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VOLUNTEERING IN THE UNITED STATES — 2013

The **volunteer rate** declined by 1.1 percentage points to 25.4 percent for the year ending in September 2013, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. About 62.6 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2012 and September 2013. The volunteer rate in 2013 was the lowest it has been since the supplement was first administered in 2002.

These data on volunteering were collected through a supplement to the September 2013 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** (22.2 percent and 28.4 percent, respectively) declined the year ending in September 2013. 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 (30.6 percent). Volunteer rates were lowest among 20- to 24-year-olds (18.5 percent). For persons 45 years and over, the volunteer rate tapered off as age increased. Teens (16- to 19-year-olds) had a volunteer rate of 26.2 percent.

Among the **major race and ethnicity groups**, whites continued to volunteer at a higher rate (27.1 percent) than did blacks (18.5 percent), Asians (19.0 percent), and Hispanics (15.5 percent). Of these groups, the volunteer rate fell for whites (by 0.7 percentage point) and blacks (by 2.6 percentage points) in 2013. The volunteer rates for Asians and Hispanics were little changed.

Married persons volunteered at a higher rate (30.7 percent) in 2013 than did those who had never married (20.0 percent) and those with other marital statuses (20.5 percent). The rates declined over the year for each marital status category. In 2013, the volunteer rate of **parents** with children under age 18 (32.9 percent) remained higher than the rate for persons without children (22.7 percent). The volunteer rate of persons without children under age 18 declined over the year, while the rate for parents was little changed.

Table A. Volunteers by selected characteristics, September 2009 through September 2013
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	September 2009		September 2010		September 2011		September 2012		September 2013	
	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population
Sex										
Total, both sexes	63,361	26.8	62,790	26.3	64,252	26.8	64,513	26.5	62,615	25.4
Men	26,655	23.3	26,787	23.2	27,354	23.5	27,238	23.2	26,404	22.2
Women	36,706	30.1	36,004	29.3	36,898	29.9	37,274	29.5	36,211	28.4
Age										
Total, 16 years and over	63,361	26.8	62,790	26.3	64,252	26.8	64,513	26.5	62,615	25.4
16 to 24 years	8,290	22.0	8,297	21.9	8,578	22.5	8,776	22.6	8,466	21.8
25 to 34 years	9,511	23.5	9,140	22.3	9,691	23.3	9,513	23.2	9,118	21.9
35 to 44 years	12,835	31.5	12,904	32.2	12,566	31.8	12,527	31.6	12,098	30.6
45 to 54 years	13,703	30.8	13,435	30.3	13,420	30.6	12,777	29.3	12,184	28.2
55 to 64 years	9,894	28.3	9,830	27.2	10,449	28.1	10,619	27.6	10,191	26.0
65 years and over	9,129	23.9	9,184	23.6	9,547	24.0	10,301	24.4	10,558	24.1
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity										
White	54,078	28.3	53,556	27.8	54,432	28.2	53,778	27.8	52,685	27.1
Black or African American ..	5,712	20.2	5,580	19.4	5,934	20.3	6,316	21.1	5,637	18.5
Asian	2,060	19.0	2,207	19.6	2,304	20.0	2,524	19.6	2,525	19.0
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	4,873	14.7	4,982	14.7	5,151	14.9	5,635	15.2	5,838	15.5
Educational attainment ¹										
Less than a high school diploma	2,242	8.6	2,231	8.8	2,461	9.8	2,177	8.8	2,204	9.0
High school graduates, no college ²	11,408	18.8	10,887	17.9	11,049	18.2	10,527	17.3	10,138	16.7
Some college or associate degree	15,931	30.5	15,505	29.2	15,946	29.5	15,832	28.7	15,562	27.7
Bachelor's degree and higher ³	25,490	42.8	25,870	42.3	26,218	42.4	27,202	42.2	26,244	39.8
Employment status										
Civilian labor force	44,833	29.0	44,522	28.7	45,249	29.1	44,974	28.7	43,162	27.5
Employed	41,372	29.7	40,980	29.2	41,881	29.6	42,083	29.1	40,401	27.7
Full time ⁴	32,085	28.7	31,625	28.2	32,517	28.7	32,568	28.1	31,524	26.8
Part time ⁵	9,287	33.7	9,355	33.2	9,363	33.3	9,515	33.4	8,877	31.7
Unemployed	3,462	22.9	3,542	23.8	3,368	23.8	2,891	23.8	2,761	24.1
Not in the labor force	18,528	22.6	18,268	22.0	19,003	22.5	19,539	22.4	19,452	21.9

¹Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

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.

