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VOLUNTEERING IN THE UNITED STATES — 2014

The **volunteer rate** was little changed at 25.3 percent for the year ending in September 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. About 62.8 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2013 and September 2014. The volunteer rate in 2013 was 25.4 percent.

These data on volunteering were collected through a supplement to the September 2014 Current Population Survey (CPS). The supplement was sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The CPS is a monthly survey of about 60,000 households that obtains information on employment and unemployment for the nation's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over. Volunteers are defined as persons who did unpaid work (except for expenses) through or for an organization. For more information about the volunteer supplement, see the Technical Note.

Volunteering Among Demographic Groups

The volunteer rates for both **men** and **women** (22.0 percent and 28.3 percent, respectively) were little changed in the year ending in September 2014. Women continued to volunteer at a higher rate than did men across all age groups, educational levels, and other major demographic characteristics. (See tables A and 1.)

By age, 35- to 44-year-olds were most likely to volunteer (29.8 percent). Volunteer rates were lowest among 20- to 24-year-olds (18.7 percent). For persons 45 years and over, the volunteer rate tapered off as age increased. Teenagers (16- to 19-year-olds) had a volunteer rate of 26.1 percent.

Among the **major race and ethnicity groups**, whites continued to volunteer at a higher rate (26.7 percent) than did blacks (19.7 percent), Asians (18.2 percent), and Hispanics (15.5 percent). Of these groups, the volunteer rate declined for whites (by 0.4 percentage point) and increased for blacks (by 1.2 percentage points) in 2014. The volunteer rate for Asians edged down by 0.8 percentage point, and the rate for Hispanics was unchanged.

Married persons volunteered at a higher rate (30.0 percent) in 2014 than did those who had never married (20.2 percent) and those with other marital statuses (21.1 percent). Over the year, the rate declined for married persons by 0.7 percentage point. In 2014, the volunteer rate of **parents** with children under age 18 (31.6 percent) remained higher than the rate for persons without children under age 18 (23.0 percent). The volunteer rate of parents with children under age 18 declined over the year, while the rate for persons without children under age 18 was little changed.

Individuals with higher levels of **education** engaged in volunteer activities at higher rates than did those with less education in 2014. Among persons age 25 and over, 39.4 percent of college graduates volunteered, compared with 27.3 percent of persons with some college or an associate's degree, 16.4 percent of high school graduates, and 8.8 percent of those with less than a high school diploma. The rate of volunteering was little changed over the year for persons across all levels of educational attainment.

Volunteers by Employment Status

During the year ending in September 2014, 27.5 percent of employed persons volunteered. By comparison, 24.0 percent of unemployed persons and 21.8 percent of those not in the labor force volunteered. Among the employed, part-time workers were more likely than full-time workers to have participated in volunteer activities—31.7 percent, compared with 26.5 percent. (See table 1.)

Total Annual Hours Spent Volunteering

Volunteers spent a median of 50 hours on volunteer activities during the period from September 2013 to September 2014. Time spent on volunteer activities was similar for women and men. Among those who volunteered, median annual hours spent on volunteer activities ranged from a low of 32 hours for those 25 to 34 years old to a high of 96 hours for those age 65 and over. (See table 2.)

Number and Type of Organizations

Most volunteers were involved with either one or two organizations—71.4 percent and 18.6 percent, respectively. Individuals with higher educational attainment were more likely to volunteer for multiple organizations than were those with less education. (See table 3.)

In 2014, the **main organization**—the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year—was most frequently religious (33.3 percent of all volunteers), followed by educational or youth service related (25.1 percent) and social or community service organizations (14.4 percent). (See table 4.)

Older volunteers were more likely to volunteer mainly for religious organizations than were their younger counterparts. Of volunteers age 65 and over, 43.0 percent did their service mainly through or for a religious organization, compared with 26.1 percent of volunteers age 16 to 24.

For all levels of educational attainment, volunteers were most likely to volunteer for religious organizations, followed by educational or youth service organizations. Among volunteers with less than a high school diploma, 49.6 percent volunteered mainly for religious organizations and 21.3 percent volunteered for educational or youth service organizations. Of volunteers with a bachelor's degree and higher, 30.0 percent volunteered mainly for religious organizations and 26.8 percent volunteered mainly for educational or youth service organizations.

Among volunteers with children under age 18, 46.0 percent of mothers and 38.6 percent of fathers volunteered mainly for an educational or youth service organization, such as a school or scouting group. Volunteers without children under age 18 were more likely than parents to volunteer for all other types of organizations.

Main Volunteer Activity for Main Organization

Collecting, preparing, distributing, or serving food (10.8 percent); fundraising (10.3 percent); and tutoring or teaching (9.3 percent) were the activities volunteers performed most frequently for their main organization. Men and women tended to engage in different main activities. Men who volunteered were most likely to engage in general labor (11.5 percent) or coach, referee, or supervise sports teams (9.4 percent). Female volunteers were most likely to collect, prepare, distribute, or serve food (12.1 percent); fundraise (11.6 percent); or tutor or teach (11.1 percent). (See table 5.)

The main types of activities volunteers performed varied by educational attainment. Persons with a bachelor's degree and higher were more likely than those with less education to provide professional or management assistance or to tutor or teach. Volunteers with less than a high school diploma were more likely to collect, prepare, distribute, or serve food or engage in general labor than were those with higher levels of education.

