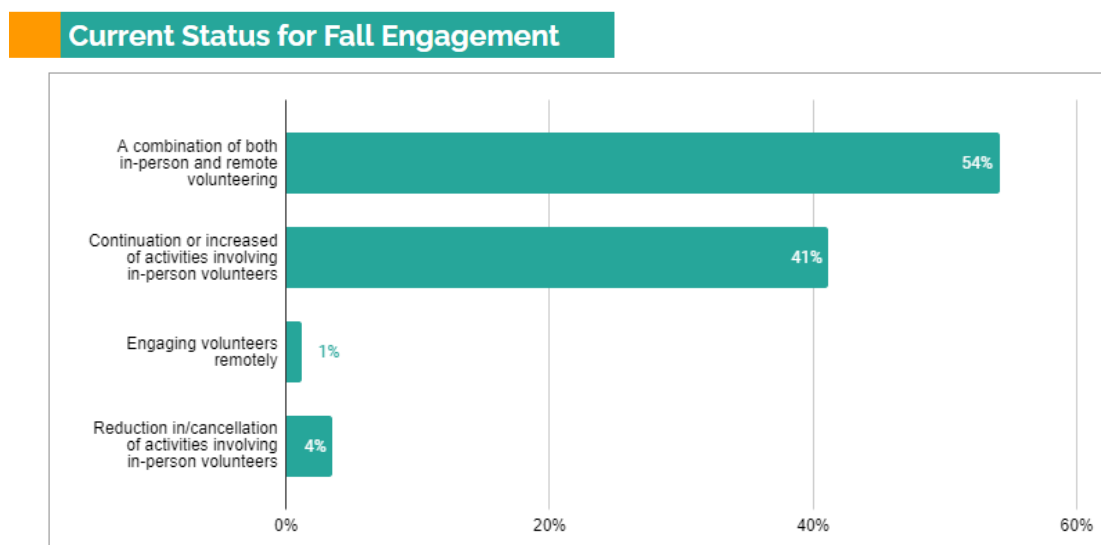
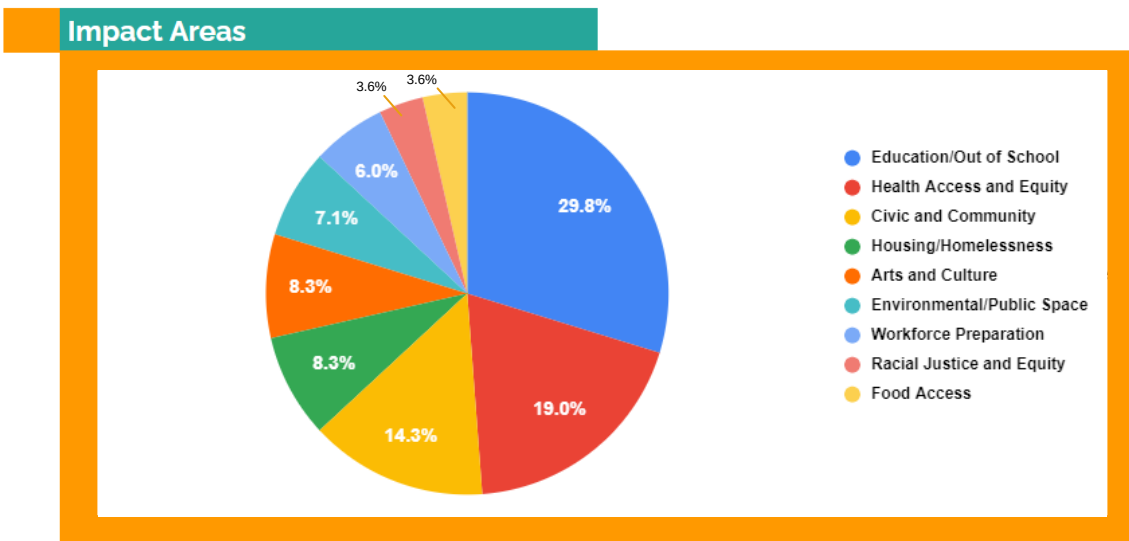
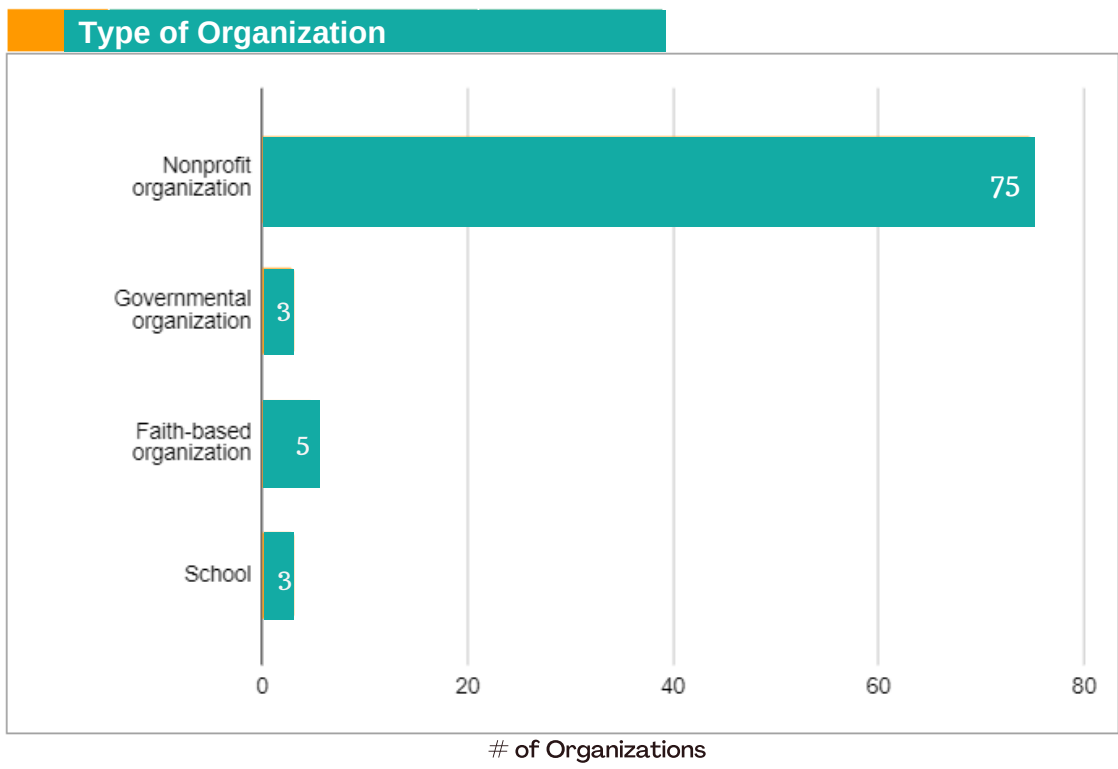


