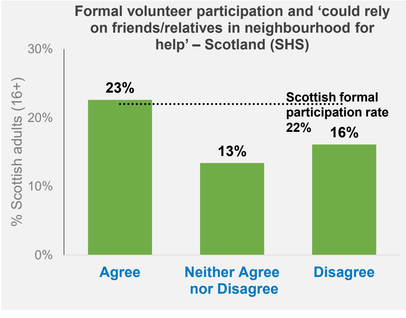
NHSGGC Analysis: Community engagement – Social networks

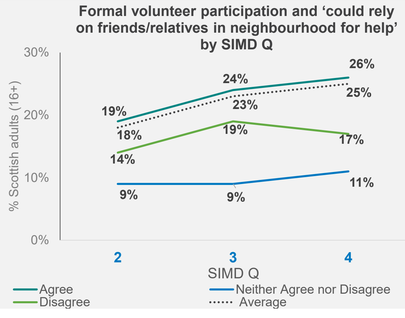
This summary presents analysis of volunteering data in the 2022/23 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) Health and Wellbeing Survey and builds on analysis of the 2017/2018 dataset as well as Volunteer Scotland's cross-sectional analysis of the 2022 Scottish Household Survey. The analysis considers the impact of adults' social networks on formal volunteer participation across the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area.

Adults' social networks are measured by level of agreement to several statements relating to relationships with others in the local community and membership of clubs.

Key Takeaways:

- In Scotland, adults who agree that they could rely on others in their neighbourhood for help and can rely on friends or relatives in their neighbourhood to look after their home have formal volunteer participation rates above the Scottish average. The opposite is true for adults who neither agree nor disagree or disagree. NHSGGC overall follows this trend for respondents who agreed that there is always someone to help them if they have a problem.
- In Scotland formal volunteer participation rates are above average for adults who agree that they could turn to friends or relatives in neighbourhood for advice or support and below average where adults neither agree nor disagree or disagree. Similarly, Scottish formal volunteer participation rates are above average where adults agree that they would offer help to neighbours in an emergency and below average where adults neither agree nor disagree or disagree.
- NHSGGC follows a different trend: formal volunteer participation rates are above the NHSGGC average for adults who strongly agree or agree that this is a neighbourhood where neighbours look out for each other, equal to the NHSGGC average for adults who strongly disagree or disagree and is below average for adults who neither agree not disagree.
- Where adults in NHSGGC strongly agree or agree that they can trust people in their local area participation rates are above the NHSGGC average, where adults neither agree nor disagree or disagree formal volunteer participation rates are below the NHSGGC average.
- Formal volunteer participation is above the NHSGGC average for adults who strongly agree or agree that the friendships and associations they have with other people in their local area mean a lot to them, and is below average for adults who neither agree nor disagree or strongly disagree or disagree.
- The NHSGGC health and Wellbeing survey asks respondents, 'do you belong to any social clubs, associations, church groups or anything similar' - a question not asked in SHS. Adults who are belong to any social clubs have formal volunteer participation rates above average for NHSGGC overall, all Geographical Areas and all Thriving Places. Conversely, adults who do not belong to any social clubs etc have formal volunteer participation rates below average in all geographies.





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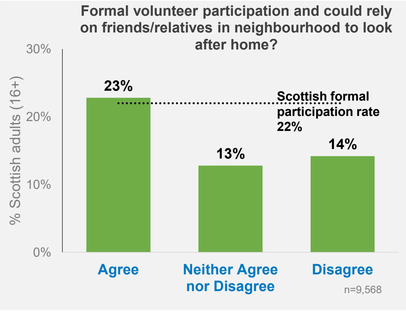
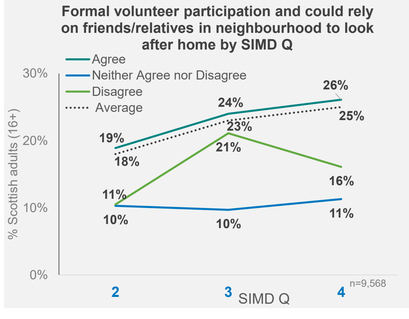
- 1 percentage point (pp.) above the average formal volunteer participation for adults who agree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood for help.
- 9 pp. below the average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 6 pp. below the average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who disagree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood for help.