Parents with children under age 18 were more likely than those without children under age 18 to engage mainly in volunteer activities that are frequently related to children—including coaching, refereeing, or supervising sports teams; tutoring or teaching; and mentoring youth.

How Volunteers Became Involved with Main Organization

In 2014, the proportion of volunteers who became involved with their main organization after being asked to volunteer (41.0 percent) was about the same as the proportion who became involved on their own—that is, those who approached the organization (40.8 percent). Those who were asked to volunteer were most often asked by someone in the organization. (See table 6.)

Table A. Volunteers by selected characteristics, September 2010 through September 2014

(Numbers in thousands)										
	Septemb	per 2010	Septemb	per 2011	Septemb	per 2012	Septem	ber 2013	Septeml	per 2014
		Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent
Characteristics	Number	of	Number	of	Number	of	Number	of	Number	of
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Total, both sexes	62,790	26.3	64,252	26.8	64,513	26.5	62,615	25.4	62,757	25.3
Men	26,787	23.2	27,354	23.5	27,238	23.2	26,404	22.2	26,375	22.0
Women	36,004	29.3	36,898	29.9	37,274	29.5	36,211	28.4	36,381	28.3
Age	62.700	26.2	64.050	26.0	64.510	26.5	60 615	25.4	60.757	25.2
Total, 16 years and over	62,790	26.3	64,252	26.8	64,513	26.5	62,615	25.4	62,757	25.3
16 to 24 years	8,297	21.9	8,578	22.5	8,776	22.6	8,466	21.8	8,469	21.9
25 to 34 years	9,140	22.3	9,691	23.3	9,513	23.2	9,118	21.9	9,291	22.0
	12,904	32.2	12,566	31.8	12,527	31.6	12,098	30.6	11,783	29.8
45 to 54 years	13,435	30.3	13,420	30.6	12,777	29.3	12,184	28.2	12,204	28.5
55 to 64 years	9,830	27.2	10,449	28.1	10,619	27.6	10,191	26.0	10,331	25.9
65 years and over	9,184	23.6	9,547	24.0	10,301	24.4	10,558	24.1	10,679	23.6
Race and Hispanic or										
Latino ethnicity										
White	53,556	27.8	54,432	28.2	53,778	27.8	52,685	27.1	52,201	26.7
Black or African American	5,580	19.4	5,934	20.3	6,316	21.1	5,637	18.5	6,094	19.7
Asian	2,207	19.6	2,304	20.0	2,524	19.6	2,525	19.0	2,513	18.2
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	4,982	14.7	5,151	14.9	5,635	15.2	5,838	15.5	5,982	15.5
Educational attainment 1										
Less than a high school										
diploma	2,231	8.8	2,461	9.8	2,177	8.8	2,204	9.0	2,100	8.8
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High school graduates, no college ²	10,887	17.9	11,049	18.2	10,527	17.3	10,138	16.7	10,075	16.4
_	10,007	17.9	11,049	10.2	10,327	17.3	10,136	10.7	10,073	10.4
Some college or associate										
degree	15,505	29.2	15,946	29.5	15,832	28.7	15,562	27.7	15,494	27.3
Bachelor's degree and										
	25,870	42.3	26,218	42.4	27,202	42.2	26,244	39.8	26,619	39.4
Employment status										
Civilian labor force	44,522	28.7	45,249	29.1	44,974	28.7	43,162	27.5	42,780	27.3
Employed	40,980	29.2	41,881	29.6	42,083	29.1	40,401	27.7	40,497	27.5
Full time 4	31,625	28.2	32,517	28.7	32,568	28.1	31,524	26.8	31,557	26.5
Part time 5	9,355	33.2	9,363	33.3	9,515	33.4	8,877	31.7	8,940	31.7
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NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data. Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point in the year ending in September. See the Technical Note for further information.

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²Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

³Includes persons with bachelor's, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

⁴Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

⁵Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

Technical Note

The data in this release were collected through a supplement to the September 2014 Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS—a monthly survey of about 60,000 eligible households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics—focuses on obtaining information on employment and unemployment among the nation's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over. The purpose of this supplement to the CPS was to obtain information on the incidence of volunteering and the characteristics of volunteers in the United States.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory-impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent. The component of this difference that occurs because samples differ by chance is known as *sampling error*, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the true population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

Additional information on the reliability of data from the CPS and estimating standard errors is available at www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability.

The Census Bureau introduces adjustments to the population controls for the CPS as part of its annual update of population estimates. For this reason, data in this release are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. Additional information is available on the internet at www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop.

Volunteer questions and concepts

In the September supplement, questions on volunteer activities were asked of all households. Efforts were made to have household members answer the volunteer questions for themselves. (Generally, one member of the household answers all the questions in the CPS on behalf of the entire household.) Self-response was considered important for the volunteer supplement because research indicated that self-respondents could more easily answer questions on the characteristics of the volunteer activity. About 7 of 10 responses were self-reports. The survey was introduced as follows: "This month, we are interested in volunteer activities, that is, activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. We only want you to include volunteer activities that you did through or for an organization, even if you only did them once in a while."

Following this introduction, respondents were asked the first supplement question: "Since September 1st of last year, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?"

