

ACTIVE LIVES: VOLUNTEERING

MAY 16/17 REPORT

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VOLUNTEERING

AT LEAST TWICE IN THE
LAST 12 MONTHS

A volunteer makes all the difference. And it benefits both the volunteer and the person receiving the support. Whether it's serving refreshments, coaching a player or assisting people with disabilities to take part, we need people to give their time.

DEFINITION

WE COUNT A PERSON AS HAVING VOLUNTEERED IF:



THEY HAVE TAKEN PART IN A VOLUNTEERING ROLE TO SUPPORT SPORT / PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

(A full list of roles can be found in our notes at the end of this report on page 17)

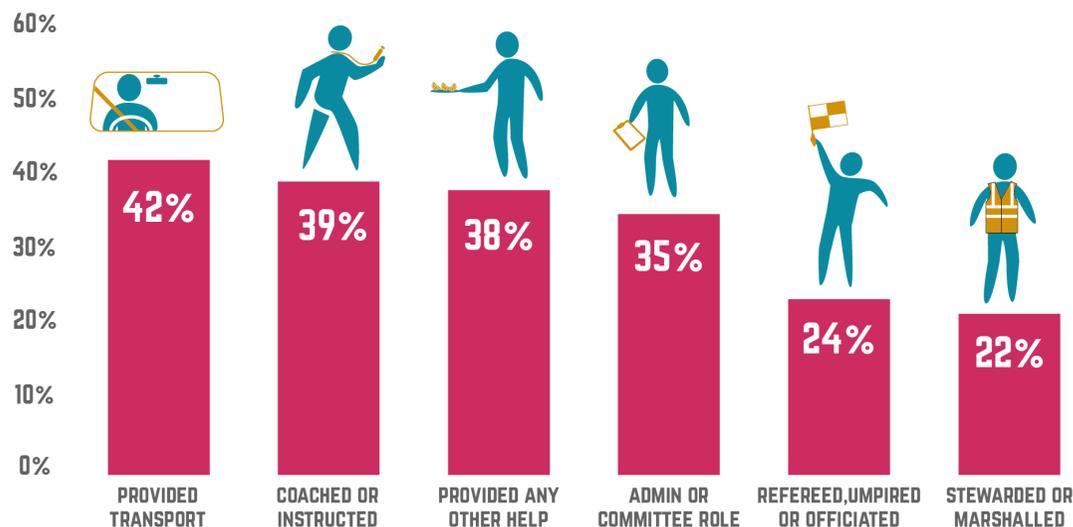


A PERSON HAS VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.



VOLUNTEERING

ROLES UNDERTAKEN AMONGST ADULTS (AGED 16+) WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR (MAY 16/17)



15%
6.7M ADULTS
VOLUNTEERED

AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR TO SUPPORT SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



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VOLUNTEERING – SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUP

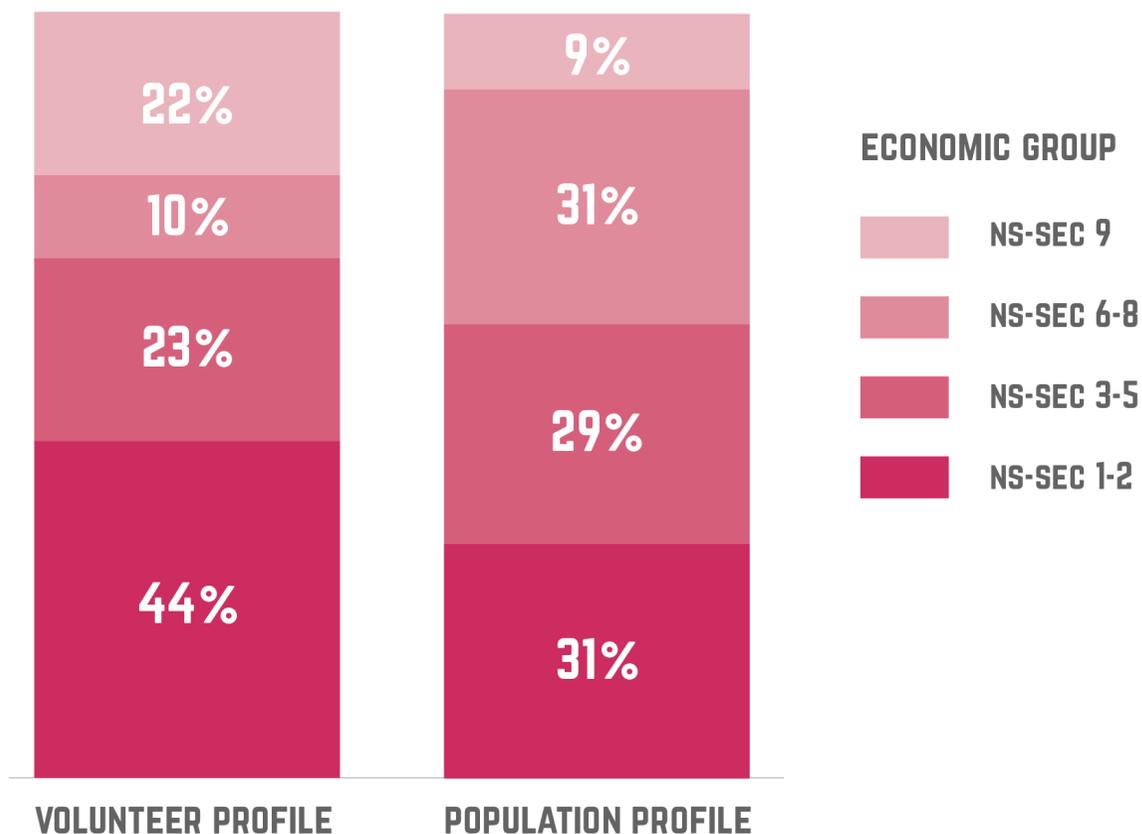
WHO'S VOLUNTEERING?

Volunteering is significantly skewed toward those in managerial and professional occupations (referred to as NS-SEC 1-2).

People from lower socio-economic backgrounds (NS-SEC 6-8) are under-represented in volunteering – comprising just 10% of all sport volunteers but 31% of the adult population.



PROFILE OF ADULTS (AGED 16-74) WHO VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR (MAY 16/17)



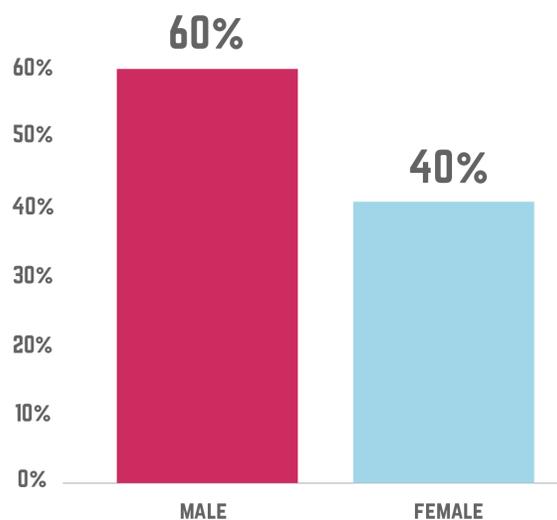
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Note: Details of the NS-SEC categories can be found in the definitions page.