Similarly for SIMD Q2 – Q4, formal volunteer participation is higher for adults who agree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood for help.
Conversely, for SIMD Q2 – Q4 volunteer participation is lower for adults who neither agree nor disagree or disagree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood for help.
The relationship is not statistically significant for SIMD Q1 and Q5.





Formal volunteer participation rates are:
- 1 percentage point (pp.) above the average formal volunteer participation for adults who agree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood to look after their home.
- 9 pp. below the average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 8 pp. lower than the average formal volunteer participation for adults who disagree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood to look after their home.

Similarly for SIMD Q2 – Q4, formal volunteer participation is above the average for adults who agree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood to look after their home.
Conversely, for SIMD Q2 – Q4, volunteer participation is below average for adults who neither agree nor disagree or disagree that they could rely on others in neighbourhood to look after their home.
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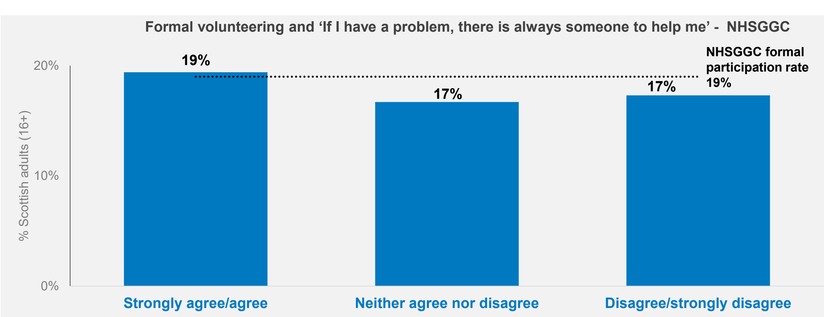

In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are:
- Equal to the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly agree or agree that they feel that there is generally someone to help me.
- 2 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 2 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who strongly disagree or disagree.
- The relationship between formal volunteer participation and 'if I have a problem there is always someone to help me' is not statistically significant in any local authorities or Thriving Places.

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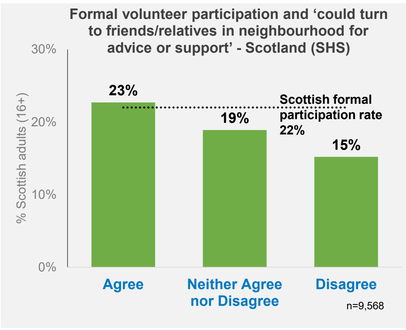
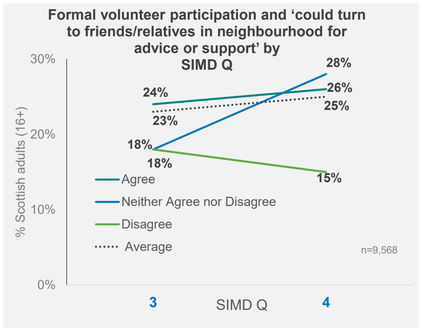
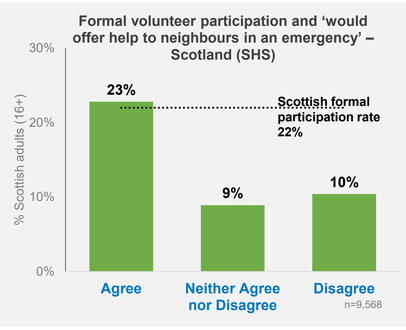




Formal volunteer participation rates are:

