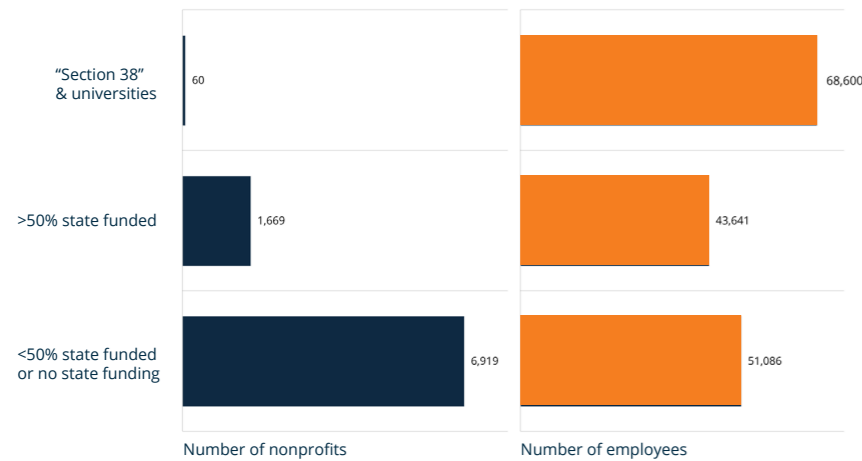


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EMPLOYMENT IN THE THIRD SECTOR

- At least 163,000 people work in 8,650 Irish nonprofits for which employment data is available. There is a sharp contrast between the 68,600 that work for c.60 major charities – [higher education institutions](#) and [Section 38](#) bodies whose remuneration is pegged to public sector norms – and the other 94,700.

Profile of Third Sector employment



- Among the 94,700 people who don't enjoy the conditions of public sector remuneration, the instance of higher pay (more than €70,000 per annum) is less than 1%. This is a very small fraction of the norm – 18.5% – in the bigger higher education, health and social care charities, or in the economy at large, where it is 13%.

Profile of higher paid employment in the Third Sector



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ABOUT BENEFACTS AND THE DATA IN THIS ANALYSIS

- Benefacts is an independent nonprofit established in 2014 to improve the accessibility and transparency of Ireland's Third Sector. The data in this report is derived not from all samples or surveys, but from currently available public data on the entire reported population of nonprofits in Ireland. As more data becomes publicly available it will be reflected in future reports from Benefacts.
- Every year at the end of Q1, Benefacts produces an analysis based on all of the data that is then available and released under Open Data rules. This includes financial statements for about 8,600 nonprofits, and regulatory or governance information for about 21,000 more. More and better data is becoming available all the time although disclosures by nonprofits vary in quality and consistency.