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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 identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point in the year ending in September. See the Technical Note for further information.

Individuals with higher levels of **education** engaged in volunteer activities at higher rates than did those with less education in 2013. Among persons age 25 and over, 39.8 percent of college graduates volunteered, compared with 27.7 percent of persons with some college or an associate's degree, 16.7 percent of high school graduates, and 9.0 percent of those with less than a high school diploma. The rate of volunteering was about unchanged for people with less than a high school diploma, while the rate declined for persons in all other educational attainment categories.

Volunteers by Employment Status

Among employed persons, 27.7 percent volunteered during the year ending in September 2013. By comparison, 24.1 percent of unemployed persons and 21.9 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 26.8 percent. The volunteer rate was little changed among unemployed persons but declined for the employed and those not in the labor force. (See table 1.)

Total Annual Hours Spent Volunteering

Volunteers spent a median of 50 hours on volunteer activities during the period from September 2012 to September 2013. 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 36 hours for those 25 to 34 years old to a high of 86 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—71.3 percent and 19.0 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 2013, the **main organization**—the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year—was most frequently religious (33.0 percent of all volunteers), followed by educational or youth service related (25.6 percent) and social or community service organizations (14.7 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, 42.9 percent did their service mainly through or for a religious organization, compared with 26.8 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, 47.5 percent volunteered mainly for religious organizations and 23.8 percent volunteered for educational or youth service organizations. Of volunteers with a bachelor's degree and higher, 29.6 percent volunteered mainly for religious organizations and 27.3 percent volunteered mainly for educational or youth service organizations.

Among volunteers with children under 18 years old, 44.5 percent of mothers and 38.3 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 other types of organizations, such as social or community service organizations and religious organizations.

Main Volunteer Activity for Main Organization

Collecting, preparing, distributing, or serving food (10.9 percent), fundraising (10.0 percent), and tutoring or teaching (9.8 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 (11.4 percent) or coach, referee, or supervise sports teams (9.9 percent). Female volunteers were most likely to collect, prepare, distribute, or serve food (12.5 percent), fundraise (11.5 percent), or tutor or teach (11.4 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 engage in general labor or be an usher, greeter, or minister than those with higher levels of education.

Parents were considerably more likely than those without children 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

About 40.8 percent of volunteers became involved with their main organization after being asked to volunteer, most often by someone in the organization. About 43.0 percent became involved on their own initiative—that is, they approached the organization. (See table 6.)

Technical Note

The data in this release were collected through a supplement to the September 2013 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.

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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, 2012, through the survey reference week in September 2013. The reference period for other characteristics—such as labor force status, educational attainment, and marital status—refer to the survey reference week in September 2013. 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 2013