VOLUNTEERING BY GENDER

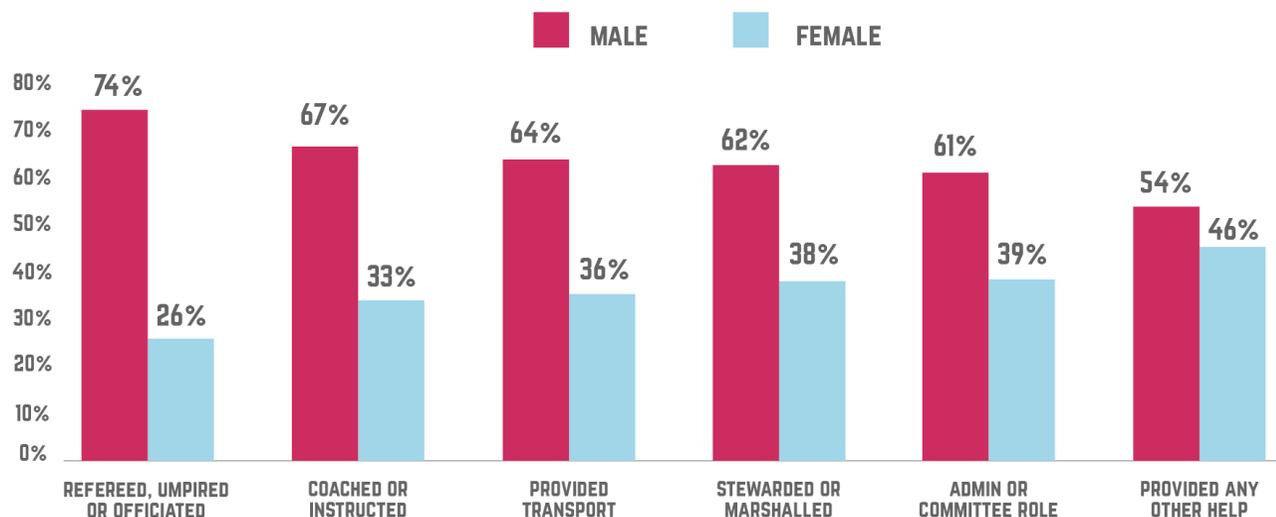
Men are more likely to volunteer to support sport than women, comprising 60% of all volunteers.

PROFILE OF ADULTS (AGED 16+) WHO VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR (MAY 16/17)



Differences between men and women are particularly pronounced in certain volunteering roles, such as referees, officials, umpires and coaches.

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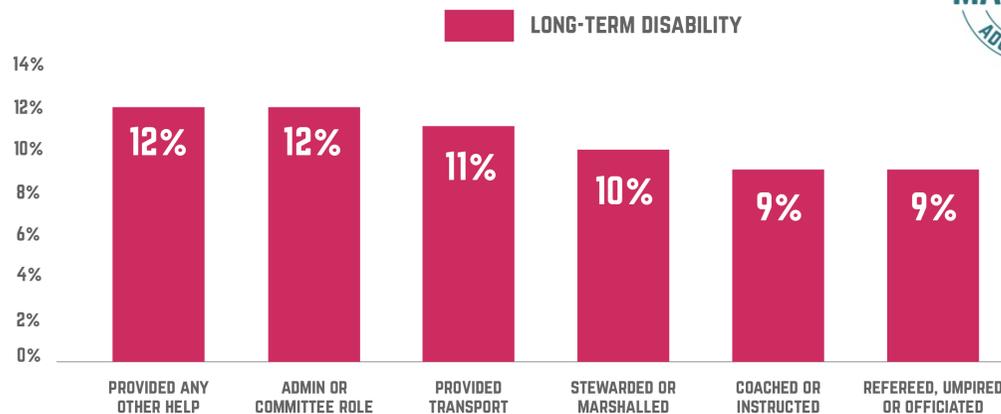
VOLUNTEERING – DISABILITY

People with a limiting long-term disability account for 11% of volunteers despite accounting for 21% of the population as a whole (see graph 2).