If respondents did not answer "yes" to the first question, they were asked the following question: "Sometimes people don't think of activities they do infrequently or activities they do for children's schools or youth organizations as volunteer activities. Since September 1st of last year, have you done any of these types of volunteer activities?"

Respondents were considered volunteers if they answered "yes" to either of these questions. This method has been used since the supplement was first administered in 2002.

Respondents classified as volunteers were asked further questions about the number and type of organizations for which they volunteered, total hours spent volunteering, how they became involved with the main organization for which they volunteered, the type of activities they performed for the main organization, and what their main activity was. The reference period for the questions on volunteering was about 1 year, from September 1, 2013, through the survey reference week in September 2014. The reference period for other characteristics—such as labor force status, educational attainment, and marital status—refer to the survey reference week in September 2014. It is possible that these characteristics were different at the time volunteer activities were performed.

One new question was added to the 2008 survey to determine whether or not respondents had donated money, assets, or property with a combined value of more than \$25 to charitable or religious organizations in the past 12 months. Two questions asked in the 2007 supplement were removed in 2008. These questions asked how often respondents who had attended public meetings or who had worked with others in their neighborhood to fix a problem did so.

Definitions

Volunteers are persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities at any point during the survey reference year. The count of volunteers only includes persons who volunteered through or for an organization; the figures do not include persons who volunteered in a more informal manner. For example, a woman who taught acting to children through a local theater would be considered a volunteer. However, a woman who, on her own, organized softball games for the children in her neighborhood would not be counted as a volunteer for the purpose of this survey.

Organizations are associations, societies, or groups of people who share a common interest. Examples include churches, youth groups, and civic organizations. For the purpose of this study, organizations are grouped into eight major categories, including religious, youth, and social or community service organizations.

In the 2005 survey, one organization category, immigrant/refugee assistance, was added to the questionnaire as a possible response. Responses that were collected in this category may have been distributed over at least six of the major organization categories in previous years. For this reason, the addition of the new response category created a break in the comparability of organizations between 2005 and prior years. Because few

people reported volunteering for immigrant/refugee assistance organizations and because the group was not a definite subset of any of the major organization categories, those persons who did report that they volunteered for immigrant/refugee assistance organizations were placed in the "other" group.

The *main organization* is the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year. If a respondent volunteered for only one organization, it was considered the main organization, even if exact hours were not obtained.

In order to identify the type of main organization, respondents provided information about the organization and, for those who volunteered for more than one organization, annual hours worked for each. Some respondents did not provide the information necessary to determine the main organization. For these respondents, the follow-up questions on activities and how they became involved with the main organization asked them to report on the organization for which they think they spent the most time volunteering.

Activities are the specific tasks the volunteer did for an organization. Examples include tutoring, fundraising, and serving food. The activity categories were modified in 2005, thus creating a break in the comparability of activities between 2005 and prior years.

In 2006, a new question was added that asked respondents on which of the activities they mentioned they spent the most time. Previously, respondents reported all of the activities they did for their main organization. The new question identified which of them was the main activity for the main organization.

Table 1. Volunteers by selected characteristics, September 2014

(Numbers in thousands)

	Tot	al, both se	xes		Men		Women			
Characteristics in September 2014	Civilian noninsti-	Volu	inteers	Civilian noninsti-	Volu	unteers	Civilian noninsti-	Volu	inteers	
	tutional population	Number	Percent of population	tutional population	Number	Percent of population	tutional population	Number	Percent of population	
Age										
Total, 16 years and over	248,446	62,757	25.3	120,004	26,375	22.0	128,442	36,381	28.3	
16 to 24 years	38,679	8,469	21.9	19,498	3,771	19.3	19,180	4,698	24.5	
16 to 19 years	16,615	4,334	26.1	8,437	1,982	23.5	8,178	2,351	28.8	
20 to 24 years		4,135	18.7	11,061	1,789	16.2	11,003	2,347	21.3	
25 years and over		54,288	25.9	100,506	22,604	22.5	109,262	31,684	29.0	
25 to 34 years		9,291	22.0	20,902	3,714	17.8	21,340	5,577	26.1	
35 to 44 years		11,783	29.8	19,391	4,847	25.0	20,177	6,936	34.4	
45 to 54 years		12,204	28.5	20,897	5,229	25.0	21,865	6,975	31.9	
55 to 64 years		10,331	25.9	19,198	4,428	23.1	20,731	5,903	28.5	
65 years and over	45,266	10,679	23.6	20,118	4,386	21.8	25,148	6,293	25.0	
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity										
White	195,777	52,201	26.7	95,662	22,113	23.1	100,115	30.088	30.1	
Black or African American	30,932	6,094	19.7	14,042	2,427	17.3	16,890	3,667	21.7	
Asian	13,806	2,513	18.2	6,373	1,022	16.0	7,433	1,491	20.1	
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	38,596	5,982	15.5	19,344	2,555	13.2	19,252	3,427	17.8	
Educational attainment ¹										
Less than a high school diploma	23,977	2,100	8.8	11,943	925	7.7	12,034	1,174	9.8	
High school graduates, no college ²		10,075	16.4	30,077	4,193	13.9	31,379	5,882	18.7	
Some college or associate degree	56,748	15,494	27.3	26,253	6,051	23.0	30,495	9,443	31.0	
Bachelor's degree and higher 3	67,586	26,619	39.4	32,233	11,435	35.5	35,353	15,184	42.9	
Marital status										
Single, never married	75,158	15,183	20.2	39,731	6,774	17.0	35,427	8,409	23.7	
Married, spouse present	123,855	37,160	30.0	62,206	16,572	26.6	61,649	20,588	33.4	
Other marital status ⁴	49,434	10,414	21.1	18,067	3,030	16.8	31,367	7,384	23.5	
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁵										
Without own children under 18	181,912	41,751	23.0	90,931	18,184	20.0	90,981	23,567	25.9	
With own children under 18	66,534	21,005	31.6	29,073	8,191	28.2	37,461	12,814	34.2	
Employment status										
Civilian labor force	156,975	42,780	27.3	83,550	19,738	23.6	73,426	23,041	31.4	
Employed	1	40,497	27.5	78,691	18,841	23.9	68,782	21,656	31.5	
Full time 6	119,300	31,557	26.5	68,408	16,261	23.8	50,893	15,296	30.1	
Part time ⁷		8,940	31.7	10,284	2,580	25.1	17,890	6,360	35.6	
Unemployed	9,501	2,283	24.0	4,858	898	18.5	4,643	1,385	29.8	
Not in the labor force	91,471	19,977	21.8	36,455	6,637	18.2	55,017	13,340	24.2	