COMMUNITY PARTNERS SURVEY 2021

In spring of 2020 and again in spring of 2021, the Community Foundation, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond collaboratively created and disseminated a community survey to help understand the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local organizations' capacities to engage volunteers (students, corporate, general population, etc.) so that we might collaboratively support helpful connections as we reopen in the fall. The information below is reflective of stakeholder survey data collected May 2021.

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Total Responses

99% of organizations are open and planning on engaging in volunteerism this fall.



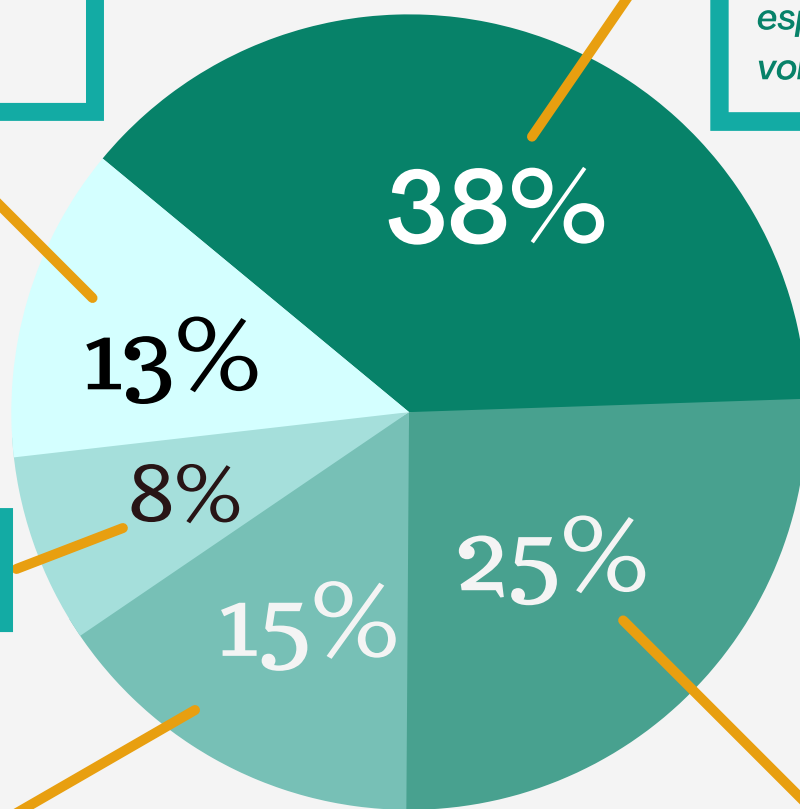
What Community Partners Need

Tools & Resources to Connect Community Partners

Some groups expressed interest in sharing information and best practices between organizations.