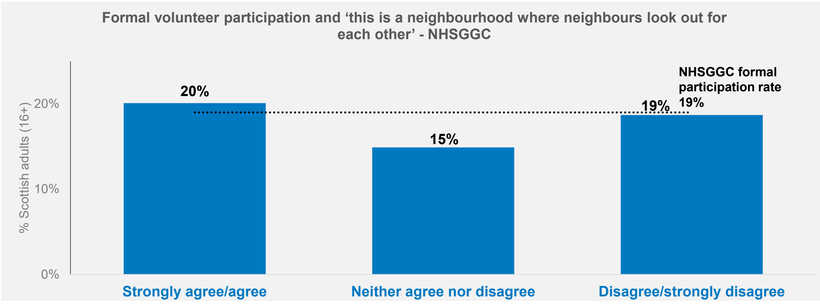
- 1 percentage point (pp.) above the average formal volunteer participation for adults who agree that they could turn to friends or relatives in neighbourhood for advice or support.
- 3 pp. below the average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 7 pp. below the average formal volunteer participation for adults who disagree that they could turn to friends or relatives in neighbourhood for advice or support.

SIMD Q3 follows the overall trends with formal volunteer participation rates above the quintile average for adults who agree and below for adults who neither agree nor disagree and disagree.
SIMD Q4 differs with participation rates above the quintile average for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
The relationship is not statistically significant for SIMD Q1, Q2 and Q5.



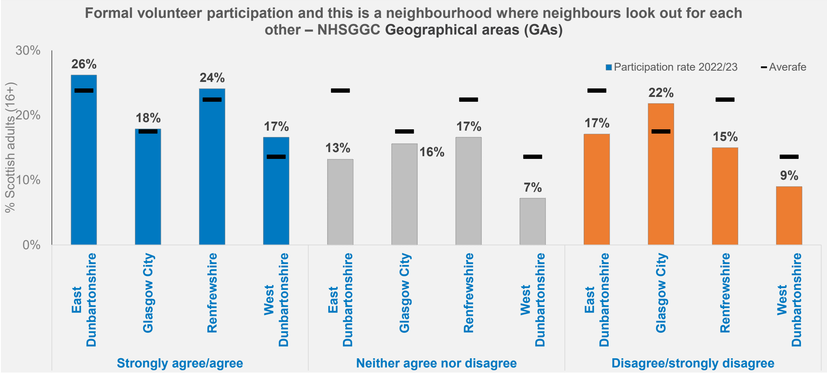
Formal volunteer participation rates are:

- 1 percentage point (pp.) above the average formal volunteer participation for adults who agree that they would offer help to neighbours in an emergency.
- 13 pp. below the average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 12 pp. below the average formal volunteer participation for adults who disagree that they would offer help to neighbours in an emergency.



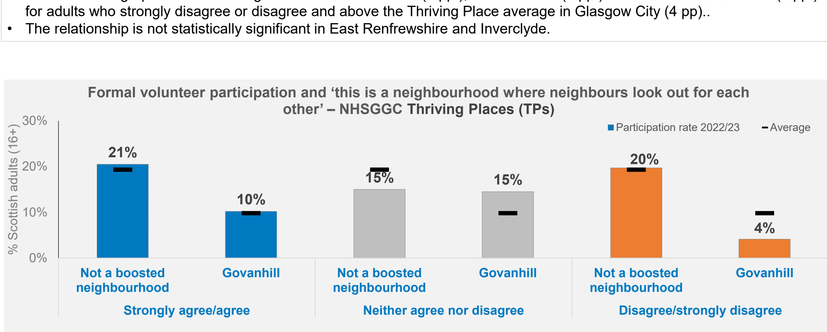
In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are:

- 1 percentage points (pp.) above the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly agree or agree that their neighbourhood is one where neighbours look out for each other.
- 4 pp above the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- Equal to the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who strongly disagree or disagree.



