

Volunteering among immigrant women in Canada, 2023



This Women's History Month, the CIMII research team highlights how immigrant women¹ aged 15 and older volunteered for a group or organization in 2023, compared with women born in Canada.

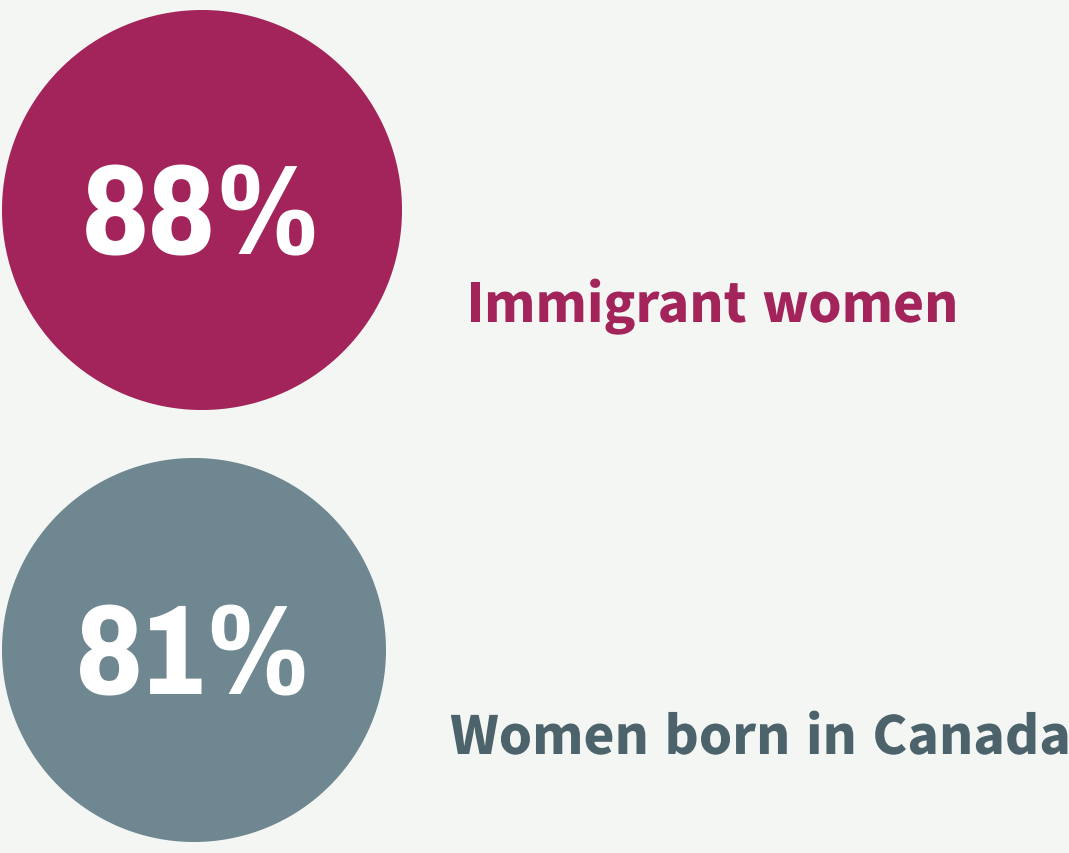
1.2 million

immigrant women volunteered for a group or organization in 2023.

Women born in Canada: 3.9 million

Almost 9 in 10 would recommend volunteering²

Share of volunteers who would recommend volunteering for their organization to friends, family or colleagues³



Why they volunteered

Immigrant women were more likely than women born in Canada to give these reasons³

	Immigrant women	Women born in Canada
To meet people or build a network	52%	46%
To discover their own strengths	48%	41%
To support a social, environmental or political cause	32%	26%