⁷ Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
NOTE: Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point from September 1, 2013, through the survey period in September 2014. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Data refer to persons 25 years and over.
 Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
 Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

6 Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

Table 2. Volunteers by annual hours of volunteer activities and selected characteristics, September 2014

		Percent distribution of total annual hours spent volunteering at all organizations									
Characteristics in September 2014	Total volunteers (thousands)	Total	1 to 14 hour(s)	15 to 49 hours	50 to 99 hours	100 to 499 hours	500 hours and over	Not reporting annual hours	Median annual hours ¹		
Sex											
Total, both sexes	62,757	100.0	21.7	24.3	14.8	27.5	6.1	5.5	50		
Men Women	26,375 36,381	100.0 100.0	21.5 21.8	23.5 24.9	15.1 14.6	27.9 27.3	6.4 5.9	5.6 5.5	52 50		
Age											
Total, 16 years and over	62,757	100.0	21.7	24.3	14.8	27.5	6.1	5.5	50		
16 to 24 years		100.0	23.8	27.0	15.1	23.0	4.4	6.6	40		
16 to 19 years	4,334	100.0	22.1	28.7	16.4	23.7	3.2	6.0	40		
20 to 24 years		100.0	25.5	25.1	13.9	22.4	5.8	7.3	40		
25 years and over	54,288	100.0	21.4	23.1	14.8	28.2	6.4	5.4	52		
25 to 34 years		100.0	30.6	25.4	11.7	22.3	4.5	5.4	32		
	11,783	100.0		26.3	15.0	24.8			42		
35 to 44 years			24.1		1		5.1	4.6			
45 to 54 years	12,204	100.0	20.1	25.3	16.0	27.7	5.7	5.2	52		
55 to 64 years	10,331	100.0	18.9	23.3	15.9	30.2	6.1	5.6	54		
65 years and over	10,679	100.0	14.2	18.9	14.7	35.9	10.3	6.1	96		
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity											
White	52,201	100.0	21.3	24.5	15.1	28.0	5.9	5.1	52		
Black or African American	6,094	100.0	21.6	21.1	13.8	27.8	7.9	7.7	52		
Asian	2,513	100.0	27.8	25.6	12.8	20.8	3.5	9.6	36		
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		100.0	23.6	21.7	14.7	26.3	7.6	6.1	51		
Educational attainment ²											
Less than a high school diploma	2,100	100.0	23.6	22.5	14.6	24.3	8.4	6.6	50		
High school graduates, no college 3	10,075	100.0	23.4	22.2	14.3	26.3	7.6	6.2	52		
Some college or associate degree		100.0	22.1	24.0	14.3	27.9	6.5	5.2	50		
Bachelor's degree and higher 4	26,619	100.0	20.0	24.6	15.2	29.5	5.7	5.0	52		
Marital status											
Single, never married	15,183	100.0	25.2	25.5	14.0	23.6	5.0	6.8	40		
Married, spouse present	37,160	100.0	20.3	24.2	15.4	28.9	6.4	4.8	52		
Other marital status ⁵		100.0	21.5	22.9	14.0	28.5	6.7	6.4	52		
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁶											
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No own children under 18 years old	18,184	100.0	20.9	22.9	14.8	27.9	7.1	6.3	52		
With own children under 18 years old	8,191	100.0	22.8	24.7	15.8	27.7	4.8	4.1	50		
Women:											
No own children under 18 years old	23,567	100.0	20.1	24.0	14.6	28.4	6.7	6.2	52		
With own children under 18 years old	12,814	100.0	25.1	26.5	14.6	25.3	4.3	4.1	40		
Employment status											
Civilian labor force	42,780	100.0	23.4	25.8	15.0	25.8	4.6	5.3	48		
Employed		100.0	23.4	26.0	15.0	25.8	4.5	5.3	47		
Full time 7		100.0	24.1	26.3	15.0	24.9	4.2	5.5	42		
Part time 8		100.0	21.1	24.7	14.9	28.8	5.7	4.8	52		
Unemployed	2,283	100.0	23.3	22.1	16.1	26.8	6.6	5.0	52 52		
Not in the labor force	19,977	100.0	18.0	21.2	14.3	31.2	9.2	6.0	67		
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For those reporting annual hours.
 Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

³ Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

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Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
 Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
 NOTE: Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point from September 1, 2013, through the survey period in September 2014. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Table 3. Volunteers by number of organizations for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2014

	Total	Percent distribution of the number of organizations for wh volunteer activities were performed							
Characteristics in September 2014	volunteers (thousands)	Total	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more	Not reporting number of organizations	
Sex									
Total, both sexes	62,757	100.0	71.4	18.6	6.4	2.1	1.2	0.2	
Men	26,375	100.0	73.0	17.6	6.0	1.9	1.2	.2	
Women	36,381	100.0	70.3	19.4	6.7	2.2	1.3	.2	
Age									
Total, 16 years and over	62,757	100.0	71.4	18.6	6.4	2.1	1.2	.2	
16 to 24 years	8,469	100.0	75.2	17.9	4.8	1.5	.4	.1	
16 to 19 years	4,334	100.0	72.5	18.8	5.9	2.0	.6	.2	
20 to 24 years		100.0	78.0	17.0	3.7	1.1	.3	_	
25 years and over		100.0	70.9	18.7	6.6	2.2	1.4	.2	
25 to 34 years		100.0	76.4	16.1	5.1	1.1	1.2	.2	
35 to 44 years		100.0	71.4	19.1	6.3	2.1	1.0	.1	
45 to 54 years		100.0	69.7	18.9	7.1	2.7	1.4	.2	
55 to 64 years	10,331	100.0	71.1	19.1	6.1	2.2	1.3	.2	
65 years and over	10,679	100.0	66.6	20.1	8.4	2.7	1.9	.4	
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity									
White	52,201	100.0	70.5	19.1	6.8	2.2	1.2	.2	
Black or African American	6,094	100.0	75.0	17.8	4.0	1.2	1.5	.5	
Asian	2,513	100.0	80.1	13.4	5.2	1.1	.1	_	
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	5,982	100.0	82.7	12.1	3.5	1.0	.5	.2	
Educational attainment ¹									
Less than a high school diploma	2,100	100.0	86.6	10.3	1.8	.5	.5	.4	
High school graduates, no college 2		100.0	81.5	13.5	3.4	1.0	.5	.2	
Some college or associate degree		100.0	73.7	17.4	6.3	1.4	1.0	.2	
Bachelor's degree and higher ³	26,619	100.0	63.9	22.2	8.5	3.2	2.0	.2	
Marital status									
Single, never married	15,183	100.0	74.3	17.6	5.3	1.6	1.0	.1	
Married, spouse present	37,160	100.0	70.3	19.6	6.6	2.2	1.2	.2	
Other marital status ⁴	10,414	100.0	71.6	16.6	7.4	2.5	1.6	.5	
Presence of own children under 18 years 5									
Men:									
No own children under 18 years old	18,184	100.0	73.8	16.9	6.0	1.8	1.2	.3	
With own children under 18 years old	,	100.0	71.3	19.3	5.9	2.4	1.2		
Vomen:					5.5				
No own children under 18 years old	23,567	100.0	70.5	19.5	6.4	2.2	1.2	.2	
With own children under 18 years old		100.0	69.8	19.1	7.3	2.2	1.4	.2	
Employment status									
Civilian labor force	42,780	100.0	71.0	19.2	6.4	2.1	1.2	.2	
Employed	,	100.0	71.0	19.2	6.4	2.1	1.2	.2	
Full time 6		100.0	71.4	19.1	6.1	2.1	1.2	.2	
Part time ⁷	8,940	100.0	69.7	19.5	7.4	2.0	1.1	.2	
Unemployed		100.0	70.5	20.4	5.7	2.3	1.1	_	
Not in the labor force	19,977	100.0	72.4	17.3	6.5	2.1	1.4	.2	

⁷ Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs. NOTE: Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point from September 1, 2013, through the survey period in September 2014. Estimates for the above race groups (white, because Asign Asign) do not sure to testable because the groups. black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Data refer to persons 25 years and over.
Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.
Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.
Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

⁶ Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

Table 4. Volunteers by type of main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2014