In the NHSGGC Geographical Areas formal volunteer participation rates are:

- Between equal (Glasgow city) and 3 (West Dunbartonshire) percentage points (pp,) above the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly agree or agree that this is a neighbourhood where neighbours look out for each other.
- Between 2 (Glasgow City) and 11 (East Dunbartonshire) percentage points below the Geographical Area average for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- Below the Geographical Area average in East Dunbartonshire(7 pp.), Renfrewshire (7 pp.) and West Dunbartonshire (5 pp.) for adults who strongly disagree or disagree and above the Thriving Place average in Glasgow City (4 pp)..
- The relationship is not statistically significant in East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde.



In the NHSGGC Thriving Places formal volunteer participation rates are:

- Equal to the Thriving Place average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly agree or agree that this is a neighbourhood where neighbours look out for each other in Govanhill.
- 5 percentage points (pp.) above the Thriving Place average for adults who neither agree nor disagree in Govanhill.
- 6 pp. below the Thriving Place average for adults strongly disagree or disagree in Govanhill.
- The relationship is not statistically significant in Ruchazie/Garthamlock, Ruchill/Possilpark, Parkhead/Dalmarnock and Greater Gorbals.

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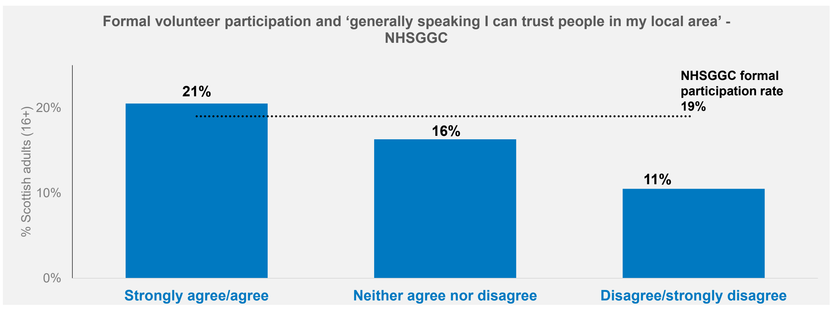

In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are:

- 2 percentage points (pp.) above the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly agree or agree that they trust people in their local area..
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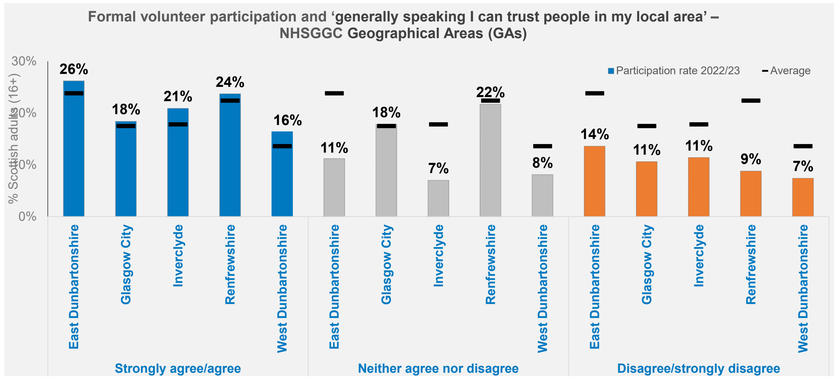
- 8 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who strongly disagree or disagree.



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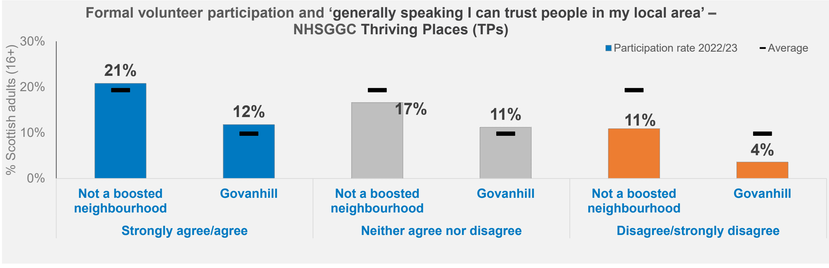
- Between 1 (Glasgow city and Renfrewshire) and 3 (East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire) percentage points (pp.) above the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly agree or agree that they trust people in their local area..
- Between 0 (Glasgow City) and 13 (East Dunbartonshire) pp. below the Geographical Area average for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- Between 6 (Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire) and 14 (Renfrewshire) pp. below the Geographical Area average for adults who strongly disagree or disagree.
- The relationship is not statistically significant in East Renfrewshire.