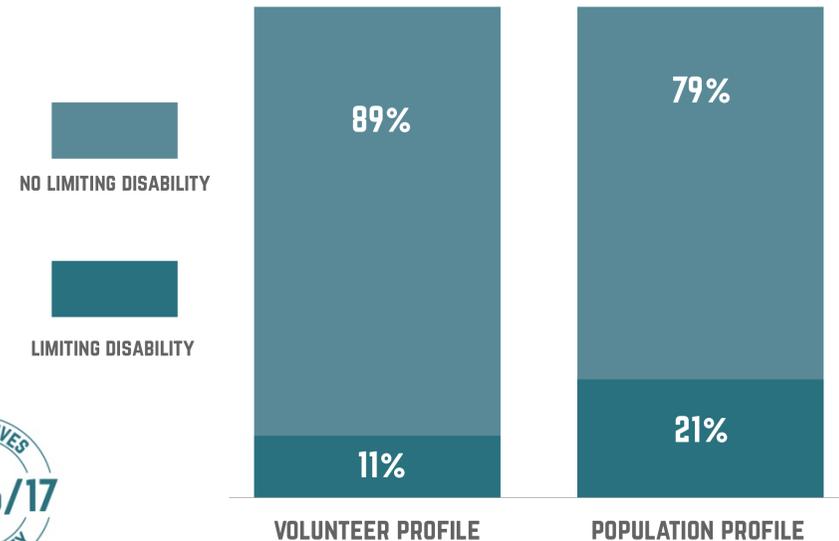
And, just 39% of these volunteers have three or more impairments, compared to over half of all people with a disability (see graph 3).

With just 9% of volunteer coaches and referees having a disability, some volunteer roles are even more under-represented by people with a disability (see graph 1).

1 PROFILE OF ROLES UNDERTAKEN AMONG ADULTS (AGED 16+) WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR (MAY 16/17)



2 PROFILE OF ADULTS (AGED 16+) WHO VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR (MAY 16/17)



3 BREAKDOWN OF DISABLED VOLUNTEERS AND THE DISABLED POPULATION BY NUMBER OF IMPAIRMENTS



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VOLUNTEERING – AGE

As you can see volunteering is more popular among two key age groups: those aged 16-24 and those in the 45-54 bracket. Combined, these groups account for 42% of all volunteers.

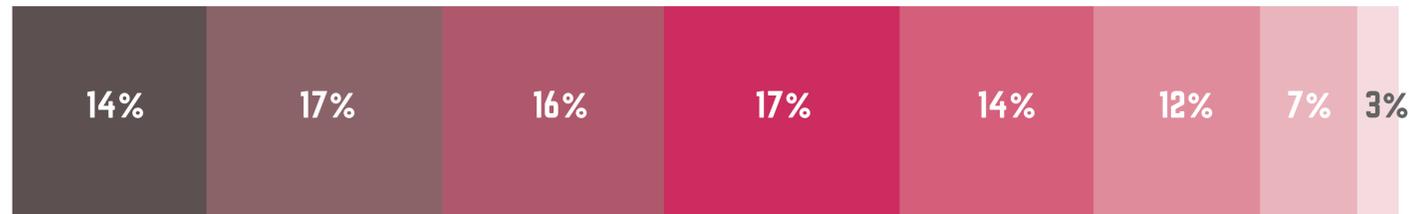
The younger age group is more likely to do refereeing or coaching, whereas the 45-54 group are the most likely to provide transport or carry out administrative/committee roles.

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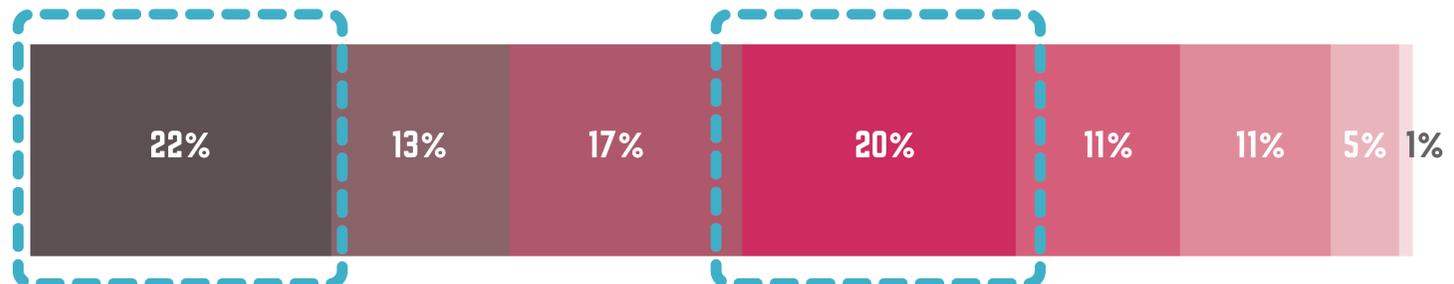
VOLUNTEERING BY AGE