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics in September 2013	Total, both sexes			Men			Women		
	Civilian noninstitutional population	Volunteers		Civilian noninstitutional population	Volunteers		Civilian noninstitutional population	Volunteers	
		Number	Percent of population		Number	Percent of population		Number	Percent of population
Age									
Total, 16 years and over	246,168	62,615	25.4	118,807	26,404	22.2	127,361	36,211	28.4
16 to 24 years	38,822	8,466	21.8	19,569	3,733	19.1	19,253	4,734	24.6
16 to 19 years	16,745	4,383	26.2	8,515	1,932	22.7	8,230	2,451	29.8
20 to 24 years	22,077	4,083	18.5	11,055	1,800	16.3	11,022	2,283	20.7
25 years and over	207,346	54,148	26.1	99,237	22,671	22.8	108,108	31,477	29.1
25 to 34 years	41,685	9,118	21.9	20,585	3,686	17.9	21,101	5,432	25.7
35 to 44 years	39,599	12,098	30.6	19,398	4,967	25.6	20,201	7,131	35.3
45 to 54 years	43,167	12,184	28.2	21,087	5,263	25.0	22,079	6,921	31.3
55 to 64 years	39,172	10,191	26.0	18,824	4,358	23.1	20,348	5,833	28.7
65 years and over	43,723	10,558	24.1	19,344	4,398	22.7	24,379	6,160	25.3
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity									
White	194,610	52,685	27.1	95,013	22,435	23.6	99,597	30,250	30.4
Black or African American	30,462	5,637	18.5	13,790	2,260	16.4	16,672	3,377	20.3
Asian	13,314	2,525	19.0	6,227	990	15.9	7,087	1,535	21.7
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	37,713	5,838	15.5	18,898	2,450	13.0	18,814	3,388	18.0
Educational attainment ¹									
Less than a high school diploma	24,461	2,204	9.0	12,105	941	7.8	12,356	1,264	10.2
High school graduates, no college ²	60,794	10,138	16.7	29,774	4,221	14.2	31,019	5,917	19.1
Some college or associate degree	56,233	15,562	27.7	25,595	5,987	23.4	30,639	9,575	31.3
Bachelor's degree and higher ³	65,857	26,244	39.8	31,763	11,522	36.3	34,094	14,722	43.2
Marital status									
Single, never married	74,351	14,851	20.0	39,108	6,417	16.4	35,243	8,434	23.9
Married, spouse present	122,725	37,719	30.7	61,794	16,907	27.4	60,931	20,812	34.2
Other marital status ⁴	49,092	10,045	20.5	17,904	3,080	17.2	31,187	6,965	22.3
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁵									
Without own children under 18	180,102	40,847	22.7	89,507	17,646	19.7	90,594	23,201	25.6
With own children under 18	66,066	21,767	32.9	29,299	8,758	29.9	36,767	13,009	35.4
Employment status									
Civilian labor force	157,196	43,162	27.5	83,338	20,008	24.0	73,859	23,154	31.3
Employed	145,740	40,401	27.7	77,067	18,775	24.4	68,673	21,626	31.5
Full time ⁶	117,704	31,524	26.8	66,905	16,172	24.2	50,799	15,351	30.2
Part time ⁷	28,036	8,877	31.7	10,162	2,603	25.6	17,874	6,275	35.1
Unemployed	11,456	2,761	24.1	6,271	1,233	19.7	5,186	1,528	29.5
Not in the labor force	88,972	19,452	21.9	35,469	6,396	18.0	53,502	13,057	24.4

¹ Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

² Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

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⁴ Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