		Percent distribution of volunteers by type of main organization ¹										
Characteristics in September 2014	Total volunteers (thousands)	Total	Civic, political, professional, or international	Educa- tional or youth service	Environ- mental or animal care	Hospital or other health	Public safety	Religious	Social or community service	Sport, hobby, cultural, or arts	Other	Not deter- mined
Sex												
Total, both sexes	62,757	100.0	5.2	25.1	2.6	7.4	1.1	33.3	14.4	3.9	4.3	2.6
Men	26,375	100.0	6.6	23.7	2.6	6.1	1.8	32.2	14.8	4.7	4.7	2.7
Women	36,381	100.0	4.2	26.2	2.6	8.4	.5	34.1	14.2	3.3	4.0	2.6
Age												
Total, 16 years and over	62,757	100.0	5.2	25.1	2.6	7.4	1.1	33.3	14.4	3.9	4.3	2.6
16 to 24 years	8,469	100.0	3.9	28.7	3.9	9.9	1.3	26.1	15.0	3.7	3.9	3.7
16 to 19 years	4,334	100.0	3.7	33.2	3.0	7.0	1.0	28.3	13.7	3.3	3.3	3.5
20 to 24 years	4,135	100.0	4.0	24.0	4.8	12.9	1.5	23.9	16.4	4.1	4.6	3.9
25 years and over	54,288	100.0	5.4	24.6	2.4	7.0	1.0	34.4	14.4	3.9	4.4	2.5
25 to 34 years	9,291	100.0	4.5	29.7	2.5	8.6	1.8	27.6	14.1	3.1	5.1	3.0
35 to 44 years	11,783	100.0	3.8	39.3	2.1	5.7	.9	27.9	11.0	3.6	3.2	2.3
45 to 54 years	12,204	100.0	5.0	29.1	2.3	6.1	.8	33.7	13.1	3.8	3.8	2.3
55 to 64 years	10,331	100.0	6.5	14.8	3.4	7.6	1.1	39.9	15.7	5.0	3.7	2.3
65 years and over	10,679	100.0	7.4	8.1	2.0	7.6	.7	43.0	18.3	4.3	6.3	2.5
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity												
White	52,201	100.0	5.5	25.0	2.9	7.5	1.2	32.4	14.4	4.2	4.4	2.4
Black or African American	6,094	100.0	3.7	21.0	.7	6.2	.3	44.0	15.1	2.2	3.1	3.8
Asian	2,513	100.0	3.7	31.1	1.5	9.6	_	28.9	13.6	3.3	4.4	4.0
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	5,982	100.0	3.4	30.6	.9	5.9	1.1	39.2	10.8	1.9	3.7	2.5
Educational attainment ²												
Less than a high school diploma	2,100	100.0	3.4	21.3	1.8	3.3	1.1	49.6	11.8	2.1	4.1	1.5
High school graduates, no college ³	10,075	100.0	4.5	20.5	2.5	5.4	1.7	41.0	14.5	3.1	4.5	2.4
Some college or associate degree	15,494	100.0	5.1	23.7	2.4	7.6	1.3	35.7	14.1	3.7	4.2	2.2
Bachelor's degree and higher 4	26,619	100.0	6.1	26.8	2.5	7.6	.6	30.0	14.7	4.6	4.4	2.7
Marital status												
Single, never married	15,183	100.0	4.5	25.8	3.8	9.9	1.5	24.7	17.0	4.2	4.8	3.7
Married, spouse present	37,160	100.0	5.1	26.2	2.1	6.1	.9	37.2	12.6	3.7	3.9	2.2
Other marital status ⁵	10,414	100.0	6.5	20.1	2.8	8.5	.9	31.9	17.2	4.2	5.1	2.7
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁶												
Men:												
No own children under 18 years old	18,184	100.0	7.4	16.9	3.2	6.8	1.8	33.1	17.4	4.8	5.5	3.0
With own children under 18 years old Women:	8,191	100.0	4.7	38.6	1.3	4.6	1.6	30.4	9.0	4.5	3.1	2.2
No own children under 18 years old	23,567	100.0	5.2	15.4	3.3	10.2	.7	36.7	17.1	3.8	4.7	2.9
With own children under 18 years old	12,814	100.0	2.2	46.0	1.4	5.0	.3	29.3	8.9	2.3	2.7	1.9
Employment status												
Civilian labor force	42,780	100.0	5.3	26.9	2.9	7.7	1.3	31.0	14.1	4.2	4.1	2.6
Employed	40,497	100.0	5.3	26.7	2.9	7.8	1.3	31.1	14.0	4.2	4.1	2.6
Full time ⁷	31,557	100.0	5.5	26.8	2.8	7.8	1.5	30.2	14.3	4.1	4.1	2.7
Part time ⁸	8,940	100.0	4.6	26.3	3.0	7.6	.8	34.0	13.0	4.4	3.9	2.5
Unemployed	2,283	100.0	3.9	30.4	3.0	5.8	.9	29.8	14.9	5.4	4.1	2.0
Not in the labor force	19,977	100.0	5.1	21.3	2.2	6.9	.5	38.2	15.3	3.2	4.8	2.7

Main organization is defined as the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year. See the Technical Note for more details.
 Data refer to persons 25 years and over.
 Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

 Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
 Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
 NOTE: Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point from September 1, 2013, through the survey period in September 2014. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.
 Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
 Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

Table 5. Main volunteer activity for main organization for which activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2014

