

# Giving in Maine 2017

## Individual Giving

Giving by individuals in Maine is incredibly important to our state.

In 2014, individuals in Maine reported over

# \$451 Million

in charitable deductions on their taxes.

This is an increase of \$16 million, or about 4%, from 2013.



### Charitable Deductions

**21% of all Mainers— at virtually every income level—** report charitable giving on their tax returns.

Declared charitable deductions represent approximately 80% of total dollars given by individuals.

Not all giving is reported on tax returns. It is estimated that **53% of Mainers donate \$25 or more to charity.**



### Volunteering

**32% of all Mainers volunteered in 2015.** Those 350,000 people contributed nearly \$1 billion in time and energy to nonprofits.

Maine ranks **10th in the country** for hours volunteered per person.

Mainers volunteered the most time to:

- education or youth service—28%
- religious organizations—19%
- social or community service—18%

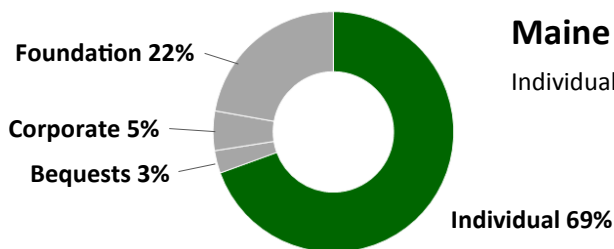


### And Bequests

**An additional \$20 million was donated through bequests in 2014.**

Bequests are property given in a will after death. In 2014, 57 estates of more than \$5.25 million were settled in Maine, 15 of which had charitable bequests.

The number and dollar amount of bequests varies widely from year to year.



### Maine nonprofits depend on donations from individuals.

Individual giving made up more than 2/3 of total charitable giving in 2014.

#### Sources:

Maine charitable deduction data is collected from the IRS. State and national volunteering data comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Maine Commission for Volunteer Service.



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## Mainers are charitable across the state.

People across Maine made charitable donations.

Residents in Cumberland County reported giving the most in charitable contributions. Cumberland County, which has the largest population and the highest total income, also had the highest per capita giving or giving per person.

Piscataquis County, Maine's least-populated county, had the lowest total income and the least giving.