⁵ Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children.

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Table 2. Volunteers by annual hours of volunteer activities and selected characteristics, September 2013

Characteristics in September 2013	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of total annual hours spent volunteering at all organizations							Median annual hours ¹
		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	
Sex									
Total, both sexes	62,615	100.0	21.3	25.2	15.1	27.3	5.8	5.3	50
Men	26,404	100.0	20.5	25.2	14.6	28.2	6.1	5.4	52
Women	36,211	100.0	21.9	25.1	15.5	26.7	5.6	5.2	50
Age									
Total, 16 years and over	62,615	100.0	21.3	25.2	15.1	27.3	5.8	5.3	50
16 to 24 years	8,466	100.0	23.0	27.6	15.7	22.6	4.1	7.0	40
16 to 19 years	4,383	100.0	22.6	30.5	16.2	21.0	3.6	6.2	40
20 to 24 years	4,083	100.0	23.4	24.6	15.1	24.3	4.7	7.9	42
25 years and over	54,148	100.0	21.0	24.8	15.0	28.1	6.1	5.0	52
25 to 34 years	9,118	100.0	27.6	26.9	13.4	21.6	5.0	5.5	36
35 to 44 years	12,098	100.0	23.6	26.6	15.7	25.5	3.6	4.9	45
45 to 54 years	12,184	100.0	20.8	25.9	15.5	28.3	5.0	4.6	52
55 to 64 years	10,191	100.0	19.7	23.8	15.3	29.2	7.2	4.6	52
65 years and over	10,558	100.0	14.1	20.4	14.8	35.2	9.8	5.7	86
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity									
White	52,685	100.0	21.1	25.5	15.3	27.5	5.5	5.1	50
Black or African American	5,637	100.0	21.2	22.2	14.4	27.2	8.1	6.9	52
Asian	2,525	100.0	26.2	23.5	14.9	23.4	5.2	6.8	42
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	5,838	100.0	22.7	23.4	15.2	26.1	6.9	5.7	52
Educational attainment ²									
Less than a high school diploma	2,204	100.0	23.6	21.8	13.2	25.2	8.8	7.4	50
High school graduates, no college ³	10,138	100.0	21.6	22.8	13.9	28.4	6.7	6.6	52
Some college or associate degree	15,562	100.0	22.3	24.0	14.6	28.4	6.1	4.6	51
Bachelor's degree and higher ⁴	26,244	100.0	19.8	26.2	15.9	28.0	5.6	4.5	52
Marital status									
Single, never married	14,851	100.0	24.1	27.2	14.4	23.3	4.5	6.5	40
Married, spouse present	37,719	100.0	20.2	24.5	15.8	28.9	5.9	4.7	52
Other marital status ⁵	10,045	100.0	21.2	24.5	13.7	27.5	7.4	5.7	52
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁶									
Men:									
No own children under 18 years old	17,646	100.0	20.4	25.1	13.8	27.6	7.2	5.9	52
With own children under 18 years old	8,758	100.0	20.6	25.4	16.3	29.3	4.0	4.4	52
Women:									
No own children under 18 years old	23,201	100.0	20.2	23.8	15.3	28.2	6.6	5.9	52
With own children under 18 years old	13,009	100.0	25.0	27.6	15.9	24.0	3.6	4.0	40
Employment status									
Civilian labor force	43,162	100.0	22.8	26.7	15.2	25.5	4.7	5.1	48
Employed	40,401	100.0	22.9	26.8	15.4	25.3	4.5	5.1	47
Full time ⁷	31,524	100.0	23.7	26.8	15.4	24.9	4.1	5.0	44
Part time ⁸	8,877	100.0	20.0	26.7	15.5	26.7	5.9	5.3	50
Unemployed	2,761	100.0	21.5	25.3	12.9	27.6	7.8	5.0	52
Not in the labor force	19,452	100.0	17.9	21.8	14.9	31.4	8.2	5.8	65