		Percent distribution of main volunteer activity for main organization ¹													
Characteristics in September 2014	Total volunteers (thousands)	Coach, referee, or super- vise sports teams	Tutor or teach	Mentor youth	Be an usher, greeter, or minister	Collect, pre- pare, distri- bute, or serve food	Collect, make, or distribute clothing, crafts, or goods other than food	Fundra- ise or sell items to raise money	Provide counsel- ing, medical care,fire/ EMS, or protective services	Provide general office services	Provide professional or management assistance, including serving on a board or committee	Engage in music, perform- ance, or other artistic activities	Engage in general labor; supply transpor- tation to people	Other	Equal time among all
Sex															
Total, both sexes	62,757 26,375 36,381	5.5 9.4 2.6	9.3 6.9 11.1	6.0 6.3 5.8	4.5 5.3 3.9	10.8 9.0 12.1	3.7 2.5 4.7	10.3 8.5 11.6	2.9 3.4 2.6	4.3 2.9 5.2	7.1 8.5 6.1	3.9 3.9 3.9	8.2 11.5 5.7	14.7 13.9 15.2	8.8 7.9 9.4
Age	30,301	2.0		3.0	3.3	12.1	7.7	11.0	2.0	5.2	0.1	3.3	5.7	13.2	3.4
Total 40 years and sure	00.757				4.5	40.0	0.7	40.0	0.0	4.0	7.4			44-7	0.0
Total, 16 years and over	62,757 8,469	5.5 5.4	9.3	6.0 8.4	4.5 2.6	10.8 9.7	3.7 3.3	10.3 9.5	2.9 2.7	4.3 3.3	7.1 1.8	3.9 5.5	8.2 12.5	14.7 15.8	8.8 9.2
16 to 19 years	4,334	5.3	10.3	7.7	2.6	10.5	2.9	9.4	1.6	2.2	1.1	6.4	13.4	16.4	10.2
20 to 24 years	4,135	5.5	10.3	9.1	2.7	8.9	3.7	9.6	3.8	4.5	2.4	4.5	11.6	15.2	8.2
25 years and over	54,288	5.5	9.2	5.7	4.8	11.0	3.8	10.4	3.0	4.4	7.9	3.7	7.5	14.5	8.7
25 to 34 years	9,291	5.9	9.9	7.5	3.6	9.3	3.8	10.9	3.8	3.8	4.7	3.3	8.4	16.7	8.4
35 to 44 years	11,783	10.2	11.9	7.4	2.9	8.8	3.6	10.8	2.4	3.7	6.9	3.1	6.6	12.9	8.9
45 to 54 years	12,204	6.5	8.7	6.4	4.4	12.1	3.3	11.1	2.5	4.4	8.7	2.9	7.2	13.1	8.8
55 to 64 years	10,331 10,679	2.9 1.2	8.3 6.8	4.8 2.3	6.0 7.2	11.8 12.8	3.2 5.2	10.0 9.3	3.5 2.9	4.5 5.8	9.7 9.4	4.9 4.3	8.1 7.4	13.9 16.5	8.4 9.0
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity															
White	52,201	5.7	9.4	5.9	4.3	10.4	3.7	11.0	2.9	4.2	7.6	3.8	8.3	14.4	8.3
Black or African American	6,094	4.3	8.1	7.5	7.1	12.9	4.4	6.5	3.3	4.8	3.8	4.8	6.5	14.0	12.1
Asian Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	2,513 5,982	3.0 6.5	10.2 10.8	5.0 6.0	2.9 7.7	11.5 11.5	4.9 3.4	6.7 8.4	3.3 2.5	4.3 3.1	6.6 3.5	3.6 3.6	8.1 8.2	20.0 16.1	9.7 8.7
Educational attainment ²															
Less than a high school diploma	2,100	3.2	6.9	4.3	9.1	17.4	5.2	7.3	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.7	13.9	15.8	8.6
High school graduates, no college ³	10,075	5.2	6.7	4.2	5.9	13.7	4.7	10.0	2.7	4.7	3.6	3.5	9.9	16.4	8.9
Some college or associate degree	15,494	5.3	8.6	5.6	5.2	11.8	4.1	11.4	2.7	4.5	5.0	4.0	7.6	14.5	9.9
Bachelor's degree and higher 4	26,619	5.9	10.6	6.4	3.8	9.0	3.2	10.3	3.4	4.5	11.8	3.6	6.0	13.6	8.0
Marital status															
Single, never married	15,183	5.1	9.0	6.8	3.3	10.3	3.6	10.0	3.5	4.0	3.8	4.5	11.0	16.3	8.9
Married, spouse present	37,160	6.1	10.0	6.1	4.8	10.6	3.6	10.5	2.6	4.1	8.7	3.8	7.3	13.3	8.5
Other marital status ⁵	10,414	3.8	7.3	4.6	5.1	12.4	4.6	10.1	3.2	5.4	6.3	3.5	7.2	17.0	9.5
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁶															
Men:															
No own children under 18 years old	18,184	5.1	6.8	5.5	5.8	10.1	2.5	8.3	3.8	3.6	8.6	4.2	12.7	15.3	7.8
With own children under 18 years old Women:	8,191	18.9	7.1	8.2	4.2	6.6	2.4	8.9	2.8	1.6	8.4	3.1	9.0	10.6	8.2
No own children under 18 years old With own children under 18 years old	23,567 12,814	1.8 4.2	9.3 14.3	4.9 7.7	4.9 2.1	12.8 10.9	5.0 4.0	11.0 12.7	3.0 1.8	5.5 4.6	6.3 5.8	4.6 2.7	6.2 4.8	15.7 14.4	9.1 10.0
Employment status															
Civilian labor force	42,780	7.0	9.3	6.6	4.1	9.9	3.1	11.0	3.1	3.7	7.9	3.9	7.9	13.7	8.7
Employed	40,497	7.0	9.5	6.6	4.1	9.8	3.0	11.1	3.2	3.6	8.1	3.8	7.9	13.6	8.7
Full time ⁷	31,557 8,940	7.9 3.7	8.7 12.4	6.9 5.8	4.1 4.0	9.6 10.7	3.0 3.2	11.5 10.0	3.4 2.5	3.3 4.8	8.4 7.2	3.5 4.8	8.1 7.1	13.3 14.6	8.5 9.4
Unemployed	2,283	6.7	6.3	6.8	5.3	10.7	5.4	8.9	2.0	4.6	4.3	6.0	8.9	15.6	8.5
Not in the labor force	19,977	2.2	9.3	4.8	5.3	12.9	5.0	8.8	2.5	5.5	5.4	3.9	8.6	16.7	9.1

