and International Affairs (No. 10).

$7,802 average grant size, the fourth largest in the country.

Strong donor support for public media: Two of the top three most popular charities in Chicago are public radio and television nonprofits.

Most Popular Charitable Sectors in the Region

By Percentage of Local Accounts Recommending Grants

1. Human Services 60%
2. Religion 53%
3. Education 49%
4. Health 42%
5. Society Benefit 36%
6. International Affairs 35%
7. Arts and Culture 29%
8. Environment and Animals 25%
9. Society Benefit -1
10. Arts and Culture +1

Most Popular Local Nonprofits Supported by Fidelity Charitable® Donors Living in the Region

By Percentage of Local Accounts Recommending Grants

1. Greater Chicago Food Depository
2. Window to the World Communications
3. Chicago Public Media
4. The Salvation Army
5. Northern Illinois Food Bank
6. Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago
7. Northwestern University
8. University of Chicago
9. Misericordia Home
10. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

The data for this report was obtained from Fidelity Charitable's internal reporting database and looks at Fidelity Charitable activity in calendar year 2022.

For additional detail on reporting methodology, visit FidelityCharitable.org/2023-geography-of-giving.

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