POPULATION PROFILE



VOLUNTEER PROFILE



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LOCAL LEVEL DATA

Data for local areas, including, nine regions, 44 County Sports Partnerships, and 353 local authorities are available for the following measures:

- **LEVELS OF ACTIVITY**

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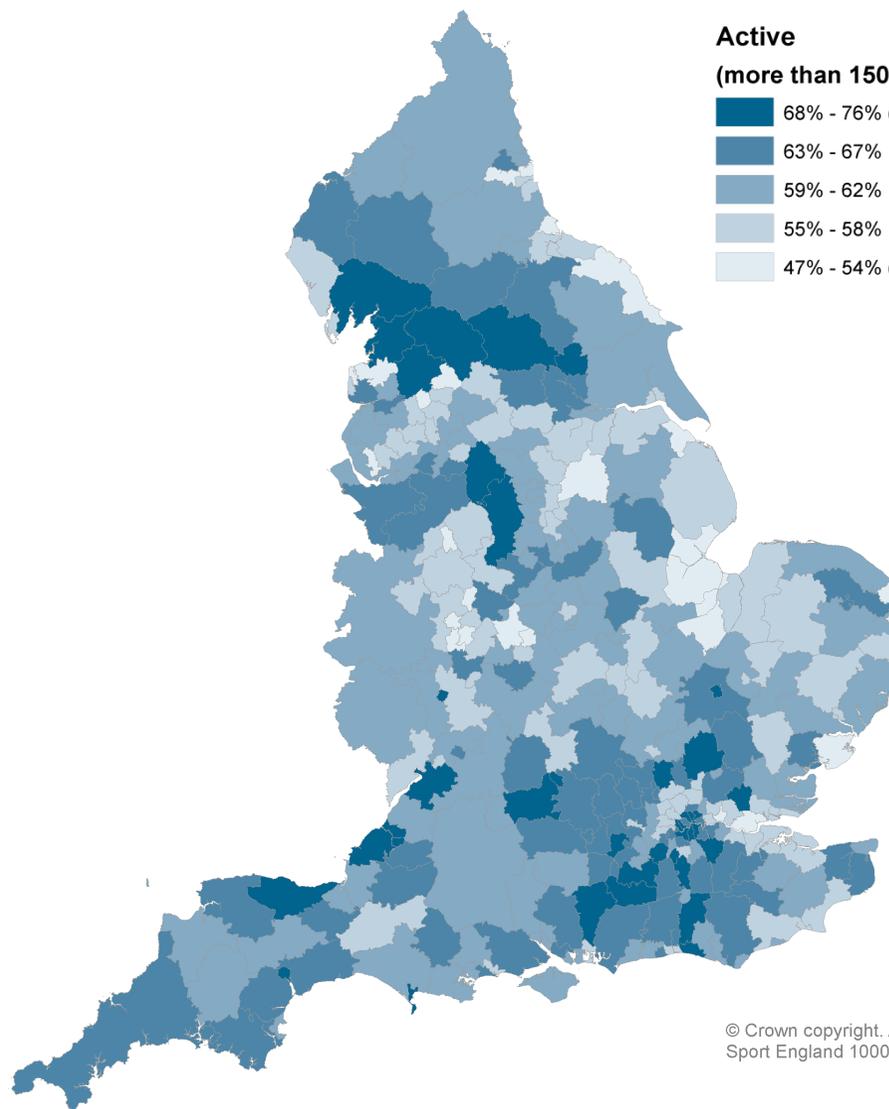
- **PARTICIPATING AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST 28 DAYS**

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- **VOLUNTEERING AT LEAST TWICE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS**

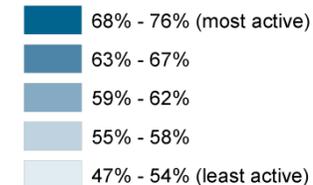
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ACTIVITY ACROSS ENGLAND



Active

(more than 150 minutes per week)



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