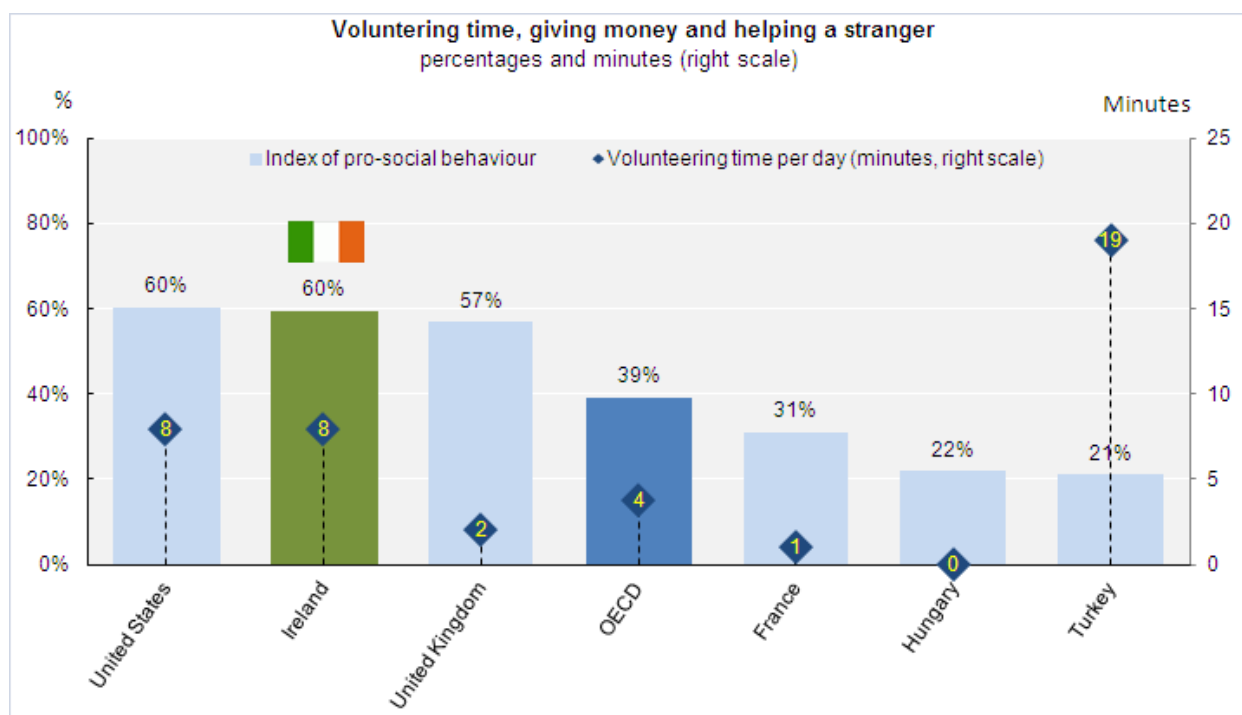


KEY FINDINGS: IRELAND

Did you know?

- From time use surveys, the amount of time spent by Irish people volunteering outside the home is the third equal highest (with the United States) in the OECD. The Irish are the second highest in the OECD for citizens volunteering time, giving money, and helping a stranger, with 60% on average having done so in the previous month, compared to an OECD average of 39%. [[CO3.XLS](#)]



- At 62 minutes per day, Ireland has the highest total daily care time of household and non-household members in the OECD, more than double the OECD average of 26 minutes. [[Fig1.8.xls](#)]
- Ireland, at just over one and a half hours spent every day, has the second lowest amount of routine housework (cooking and cleaning) in the OECD, well below the OECD average of 2 hours and 8 minutes. [[Fig1.8.xls](#)]
- Ireland has relatively high fertility rates compared to many other OECD countries, just about replacing the current generation (2.07 children per woman compared to replacement of 2.1), and the highest rate in OECD-Europe after Iceland. [[GE2.xls](#)]
- The current economic crisis has hit Ireland hard, with Ireland now having the fourth highest unemployment rate in the OECD at over 12%, much higher than the OECD average of 8.1%. [[SS2.xls](#)]