

See how much residents of each California city give to charity

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Californians give about 2.6 percent of their income to charity, but residents in many cities tend to be more generous than others, tax figures show.

The cities that give the most cross a wide economic spectrum. Residents of Beverly Hills and Palo Alto collectively gave more than 4 percent of their income to charity in 2012, according to the latest IRS statistics. The simplest explanation: They can afford it.

But residents of Comptom and Inglewood, two cities with relatively low household incomes, also collectively gave more than 4 percent of their income. And residents in cities across the San Joaquin Valley collectively gave more than the statewide average to charity. All of those areas have a high proportion of residents active in church. Church giving and tithing often correlate with high levels of giving. (Utah, with its large Mormon population, leads the nation in proportion of income given to charity.)

One other takeaway: Most Sacramento cities lag behind the statewide average in donations to charity. Today is a great day to rectify that.

May 5 is the region's annual [Big Day of Giving - 24 hours to give to local charities dedicated to everything from stopping hunger to promoting the arts.](#)

This graphic shows the amount and proportion of income given to charity by residents of each city in 2012. [If using the Bee's mobile app, click here.](#)

Source: IRS | Note: Includes only tax returns with itemized deductions. Data is based on mailing addresses and includes some residents with a particular city's mailing address who do not live within that city's boundaries. (For example, many Arden-Arcade residents have Sacramento addresses but do not live within Sacramento city limits. They are included in Sacramento's figures.)

