

Study: Volunteer Management Best Practices of 151 Nonprofits



Volunteer Management Study: Summary & Intro

Efficient and effective volunteer management is a goal for most nonprofit organizations. VolunteerHub recently conducted an in-depth study of 151 nonprofit organizations. This report provides a high-level summary of the survey's findings, including:

- Volunteer management software utilization rates
- Volunteer management efficiency stats
- Volunteer management best practices
- Challenges facing nonprofits



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Executive Overview

- 56% of nonprofits surveyed utilize a volunteer management software
- 30% still rely on spreadsheets, documents, or a paper-based system
- Nonprofits that utilize a volunteer management system are much more likely to consider their volunteer programs as efficient (93%) vs. non-users (51%)
- VolunteerHub users are twice as likely to consider their volunteer operations as highly efficient (28%) versus users of other volunteer systems (13%)
- VolunteerHub has a 96% satisfaction rating

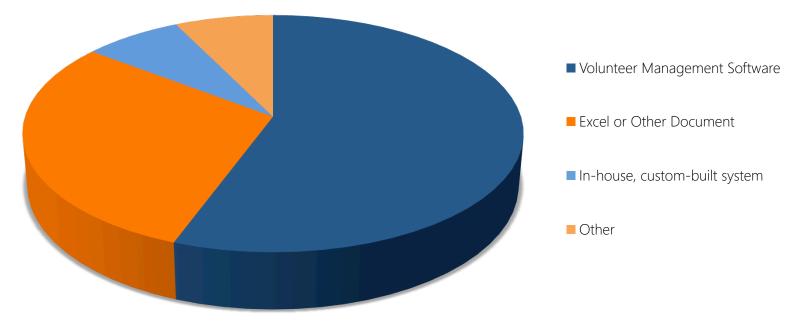


Summary Data from All Respondents

Survey of 151 Nonprofit Organizations



How does your organization manage volunteers?

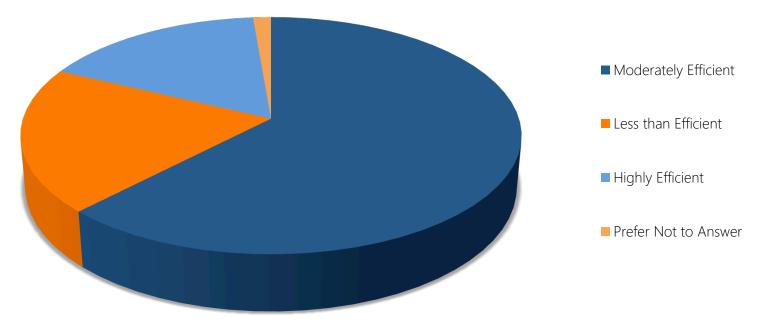




How does your organization manage volunteers?

Volunteer Management Software	56%
Excel or Other Document	30%
In-house, custom-built system or software	7%
Other	7%







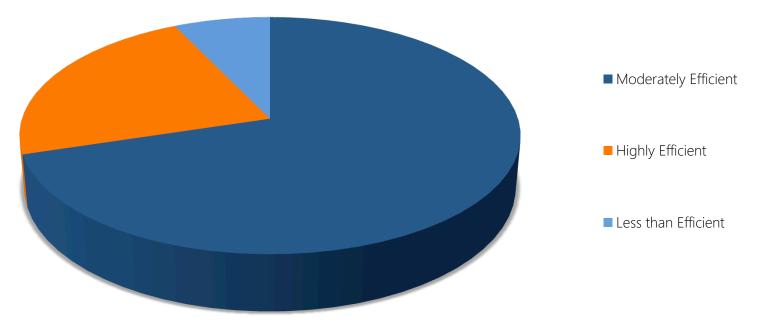
Moderately Efficient	62%
Less than Efficient	20%
Highly Efficient	17%
Did Not Answer	1%



Efficiency Data from Volunteer Management Software Users

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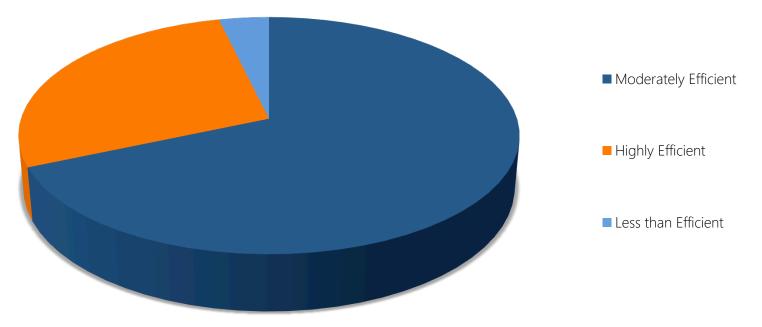


Moderately Efficient	70%
Highly Efficient	23%
Less than Efficient	7%



Efficiency Data from VolunteerHub Users







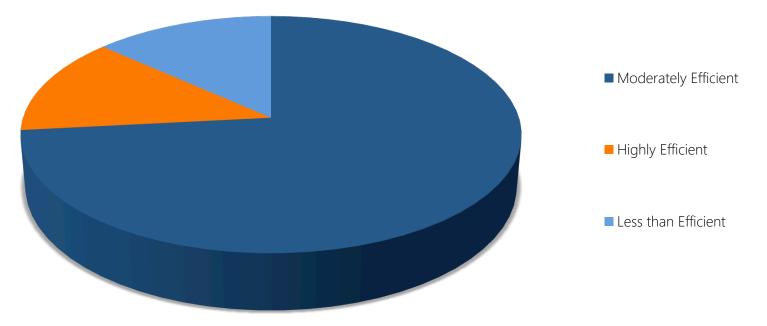
Moderately Efficient	69%
Highly Efficient	28%
Less than Efficient	4%