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Table 3. Volunteers by number of organizations for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2013

Characteristics in September 2013	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of the number of organizations for which volunteer activities were performed						
		Total	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more	Not reporting number of organizations
Sex								
Total, both sexes	62,615	100.0	71.3	19.0	6.6	1.8	1.2	0.1
Men	26,404	100.0	72.6	18.6	6.1	1.6	1.0	.1
Women	36,211	100.0	70.4	19.2	7.0	1.9	1.3	.1
Age								
Total, 16 years and over	62,615	100.0	71.3	19.0	6.6	1.8	1.2	.1
16 to 24 years	8,466	100.0	77.1	16.1	5.1	1.0	.7	.1
16 to 19 years	4,383	100.0	75.4	17.4	5.3	.9	1.0	–
20 to 24 years	4,083	100.0	78.9	14.8	4.8	1.0	.4	.1
25 years and over	54,148	100.0	70.4	19.4	6.9	1.9	1.2	.1
25 to 34 years	9,118	100.0	76.0	17.2	4.6	1.4	.7	.1
35 to 44 years	12,098	100.0	69.5	20.9	7.1	1.6	.7	.2
45 to 54 years	12,184	100.0	68.1	20.8	7.3	2.3	1.4	.1
55 to 64 years	10,191	100.0	70.4	18.4	7.6	1.8	1.6	.2
65 years and over	10,558	100.0	69.3	19.0	7.3	2.5	1.7	.2
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity								
White	52,685	100.0	70.3	19.5	7.1	1.9	1.2	.1
Black or African American	5,637	100.0	78.1	15.5	3.7	1.5	.9	.2
Asian	2,525	100.0	80.1	14.7	3.9	.7	.6	–
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	5,838	100.0	80.7	14.1	3.7	1.0	.4	–
Educational attainment ¹								
Less than a high school diploma	2,204	100.0	88.2	9.2	2.0	–	.6	–
High school graduates, no college ²	10,138	100.0	79.6	14.4	4.3	1.0	.5	.2
Some college or associate degree	15,562	100.0	73.5	17.9	5.9	1.4	1.1	.1
Bachelor's degree and higher ³	26,244	100.0	63.6	23.1	8.8	2.8	1.6	.1
Marital status								
Single, never married	14,851	100.0	75.7	16.8	5.2	1.3	.8	.2
Married, spouse present	37,719	100.0	69.3	20.1	7.2	2.0	1.3	.1
Other marital status ⁴	10,045	100.0	72.6	17.9	6.2	1.9	1.2	.2
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁵								
Men:								
No own children under 18 years old	17,646	100.0	73.3	18.0	5.9	1.7	1.0	.2
With own children under 18 years old	8,758	100.0	71.2	19.9	6.4	1.6	.8	.1
Women:								
No own children under 18 years old	23,201	100.0	71.3	18.4	7.0	1.8	1.3	.2
With own children under 18 years old	13,009	100.0	68.8	20.8	6.9	2.3	1.2	–
Employment status								
Civilian labor force	43,162	100.0	70.5	19.8	6.6	1.8	1.2	.1
Employed	40,401	100.0	70.2	19.9	6.7	1.9	1.1	.2
Full time ⁶	31,524	100.0	70.5	19.7	6.6	1.9	1.1	.2
Part time ⁷	8,877	100.0	69.1	20.6	6.9	2.0	1.4	.1
Unemployed	2,761	100.0	74.1	17.9	5.1	1.3	1.6	–
Not in the labor force	19,452	100.0	73.3	17.1	6.7	1.7	1.1	.1