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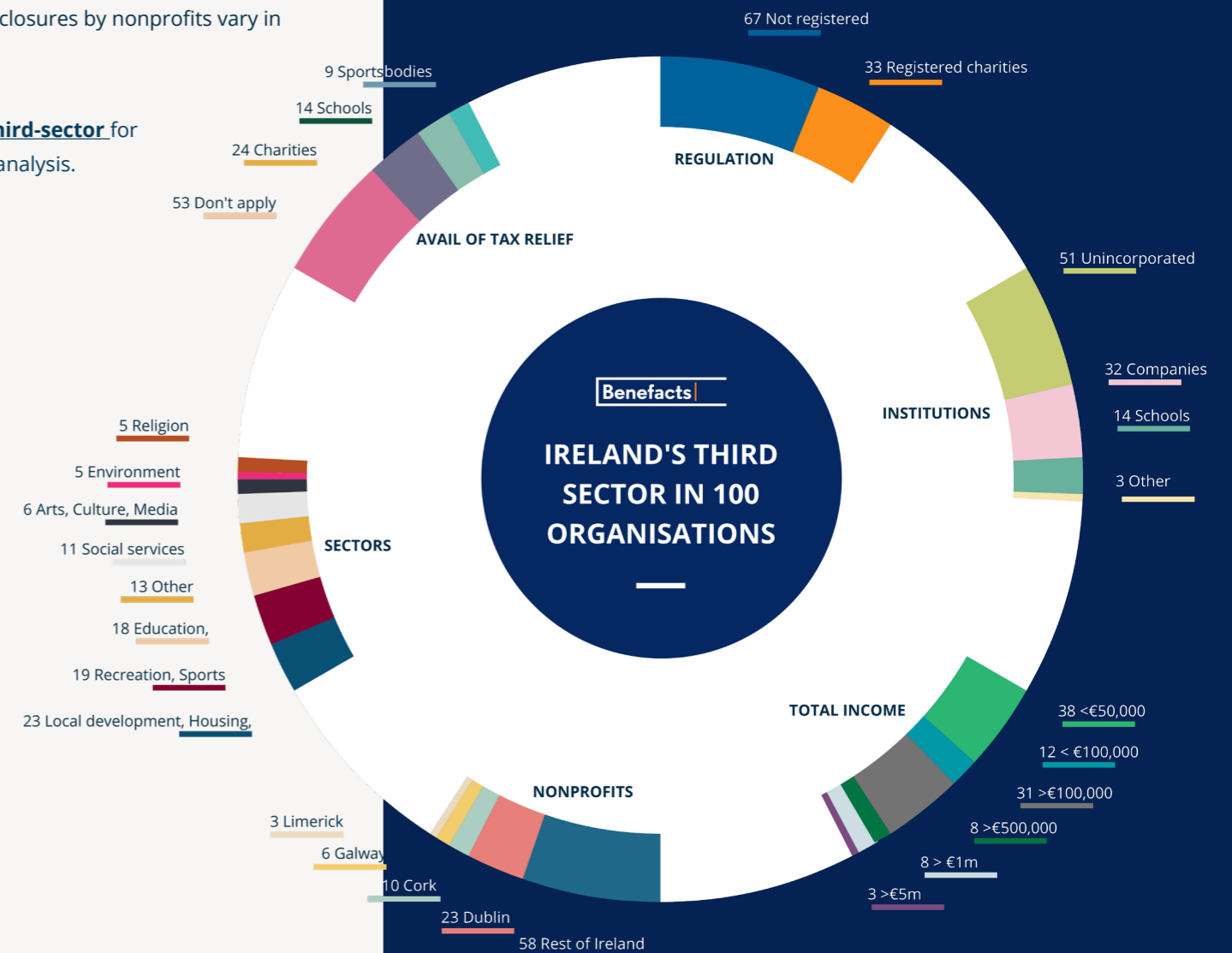
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29,300 Organisations
 163,000 Employees
 81,500 Directors/Charity trustees
 €13.8bn Turnover
 €5.9bn State funding
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IRELAND'S THIRD SECTOR

- The Third Sector in Ireland has at least 29,300 organisations that are distinct from the Public and Private Sectors. As a sector it is diverse, durable and widely dispersed. Besides service providers, mainly in health, education and social care, it includes thousands of organisations that contribute to the wealth of our society, our environment and our culture in ways that are continuously evolving.
- Benefacts promotes the transparency and accessibility of information about these organisations, given their key role as service providers, but also their wider impact on civic engagement, advocacy and community building.

Third Sector breakdown



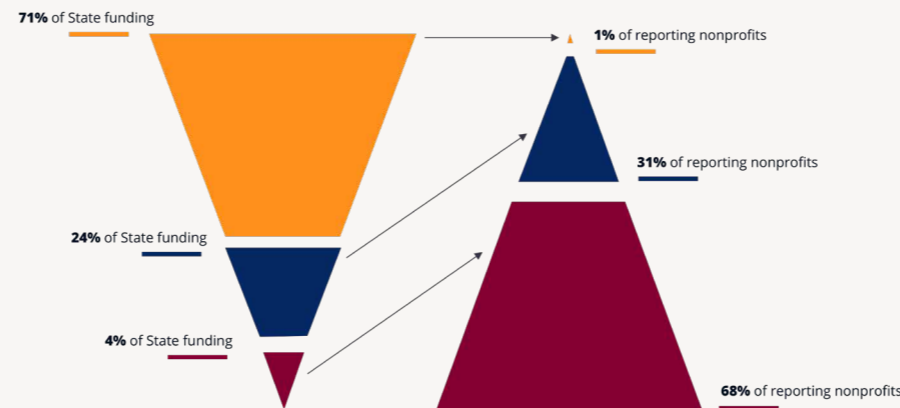
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STATE FUNDING TO THE THIRD SECTOR