Efficiency Data from Users of Other Volunteer Systems

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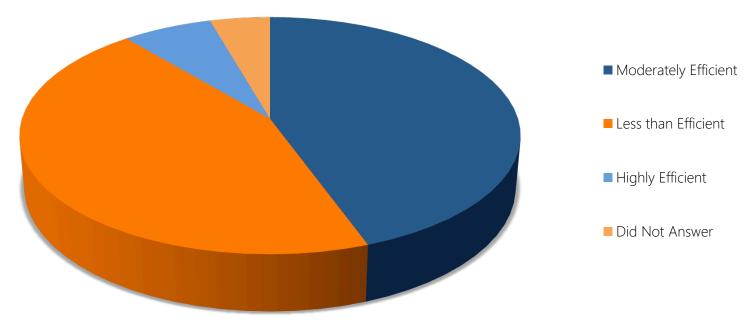
Moderately Efficient	73%
Highly Efficient	13%
Less than Efficient	13%



Efficiency Data from Users of Excel or Other Documents

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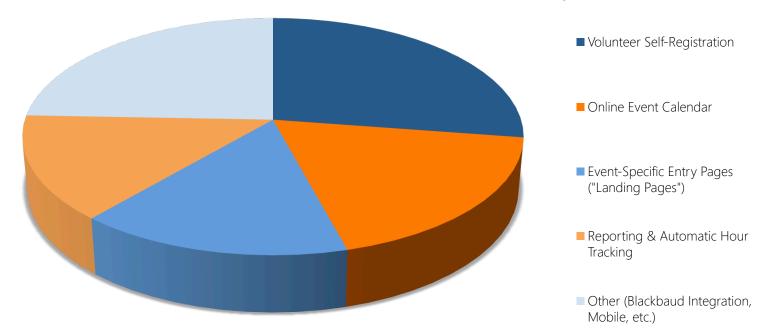
Moderately Efficient	44%
Less than Efficient	44%
Highly Efficient	7%
Did Not Answer	4%



Feature Prioritization by VolunteerHub Users



Which VolunteerHub features are most important?





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Volunteer Self-Registration	27%
Online Event Calendar	18%
Event-Specific Entry Pages ("Landing Pages")	15%
Reporting & Automatic Hour Tracking	14%
Other (Blackbaud Integration, Mobile, etc.)	24%

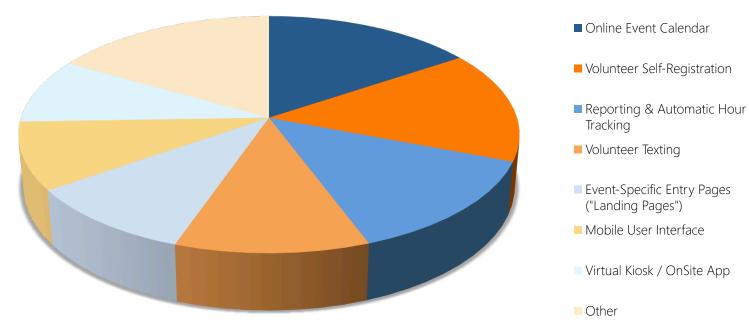


Feature Prioritization by Organizations Not Using VolunteerHub

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What do you look for in a volunteer system?





What do you look for in a volunteer system?

Online Event Calendar	16%
Volunteer Self-Registration	15%
Reporting & Automatic Hour Tracking	13%
Volunteer Texting	11%
Event-Specific Entry Pages ("Landing Pages")	10%
Mobile User Interface	9%
Virtual Kiosk / OnSite App	9%
Other	17%



VolunteerHub Achieves a Satisfaction Rating of:



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Common Challenges Experienced by Organizations <u>Not</u> Using VolunteerHub



What is your biggest volunteer management headache?

(Among nonprofits without integrated volunteer management.)

"The process seems cumbersome and we have been striving to streamline it for some time, but find ourselves limited in the software functionality that we have."

"Being spread over various systems - paper, excel, Google calendars."

"Communicating with all our volunteers at once as opposed to each committee individually."

"For our big event each year, many volunteers sign up to volunteer over the 2-day event and do not show up. We give an after-party and to send out invites to only those who come, and scrubbing and purging the roster is always a chore afterwards. We also have duplication of lists amongst various types of participation people sign up for."

"Ensuring each volunteer feels engaged and serving our mission."



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"Lack of automation. Our staff is small, but we've seen other organizations manage more volunteers with equal sized staff when they've had better tools for automatic sign in, online registration, etc."

"Managing the database of information and having to manually enter it all."

"Multiple applications to perform volunteer management with very little integration."

"Notification when we have to cancel work for the day due to weather or another issue."

"The whole process is a headache. Documenting everything related to our volunteers."

"Volunteer tracking biggest headache is manual data entry from paper clock in and out sheets. Engagement getting accurate volunteer feedback."



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