¹ Data refer to persons 25 years and over.
² Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.
³ Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.
⁴ Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.
⁵ 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.

⁷ Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.
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Table 4. Volunteers by type of main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2013

Characteristics in September 2013	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of volunteers by type of main organization ¹										
		Total	Civic, political, professional, or international	Educational or youth service	Environmental or animal care	Hospital or other health	Public safety	Religious	Social or community service	Sport, hobby, cultural, or arts	Other	Not determined
Sex												
Total, both sexes	62,615	100.0	5.1	25.6	2.7	7.3	1.1	33.0	14.7	4.0	3.9	2.5
Men	26,404	100.0	6.4	24.2	2.5	5.8	2.0	32.0	15.3	4.8	4.4	2.5
Women	36,211	100.0	4.2	26.7	2.8	8.4	.5	33.8	14.3	3.4	3.6	2.4
Age												
Total, 16 years and over	62,615	100.0	5.1	25.6	2.7	7.3	1.1	33.0	14.7	4.0	3.9	2.5
16 to 24 years	8,466	100.0	4.2	30.1	3.3	8.2	1.7	26.8	14.5	4.0	3.9	3.4
16 to 19 years	4,383	100.0	3.1	35.9	3.6	6.1	.7	29.1	12.5	3.9	2.4	2.6
20 to 24 years	4,083	100.0	5.4	23.8	2.9	10.5	2.7	24.3	16.6	4.1	5.5	4.2
25 years and over	54,148	100.0	5.3	24.9	2.6	7.1	1.0	34.0	14.7	4.0	4.0	2.3
25 to 34 years	9,118	100.0	4.1	29.1	3.1	7.6	1.1	30.5	13.6	4.0	4.1	2.8
35 to 44 years	12,098	100.0	3.8	40.6	2.0	6.0	1.3	26.4	11.3	3.7	2.6	2.2
45 to 54 years	12,184	100.0	5.2	29.0	3.0	6.1	.7	32.3	14.1	3.6	3.9	2.0
55 to 64 years	10,191	100.0	6.4	14.5	2.6	8.0	1.1	39.2	16.5	4.7	4.6	2.4
65 years and over	10,558	100.0	6.9	8.8	2.2	8.3	1.0	42.9	18.5	4.2	4.8	2.4
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity												
White	52,685	100.0	5.3	25.3	3.0	7.3	1.2	32.2	15.0	4.2	4.2	2.4
Black or African American	5,637	100.0	4.5	25.8	.5	5.0	.6	44.6	12.2	1.7	2.3	2.8
Asian	2,525	100.0	3.8	30.9	1.5	11.2	.4	30.1	12.0	3.7	3.3	3.2
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	5,838	100.0	2.8	31.4	1.2	5.0	.8	38.8	11.2	3.2	3.2	2.4
Educational attainment ²												
Less than a high school diploma	2,204	100.0	3.1	23.8	1.1	5.7	1.3	47.5	10.6	2.0	2.7	2.1
High school graduates, no college ³	10,138	100.0	4.8	20.3	2.2	6.1	1.5	41.4	14.7	3.3	3.3	2.4
Some college or associate degree	15,562	100.0	5.0	24.2	2.6	7.3	1.3	34.8	15.3	3.3	4.1	2.1
Bachelor's degree and higher ⁴	26,244	100.0	5.8	27.3	2.9	7.5	.7	29.6	14.7	4.9	4.2	2.5
Marital status												
Single, never married	14,851	100.0	5.0	27.3	3.7	8.5	1.1	26.4	15.7	4.6	4.6	3.1
Married, spouse present	37,719	100.0	5.0	26.9	2.2	6.2	1.1	36.0	13.3	3.7	3.4	2.1
Other marital status ⁵	10,045	100.0	5.6	18.6	3.1	9.4	1.1	31.7	18.4	4.1	5.1	3.0
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁶												
Men:												
No own children under 18 years old	17,646	100.0	7.4	17.3	3.1	6.5	2.1	32.9	17.9	4.9	5.3	2.7
With own children under 18 years old	8,758	100.0	4.4	38.3	1.2	4.4	1.9	30.3	10.0	4.8	2.6	2.2
Women:												
No own children under 18 years old	23,201	100.0	5.1	16.6	3.4	9.8	.6	36.7	17.0	3.8	4.2	2.9
With own children under 18 years old	13,009	100.0	2.7	44.5	1.9	5.8	.3	28.6	9.5	2.6	2.4	1.7
Employment status												
Civilian labor force	43,162	100.0	5.4	28.0	2.8	7.3	1.2	30.6	14.1	4.2	3.8	2.6
Employed	40,401	100.0	5.4	28.0	2.9	7.4	1.2	30.7	14.0	4.2	3.8	2.6
Full time ⁷	31,524	100.0	5.6	28.0	2.7	7.8	1.4	30.2	13.8	4.3	3.6	2.6
Part time ⁸	8,877	100.0	4.5	28.1	3.4	6.3	.5	32.3	14.6	3.9	4.1	2.4
Unemployed	2,761	100.0	5.7	27.6	2.7	5.8	2.2	29.3	16.0	3.9	4.4	2.4
Not in the labor force	19,452	100.0	4.5	20.5	2.3	7.1	.9	38.5	16.0	3.6	4.3	2.3