Main organization is defined as the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year. See the Technical Note for more details.
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 Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
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Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.
Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
 Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

Table 6. Volunteers by how they became involved with main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2014

		Percent distribution of how volunteers became involved with main organization ¹									
	Total		Approached the organization				Not				
Characteristics in September 2014	volunteers (thousands)	Total		Total ²	Boss or employer	Relative, friend, or co-worker	Someone in the organization/ school	Someone else	Other	reporting how became involved	
Sex											
Total, both sexes	62,757	100.0	40.8	41.0	1.6	14.3	23.6	1.4	14.6	3.6	
Men	26,375	100.0	40.2	42.1	1.5	15.7	23.4	1.3	14.2	3.4	
Women	36,381	100.0	41.3	40.2	1.7	13.3	23.6	1.5	14.8	3.7	
Age											
Total, 16 years and over	62,757	100.0	40.8	41.0	1.6	14.3	23.6	1.4	14.6	3.6	
16 to 24 years	8,469	100.0	40.2	37.4	1.4	15.0	18.5	2.1	18.1	4.3	
16 to 19 years	4,334	100.0	39.0	38.9	.3	14.8	21.5	2.2	17.7	4.3	
20 to 24 years	4,135	100.0	41.5	35.7	2.7	15.3	15.4	2.1	18.4	4.3	
25 years and over	54,288	100.0	40.9	41.6	1.6	14.2	24.3	1.3	14.0	3.5	
25 to 34 years	9,291	100.0	40.8	41.4	2.6	15.6	22.2	1.0	13.8	4.0	
35 to 44 years	11,783	100.0	38.4	43.9	2.0	13.0	27.6	1.1	14.6	3.0	
45 to 54 years	12,204	100.0	40.1	42.2	1.6	13.9	25.4	1.2	14.0	3.7	
55 to 64 years	10,331 10,679	100.0	42.7 43.0	40.3 39.8	1.8 .4	14.5 14.2	22.5 23.2	1.4 1.8	13.6 13.9	3.4 3.3	
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity											
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White	52,201	100.0	41.0	41.2	1.6	14.5	23.7	1.2	14.4	3.4	
Black or African American	6,094	100.0	38.8	40.9	1.4	13.6	23.3	2.5	15.4	4.9	
Asian	2,513 5,982	100.0 100.0	40.7 43.6	38.2 39.0	2.2 1.5	11.9 12.6	22.5 23.4	1.5 1.4	15.2 13.7	5.8 3.7	
Educational attainment ³											
and then a high caheal dislama	2.400	100.0	44.4	40.0	_	45.4	24.2	4.2	40.0	2.5	
Less than a high school diploma	2,100	100.0	44.1	40.6		15.1	24.2	1.3	12.8	2.5	
High school graduates, no college 4	10,075	100.0	41.1 41.2	41.0 41.1	1.4	14.9	23.3	1.2 1.2	14.2 14.4	3.6	
Some college or associate degree	15,494 26,619	100.0	40.4	42.2	1.4 2.0	14.6 13.6	23.8 25.1	1.4	13.8	3.3 3.6	
Marital status											
Single, never married	15,183	100.0	40.2	38.0	1.8	15.3	19.0	1.7	17.1	4.7	
Married, spouse present	37,160	100.0	40.2	43.0	1.6	13.9	26.0	1.7	13.3	3.0	
Other marital status ⁶	10,414	100.0	42.4	38.5	1.3	14.2	21.3	1.6	15.1	4.0	
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁷											
Men:											
No own children under 18 years old	18,184	100.0	41.2	40.2	1.5	16.2	20.9	1.3	14.8	3.8	
With own children under 18 years old	8,191	100.0	37.9	46.5	1.6	14.6	29.0	1.2	13.0	2.7	
No own children under 18 years old	23,567	100.0	42.1	38.6	1.6	14.7	20.5	1.7	15.2	4.1	
With own children under 18 years old	12,814	100.0	39.7	43.2	1.7	10.7	29.4	1.2	14.1	3.0	
Employment status											
Civilian labor force	42,780	100.0	39.7	42.1	2.2	14.9	23.6	1.3	14.7	3.5	
Employed	40,497	100.0	39.6	42.3	2.3	14.8	23.7	1.2	14.6	3.5	
Full time ⁸	31,557	100.0	39.2	42.7	2.8	15.3	23.3	1.2	14.5	3.6	
Part time ⁹	8,940	100.0	40.7	40.8	.7	13.1	25.3	1.5	15.1	3.4	
Unemployed	2,283	100.0	42.0	39.0	.7	15.6	20.8	2.0	16.4	2.6	
Not in the labor force	19,977	100.0	43.2	38.8	.3	13.1	23.5	1.7	14.2	3.8	

¹ Main organization is defined as the organization for which the volunteer worked the most

hours during the year. See the Technical Note for more details.

² Includes persons who did not specify who asked them to volunteer, not shown separately.

3 Data
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Data refer to persons 25 years and over.
Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.
Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included

are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.
 Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

NOTE: Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point from September 1, 2013, through the survey period in September 2014. Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Dash represents or rounds to zero.