

# Quarterly Fundraising Report™

Year-to-Date Nonprofit Sector Trends 01/01/2020–09/30/2020



## Highlights

Giving in the second quarter of 2020 saw a sharp increase as compared to 2019, which offset declines in the first quarter. The pace of increase did slow down in the third quarter, however donations were still ahead of the third quarter in the prior year.

- The amount of the donations outpaced the number of donors in the third quarter.
- Fewer donors gave to the same organization.
- Donations remain the highest in 5 years.



### Donors

(Year-to-date) **72.4%**

↑ **+6.0%**  
YTD Change



### Donations

(Year-to-date) **69.9%**

↑ **+7.6%**  
YTD Change



### Donor Retention<sup>1</sup>

(Year-to-date) **32.4%**

↓ **-0.4%**  
YTD Change

Revenue and retention metrics report on year-to-date (YTD) performance compared against the prior year total based on a panel\* of organizations selected from the Growth in Giving Database of 176 million transactions from more than 20,000 organizations and **\$80 billion in donations** since 2005.

# Donors

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New and recaptured donors represent additions to the proverbial fundraising bucket and both of these saw huge upswings in the second quarter.

New and repeat retained donors illustrate how many donors continue to give to the same organization. Results were mixed here with New 2019 donors seeing another sharp decline.

Year-to-date response and retention metrics indicate how new single gift, existing, and elapsed donors are responding.



New Donors  
(YTD) 74.1%

↑ +11.7%  
YTD Change



New Retained Donors  
(YTD) 65.2%

↓ -10.3%  
YTD Change



Repeat Retained Donors  
(YTD) 72.5%

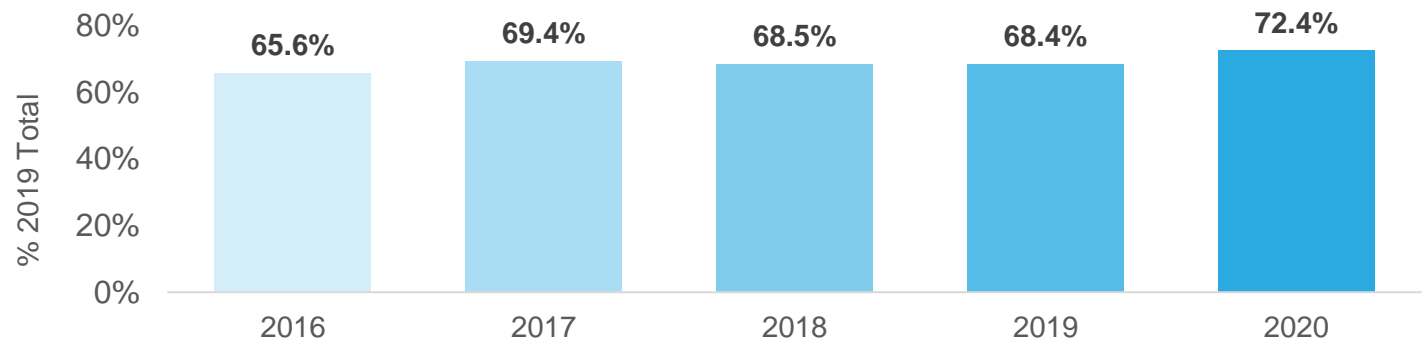
↑ +1.5%  
YTD Change



Recaptured Donors  
(YTD) 72.3%

↑ +13.6%  
YTD Change

Third Quarter Donors YTD (As % 2019 Total)



# Retention

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Compared to the metrics on the prior page, these retention metrics are reporting on the changes in the percentages and not the number of donors in each category.

With fluctuations in the numbers of donors these retention metrics are illustrative of how effective we are at engaging our donors.

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Repeat Donor Retention Rate (YTD) **44.5%**