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 Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

³ Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

⁴ Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

⁵ Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

⁶ Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

⁷ Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

⁸ Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

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Table 5. Main volunteer activity for main organization for which activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2013

Characteristics in September 2013	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of main volunteer activity for main organization ¹													
		Coach, referee, or supervise sports teams	Tutor or teach	Mentor youth	Be an usher, greeter, or minister	Collect, prepare, distribute, or serve food	Collect, make, or distribute clothing, crafts, or goods other than food	Fundraise or sell items to raise money	Provide counseling, 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, performance, or other artistic activities	Engage in general labor; supply transportation to people	Other	Equal time among all
Sex															
Total, both sexes	62,615	5.7	9.8	6.7	4.4	10.9	3.7	10.0	2.9	4.4	6.9	3.8	8.2	14.9	7.8
Men	26,404	9.9	7.5	6.8	5.3	8.8	2.2	8.0	3.3	3.0	8.4	3.8	11.4	14.4	7.3
Women	36,211	2.6	11.4	6.6	3.8	12.5	4.7	11.5	2.6	5.5	5.8	3.8	5.8	15.2	8.1
Age															
Total, 16 years and over	62,615	5.7	9.8	6.7	4.4	10.9	3.7	10.0	2.9	4.4	6.9	3.8	8.2	14.9	7.8
16 to 24 years	8,466	5.6	9.9	9.2	2.5	8.6	3.2	10.6	3.2	3.9	1.3	5.5	10.8	17.8	7.9
16 to 19 years	4,383	5.2	11.1	9.2	2.5	9.1	3.1	9.2	1.5	3.3	1.0	6.9	12.0	17.9	8.0
20 to 24 years	4,083	6.0	8.7	9.1	2.6	8.1	3.3	12.1	5.0	4.6	1.5	4.0	9.6	17.7	7.7
25 years and over	54,148	5.7	9.8	6.3	4.7	11.3	3.7	9.9	2.9	4.5	7.8	3.5	7.7	14.4	7.8
25 to 34 years	9,118	7.7	11.2	9.0	3.3	8.9	3.1	10.7	3.0	3.7	4.7	3.5	8.9	16.0	6.4
35 to 44 years	12,098	10.0	11.8	8.4	3.4	9.4	2.9	11.4	3.0	3.6	6.1	2.5	6.7	13.3	7.4
45 to 54 years	12,184	6.3	10.2	7.0	4.3	10.8	3.6	10.2	2.5	4.0	8.2	3.2	8.3	13.1	8.4
55 to 64 years	10,191	2.8	8.2	4.5	6.1	12.4	3.6	9.7	3.3	4.4	9.5	4.6	8.1	14.4	8.3
65 years and over	10,558	1.1	7.1	2.4	6.5	15.0	5.5	7.5	2.5	7.0	10.2	4.0	6.9	15.9	8.2
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity															
White	52,685	5.7	9.9	6.4	4.1	10.7	3.6	10.5	2.9	4.5	7.4	3.6	8.3	14.9	7.6
Black or African American	5,637	6.1	9.0	10.1	7.5	12.5	4.3	6.2	3.0	4.1	3.7	4.7	6.5	13.0	9.5
Asian	2,525	3.3	11.5	6.1	5.7	13.2	3.2	8.2	3.2	4.2	4.5	4.2	8.6	17.2	7.1
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	5,838	6.3	12.7	5.6	5.9	9.9	3.2	7.9	2.4	4.1	2.8	4.8	9.7	17.0	7.9
Educational attainment ²															
Less than a high school diploma	2,204	5.9	8.8	3.7	8.5	15.4	4.7	8.2	2.1	2.4	1.5	3.0	11.1	15.8	8.8
High school graduates, no college ³	10,138	6.0	7.7	4.0	5.9	15.6	5.1	9.2	2.3	4.3	3.5	4.0	10.0	15.2	7.2
Some college or associate degree	15,562	5.2	8.4	6.2	5.1	12.4	4.0	10.4	2.7	5.3	5.4	3.4	8.5	14.9	8.2
Bachelor's degree and higher ⁴	26,244	5.9	11.4	7.5	3.7	8.6	3.0	10.1	3.2	4.3	11.4	3.4	6.1	13.7	7.6
Marital status															
Single, never married	14,851	5.3	8.9	8.6	3.3	9.6	3.5	10.1	3.2	4.1	3.6	4.7	9.9	17.8	7.6
Married, spouse present	37,719	6.3	10.7	6.7	4.9	10.7	3.3	10.0	2.6	4.3	8.5	3.4	7.4	13.3	7.9
Other marital status ⁵	10,045	3.7	7.5	3.8	4.2	13.7	5.4	10.2	3.7	5.6	5.9	3.9	8.4	16.4	7.9
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁶															
Men:															
No own children under 18 years old	17,646	5.5	6.7	6.1	5.8	9.7	2.4	8.3	3.3	3.2	8.8	4.2	12.6	15.8	7.8
With own children under 18 years old	8,758	18.8	9.1	8.3	4.2	7.1	1.7	7.5	3.3	2.4	7.5	3.1	8.9	11.6	6.4
Women:															
No own children under 18 years old	23,201	1.8	9.4	5.3	4.4	12.9	5.1	10.5	2.9	5.9	6.3	4.3	6.4	16.4	8.3
With own children under 18 years old	13,009	4.2	15.0	8.9	2.6	11.6	4.0	13.3	2.1	4.9	5.0	2.9	4.7	13.1	7.8
Employment status															
Civilian labor force	43,162	7.2	9.8	7.4	4.0	10.1	3.0	10.7	3.1	3.6	7.4	3.7	8.2	14.2	7.5
Employed	40,401	7.4	9.8	7.4	4.1	9.9	3.0	11.0	3.1	3.6	7.6	3.6	8.1	13.9	7.5
Full time ⁷	31,524	8.4	9.4	7.3	4.1	9.5	2.8	11.3	3.4	3.4	8.2	3.6	8.0	13.2	7.3
Part time ⁸	8,877	3.6	11.2	7.6	4.1	11.2	3.7	9.8	2.2	4.2	5.8	3.8	8.4	16.3	8.1
Unemployed	2,761	5.2	9.1	7.9	2.7	12.4	3.5	7.1	2.7	4.4	4.0	4.7	9.7	18.6	8.0
Not in the labor force	19,452	2.3	9.8	5.0	5.3	12.8	5.1	8.4	2.5	6.3	5.8	4.1	8.0	16.3	8.4

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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³ Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

⁴ Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

⁵ Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

⁶ Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

⁷ Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

⁸ Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

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Table 6. Volunteers by how they became involved with main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2013

