

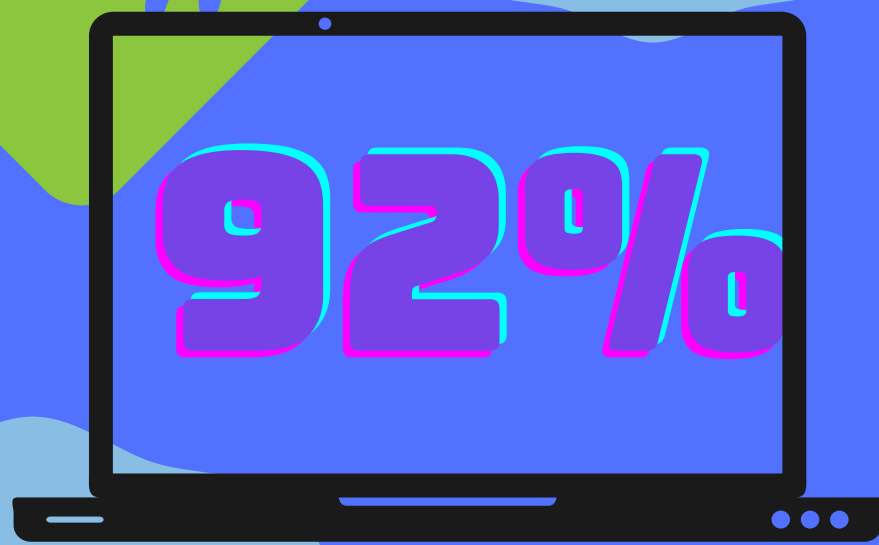
THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

39% of charities and community groups reported a deterioration in their financial situation [1].

The Covid-19 Voluntary Sector Impact Barometer was part of a study that used real-time data to explore how voluntary organisations were being impacted by the coronavirus pandemic [1].

60% of organisations said that Covid-19 related safety measures had increased their operating costs [1].

92% of organisations reported an increase in delivering their services online [2].



Karl Wilding, chief executive of the NCVO said: "Not only are charities and volunteers crucial to helping people through crises such as COVID-19, but they also underpin so much of community life and bring people together [3]."

The pandemic has been "uneven and unpredictable" on the voluntary sector and there are warnings of projected declines in funding from all income sources in the next financial year (2021-2022) [3].

Charity Commission research found that over the course of the pandemic, 60% of charities saw a loss of income and of those surveyed, 62% anticipated some level of threat to their financial viability. However, only 1% deemed this threat to be critical to their organisations survival [4].

The NCVO reported that while the majority of organisations had drawn up plans to address issues of equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace, implementing these changes was delayed due to the pandemic and lack of resources [3].



[1] The Covid-19 Voluntary Sector Impact Barometer [2] Nottingham Trent University [3] The NCVO [4] The Charity Commission