In the NHSGGC Thriving Places formal volunteer participation rates are:

- 2 percentage points (pp.) above the Thriving Place average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly agree or agree that this is a neighbourhood where neighbours look out for each other in Govanhill.
- 1 pp. above the Thriving Place average for adults who neither agree nor disagree in Govanhill.
- 6 pp. below the Thriving Place average for adults strongly disagree or disagree in Govanhill.
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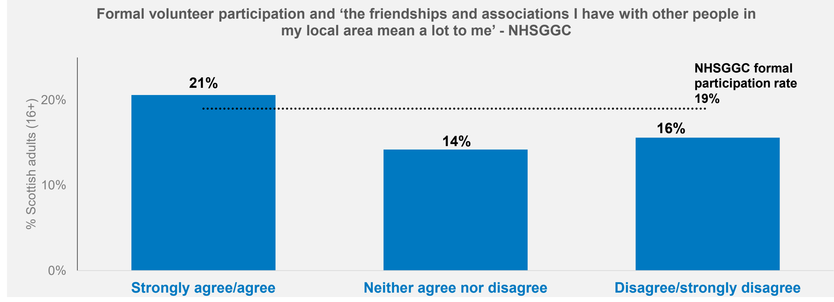
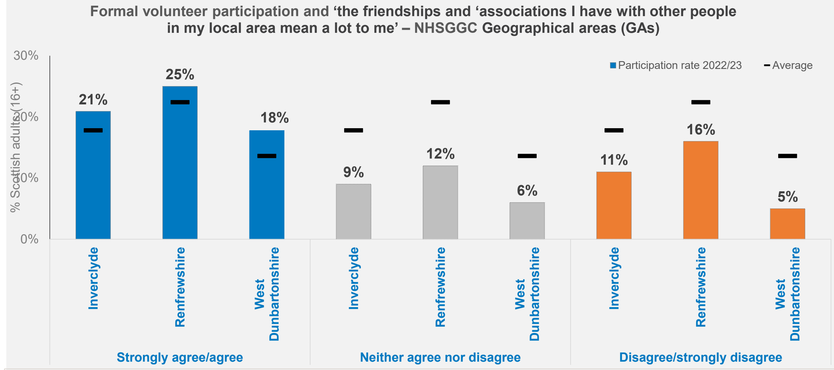


In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are:

- 2 percentage points (pp.) above the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly agree or agree that the friendships and associations they have with other people in my local area mean a lot to them.
- 5 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 3 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who strongly disagree or disagree.



In the NHSGGC Geographical Areas formal volunteer participation rates are:

- Between 3 (Glasgow city and Renfrewshire) and 4 (West Dunbartonshire) percentage points (pp.) above the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly agree or agree that the friendships and associations they have with other people in my local area mean a lot to them.
- Between 9 (Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire) and 10 (Renfrewshire) pp. below the Geographical Area average for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- Between 6 (Renfrewshire) and 9 (West Dunbartonshire) pp. below the Geographical Area average for adults who strongly disagree or disagree.
- The relationship is not statistically significant in East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire and Glasgow City or any of the Thriving Places.