Characteristics in September 2013	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of how volunteers became involved with main organization ¹								
		Total	Approached the organization	Was asked by:					Other	Not reporting how became involved
				Total ²	Boss or employer	Relative, friend, or co-worker	Someone in the organization/school	Someone else		
Sex										
Total, both sexes	62,615	100.0	43.0	40.8	1.5	14.7	23.0	1.4	12.8	3.4
Men	26,404	100.0	41.8	42.4	1.6	16.4	22.8	1.4	12.3	3.5
Women	36,211	100.0	44.0	39.6	1.5	13.5	23.1	1.3	13.2	3.3
Age										
Total, 16 years and over	62,615	100.0	43.0	40.8	1.5	14.7	23.0	1.4	12.8	3.4
16 to 24 years	8,466	100.0	43.1	38.1	1.2	15.7	19.9	1.3	14.5	4.3
16 to 19 years	4,383	100.0	45.0	37.6	.8	13.5	21.9	1.4	13.9	3.4
20 to 24 years	4,083	100.0	41.1	38.6	1.7	18.2	17.6	1.1	15.1	5.2
25 years and over	54,148	100.0	43.0	41.2	1.6	14.6	23.5	1.4	12.6	3.2
25 to 34 years	9,118	100.0	41.7	42.1	2.3	15.8	22.6	1.2	12.5	3.7
35 to 44 years	12,098	100.0	41.6	43.6	1.8	14.0	26.1	1.5	11.6	3.2
45 to 54 years	12,184	100.0	42.6	42.1	1.6	14.5	24.6	1.2	12.1	3.2
55 to 64 years	10,191	100.0	43.8	39.1	1.6	14.5	21.2	1.6	14.1	3.0
65 years and over	10,558	100.0	45.6	38.6	.7	14.4	21.9	1.3	12.8	3.0
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity										
White	52,685	100.0	43.1	40.8	1.5	14.8	22.9	1.4	12.9	3.2
Black or African American	5,637	100.0	43.0	40.5	.9	14.1	23.7	1.3	12.3	4.2
Asian	2,525	100.0	46.2	37.6	2.4	11.8	22.7	.6	11.3	4.9
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	5,838	100.0	45.4	37.5	1.2	12.0	22.7	1.5	13.9	3.1
Educational attainment ³										
Less than a high school diploma	2,204	100.0	45.3	38.9	.3	12.9	23.9	1.5	12.0	3.8
High school graduates, no college ⁴	10,138	100.0	42.9	39.6	1.2	15.2	21.6	1.3	13.7	3.8
Some college or associate degree	15,562	100.0	43.3	40.7	1.2	14.5	23.4	1.5	13.3	2.8
Bachelor's degree and higher ⁵	26,244	100.0	42.8	42.3	2.1	14.5	24.1	1.3	11.7	3.2
Marital status										
Single, never married	14,851	100.0	43.4	39.0	1.5	16.6	19.5	1.3	13.4	4.3
Married, spouse present	37,719	100.0	42.9	41.7	1.5	14.0	24.7	1.3	12.5	2.9
Other marital status ⁶	10,045	100.0	42.9	39.9	1.8	14.6	21.6	1.7	13.3	3.8
Presence of own children under 18 years ⁷										
Men:										
No own children under 18 years old	17,646	100.0	41.7	41.3	1.7	17.1	20.9	1.4	13.1	3.8
With own children under 18 years old	8,758	100.0	41.8	44.6	1.5	14.9	26.7	1.3	10.7	2.9
Women:										
No own children under 18 years old	23,201	100.0	45.5	37.2	1.5	14.6	19.5	1.4	13.7	3.6
With own children under 18 years old	13,009	100.0	41.3	43.9	1.5	11.6	29.5	1.1	12.3	2.6
Employment status										
Civilian labor force	43,162	100.0	41.7	42.3	2.1	15.4	23.3	1.4	12.6	3.4
Employed	40,401	100.0	41.5	42.6	2.1	15.4	23.6	1.4	12.4	3.4
Full time ⁸	31,524	100.0	40.7	43.2	2.6	15.8	23.4	1.3	12.6	3.5
Part time ⁹	8,877	100.0	44.4	40.6	.6	14.0	24.1	1.7	11.8	3.1
Unemployed	2,761	100.0	43.8	37.8	1.0	15.6	19.4	1.7	14.8	3.6
Not in the labor force	19,452	100.0	46.1	37.4	.4	13.3	22.2	1.3	13.4	3.1

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 refer to persons 25 years and over.

⁴ Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

⁵ Includes persons with bachelor's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

⁶ Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

⁷ Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children. Not included

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

⁸ Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

⁹ 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, 2012, through the survey period in September 2013. 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.