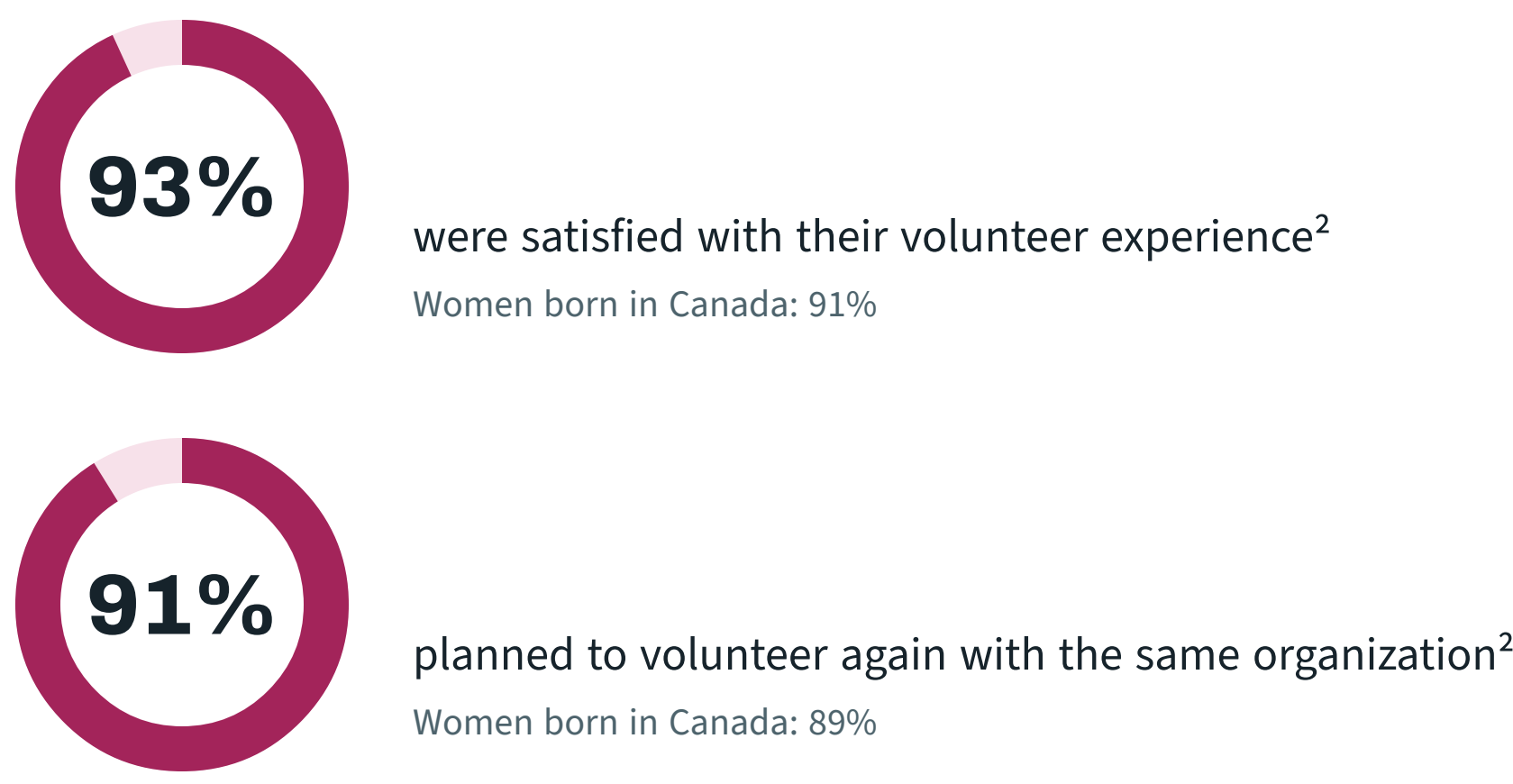
Faith communities are important places to give time

31% volunteered for a religious organization⁴
Women born in Canada: 18%

35% said religious reasons were important to them³
Women born in Canada: 16%

A rewarding experience

Most immigrant women who volunteered had a positive experience³



1. Immigrant women are women who are, or have ever been, landed immigrants (permanent residents) in Canada. "Women" follows Statistics Canada's Women+ category, which also includes some non-binary people.

2. Combines the two most positive answers: very likely and likely for recommending and for volunteering again, and very satisfied and satisfied for satisfaction.

3. Asked of people who volunteered for 4 hours or more, about the organization where they spent the most hours.

4. Among volunteers who reported the type of organization they volunteered for.

Note: Differences shown between immigrant women and women born in Canada are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$), except for satisfaction and plans to volunteer again, where the two groups are similar. Percentages are rounded. The survey interviewed 26,678 people aged 15 and older, including 4,265 immigrant women and 8,651 women born in Canada. Of these, 1,520 immigrant women and 4,032 women born in Canada volunteered for a group or organization.

Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 2023, Public Use Microdata File. This does not constitute an endorsement by Statistics Canada of this product.