↑ **+0.4%**  
YTD Change



New Donors Retention Rate (YTD) **14.2%**

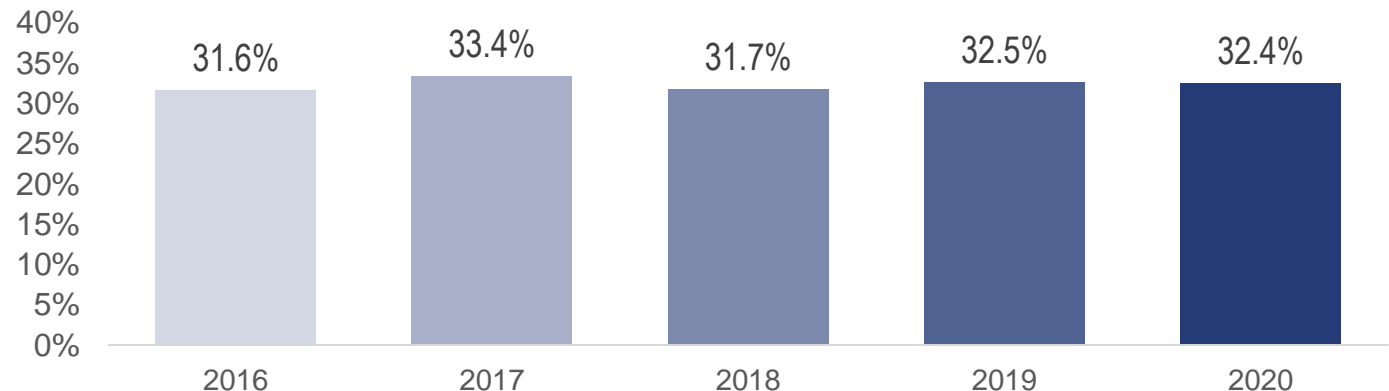
↓ **-7.9%**  
YTD Change



Recapture Rate (YTD) **2.7%**

↑ **1.8%**  
YTD Change

## Overall Donor Retention YTD



# Donations

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Leading the charge, general donors giving less than \$250 have come out in a huge way during the pandemic. Most impacted by the economic instability, these donors outperformed the Major donors giving \$1,000 or more.

Across the board we see donors coming together during this crisis.

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**General Donor**  
(Under \$250)  
(YTD) **5.9%**

↑ **+17.1%**  
YTD Change



**Mid-Level Donor**  
(\$250–\$999)  
(YTD) **4.8%**

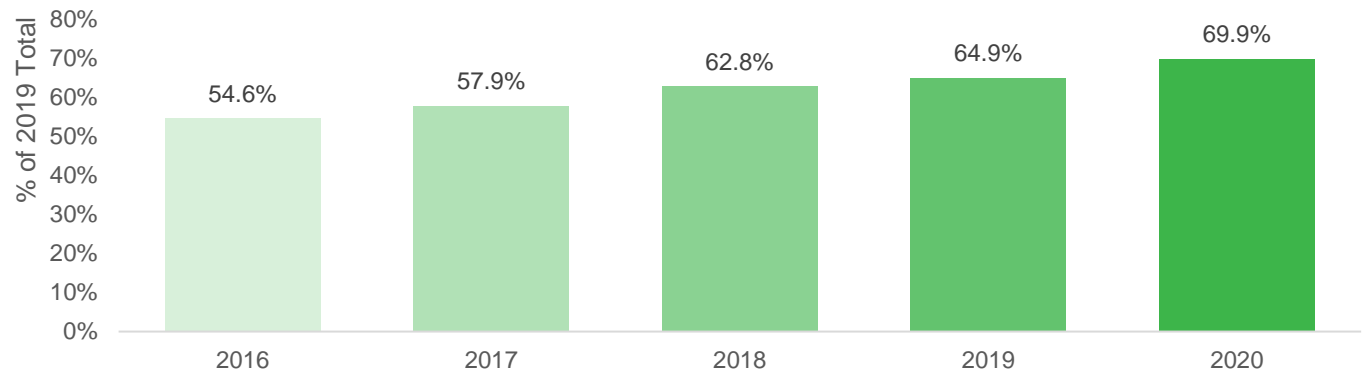
↑ **+6.0%**  
YTD Change



**Major Donor**  
(\$1,000+)  
(YTD) **59.2%**

↑ **+6.9%**  
YTD Change

Third Quarter Revenue (As % 2019 Total)





## Fundraising Effectiveness Project

The Fundraising Effectiveness Project (first established in 2006) and the Growth in Giving database (created in 2012) are both administered by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The Growth in Giving database is the world's largest public record of donation activity, with more than 204 million donation transactions, and is continuously updated by leading fundraising software thought leaders (in alphabetical order) Bloomerang, DonorPerfect, and NeonCRM. Additional partners include the 7th Day Adventists, The Biedermann Group, DataLake Nonprofit Research, and

DonorTrends (a division of EveryAction). For more information and how you or your fundraising software provider can participate, please visit [www.afpfep.org](http://www.afpfep.org).

### Methodology

We removed organizations that did not have a minimum of 25 donors and \$5,000 in revenue in each of the previous five years. We removed the fringe organizations at either tail of the growth curve for donors and dollars. If 2019 revenue growth was more than 300% or less than -75% or 2019 donor growth was more than 275% and less than -70% organizations were removed. From this now available universe of organizations we

randomly sampled organizations from each of the four organization sizes based on 2019 annual revenue. A) \$100,001 - \$250,000; B) \$250,001 - \$1,000,000; C) \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000; and D) \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 so that we achieved a balanced stratification that was reflective of the IRS filers. We left a minimum of 10% of organizations within these ranges to be used for replacements in the event that any organizations leave the data pool. The final number of organizations this report is now based on is 2,496 and that represents 1.65% of the organizations at large in this size range.



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