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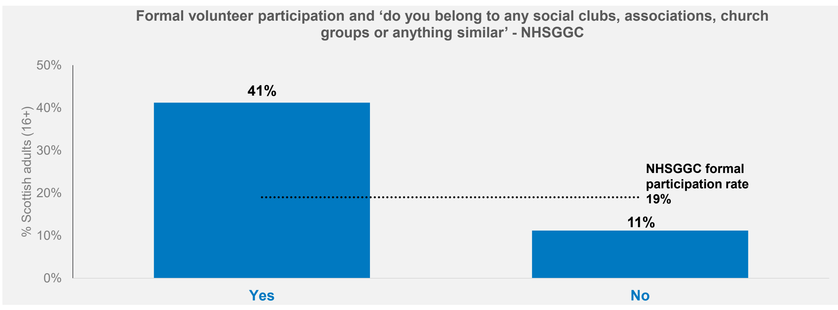
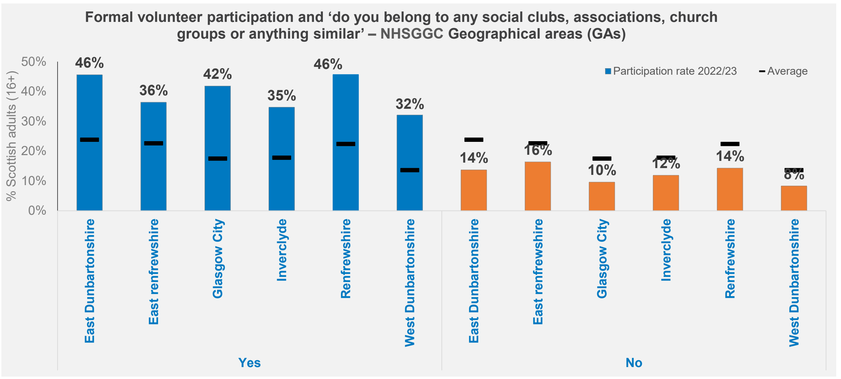


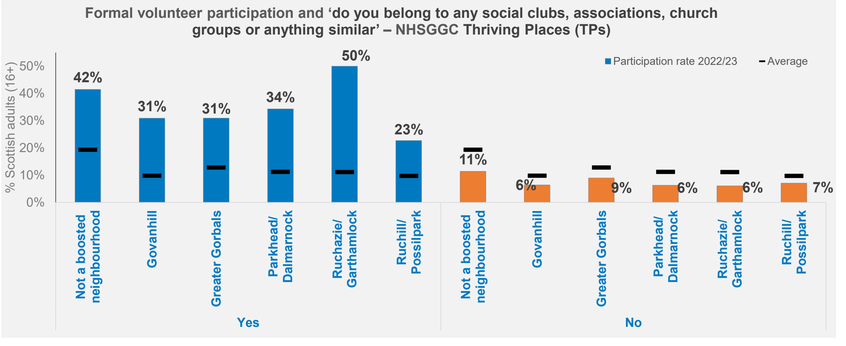
In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are:

- 22 percentage points (pp.) above the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who belong to a social club, association, church group or anything similar.
- 8 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who do not belong to a social club, association, church group or anything similar.



In the NHSGGC Geographical areas formal volunteer participation rates are:

- Between 14 (East Renfrewshire) and 24 (Glasgow City) percentage points (pp.) above the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who belong to a social club, association, church group or anything similar.
- Between 5 (West Dunbartonshire) and 10 (East Dunbartonshire) pp. below the Geographical Area average for adults who do not belong to a social club, association, church group or anything similar.



In the NHSGGC Thriving Places formal volunteer participation rates are:

- Between 13 (Ruchill/Possilpark) and 39 (Ruchazie/Garthamlock) percentage points (pp.) above the Thriving Place average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who belong to a social club, association, church group or anything similar.
- Between 3 (Govanhill and Ruchill/Possilpark) and 5 (Parkhead/Dalmarnock and Ruchazie/Garthamlock) pp. below the Thriving Place average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who do not belong to a social club, association, church group or anything similar.

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