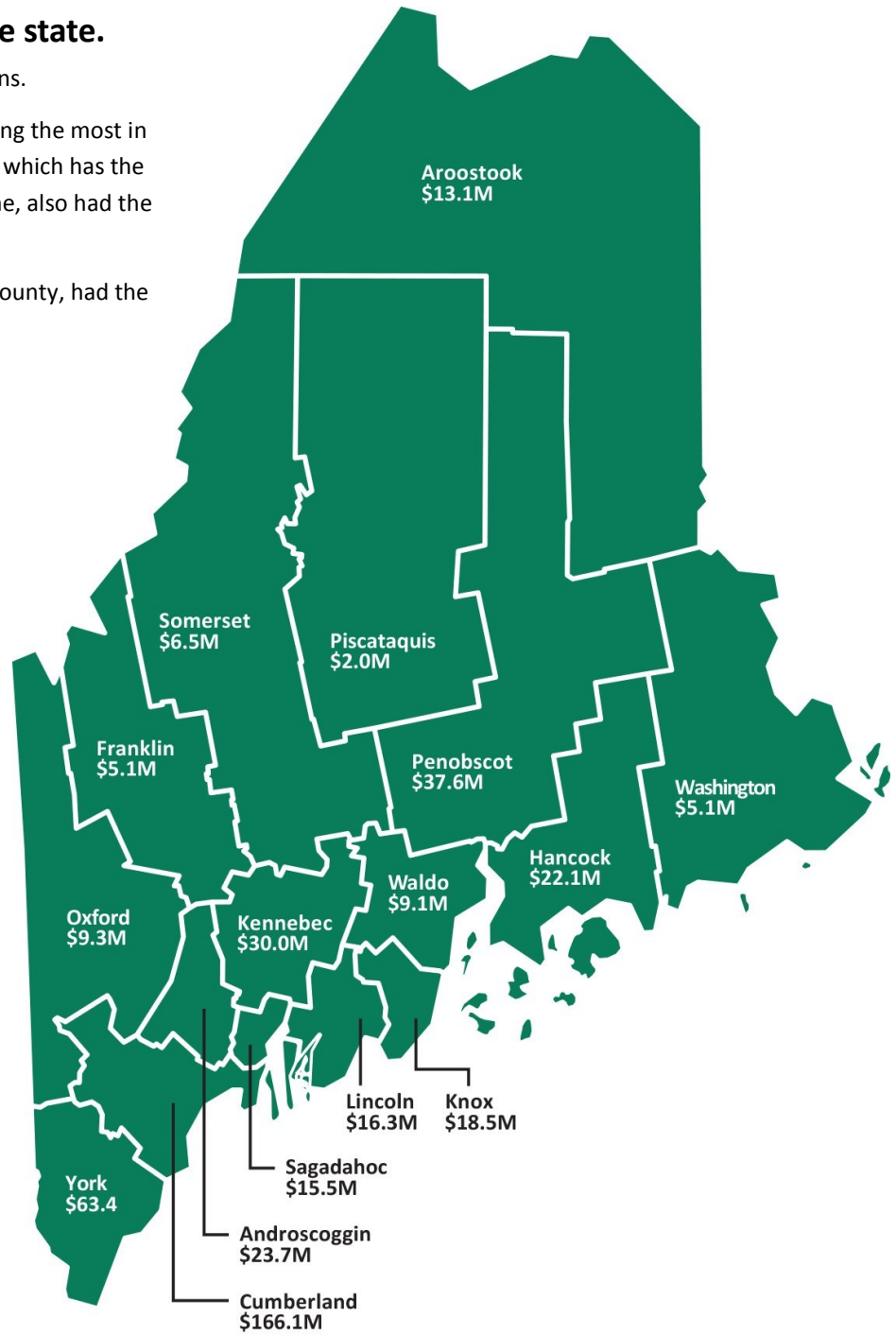
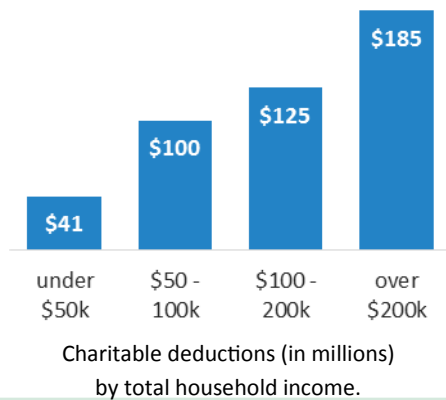
## What causes do Mainers support?

Mainers' charitable donations may go to local nonprofits, or they may go to state-wide or national organizations.

According to Giving USA, in 2014 the majority of charitable dollars nationally went to:

- religion (32%)
- education (15%)
- human services (12%)
- grantmaking foundations (12%)
- and health (8%)

## Mainers at all income levels report charitable giving.

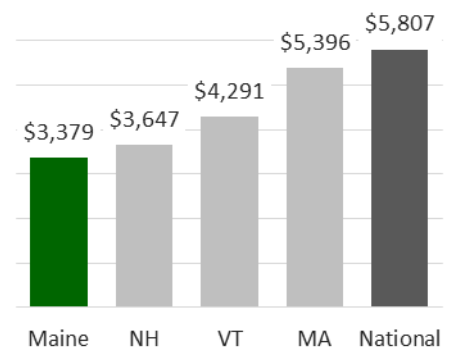


Charitable deductions by county.

## Mainers reported giving an average of \$3,379 in 2014.

The average charitable contribution increased from 2013 to 2014, even as the number of Mainers itemizing their taxes and reporting their giving decreased.

Maine was ranked 51 out of 52 nationally in average annual giving in 2014. Rhode Island was ranked 52nd.



At right: The size of the average annual charitable deduction compared to our nearest neighbors and national averages.