- State funding at €5.9bn is the biggest single source of revenue to the sector: in 2017 this amounted to 8.4% of all current Government expenditure.
- Based on reported income of c.5,000 nonprofits it is clear that:
 - these funds are not evenly distributed, with 71% concentrated in only 1% of all reporting nonprofits – larger charities operating in the higher education, health and social care sectors.
 - 24% of State funding is directed at c.1,500 nonprofits that report deriving more than half of their income from the State.
 - the balance of State funding - about €0.25bn - is distributed in small grants to fewer than 1,000 nonprofits.

State/Third Sector funding relationship

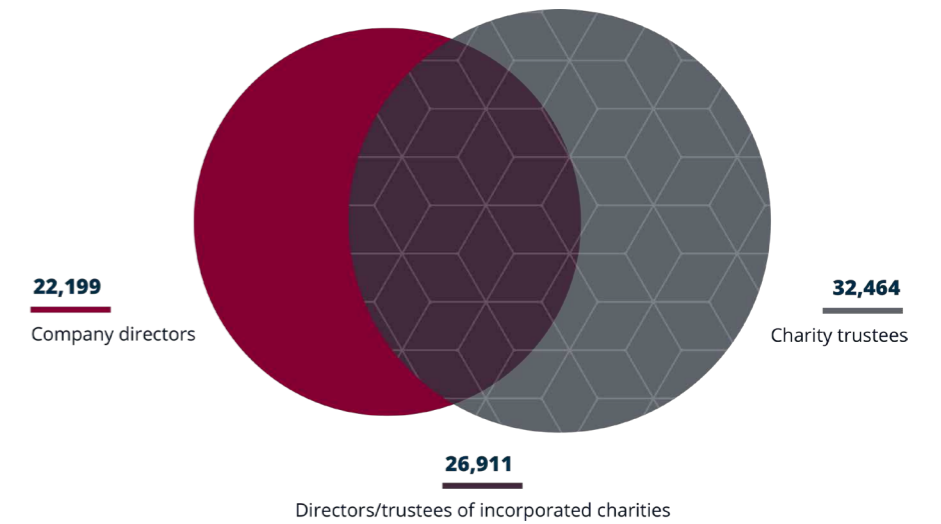


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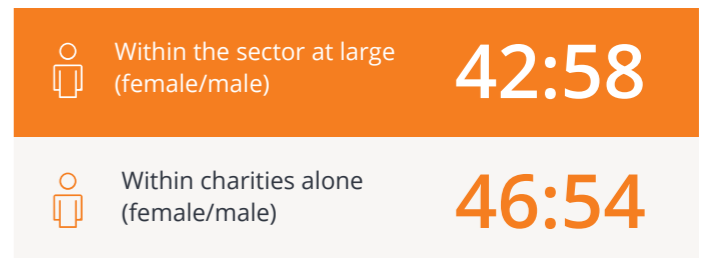
THIRD SECTOR GOVERNANCE

- More than 80,000 people serve as directors and/or charity trustees in Irish nonprofits – this number does not include the many thousands of people serving on the management committees of local unincorporated clubs and societies.
- 49,110 are directors of nonprofit companies, of whom 26,911 serve as charity trustees. In addition 32,464 serve on the boards of unincorporated charities.



- The average age of a nonprofit director/charity trustee is 57, and the gender balance in the sector as a whole is 42:58 female/male. Within charities alone the balance is 46:54 female/male.

Gender balance



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