Volunteer Recruitment & Engagement

Most common is an ongoing need to recruit and retain volunteers, especially in-person volunteers.



Tech Training

Cultural Competency & DEI Training

Organizations are now interested in social issue training in a wide range of topics for their volunteers and staff.

Timely & Transparent Communication

Organizations need up-to-date information concerning COVID-19 safety guidelines and policy.

Challenges

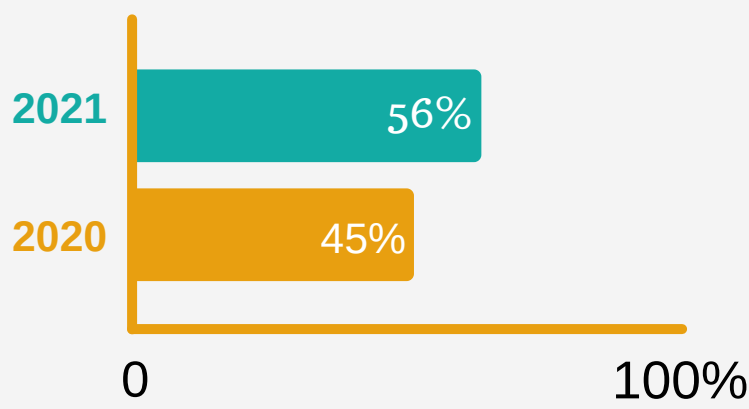
Respondents noted that managing staff and volunteers virtually creates its own set of challenges, such as:

- Adverse effects on mental health
- Difficulties in building a sense of community or making connections
- Scheduling conflicts

Organizations also mentioned enforcing COVID-19 safety measures, changing funding streams and a lack of skilled volunteers as barriers to their successful operations and engagement efforts in 2021.

One Year Later:

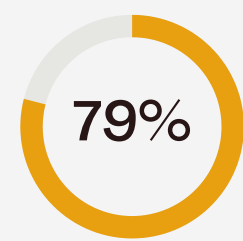
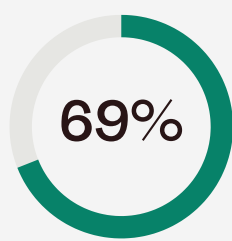
Percentage of Organizations Conducting Hybrid In-Person & Remote Volunteering



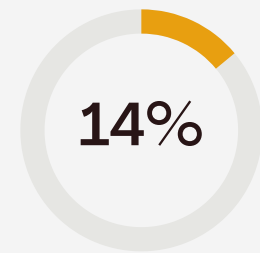
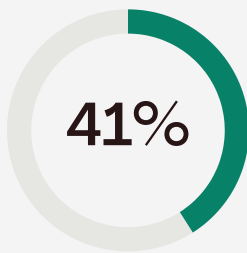
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Organizations Interested in Remote Volunteering

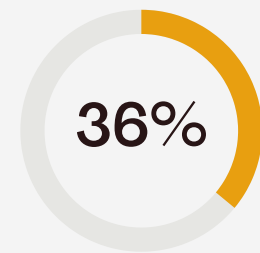
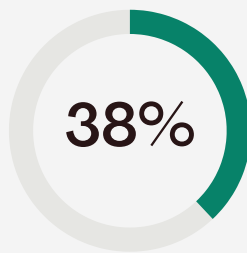


Continuation or Increase in Activities Involving In-Person Volunteers

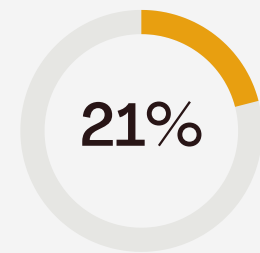
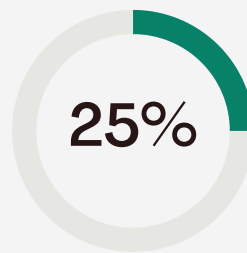


Comparing Needs

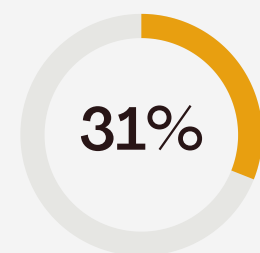
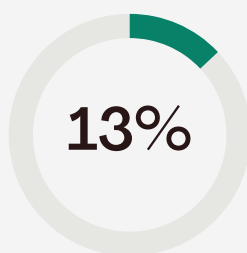
Volunteer Recruitment & Engagement Assistance



Timely & Transparent Communication Regarding Guidelines



Tools & Resources To Connect Community Partners



Comparing Barriers to Volunteer Engagement

