

Table 568. Volunteers by Selected Characteristics and Type of Main Organization: 2006

[In percent, except as noted. Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point from September 1, 2005, through September 2006. Data represent the percent of the population involved in the activity]

Total and type of main organization ¹	Total, both sexes	Sex		Age						Race and Hispanic or Latino origin				Educational attainment ⁴				Employment status			
		Men	Women	16 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	White ²	Black ²	Asian ²	Hispanic or Latino ³	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduate, no college ⁵	Less than a bachelor's degree ⁶	College graduates	Civilian labor force			Not in labor force
																		Total	Employed	Unemployed	
Total volunteers (1,000) . . .	61,199	25,546	35,653	8,044	9,096	13,308	13,415	8,819	8,518	52,850	5,211	1,881	4,212	2,615	11,537	15,196	23,808	43,579	41,861	1,718	17,621
Percent of population . . .	26.7	23.0	30.1	21.7	23.1	31.2	31.2	27.9	23.8	28.3	19.2	18.5	13.9	9.3	19.2	30.9	43.3	28.5	28.7	23.8	23.1
Median annual hours ⁷ . . .	52	52	50	40	36	48	52	63	104	52	52	30	42	50	52	52	55	48	48	48	70
Civic and political ⁸	6.1	7.9	4.9	4.5	5.8	4.2	6.7	7.8	8.5	6.3	4.6	5.1	3.1	4.0	6.0	6.0	7.1	6.3	6.3	5.2	5.8
Educational or youth service	26.4	23.9	28.2	31.7	34.3	39.0	26.3	13.0	7.4	26.4	26.1	25.6	35.6	21.2	23.2	26.7	26.6	28.1	27.8	33.4	22.3
Environmental or animal care	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.7	1.0	1.9	2.1	1.4	1.8	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.0	1.4	2.1	1.7	1.7	2.7	1.4
Hospital or other health . . .	8.1	6.1	9.6	8.0	8.8	6.1	7.5	10.4	9.4	8.4	5.2	9.8	5.5	6.0	8.2	8.6	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.7	8.0
Public safety	1.3	2.3	0.6	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.2	0.7	1.9	2.2	1.6	0.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.8
Religious	35.0	34.9	35.1	30.1	28.4	31.4	35.9	41.2	44.7	34.2	43.3	39.8	35.1	43.1	39.8	35.4	33.2	33.3	33.6	27.7	39.2
Social or community service	12.7	13.5	12.1	13.3	11.6	9.9	12.3	13.9	16.9	12.8	11.9	9.8	10.4	14.4	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.2	12.2	14.1	13.8
Sport and hobby ⁹	3.7	4.6	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.7	4.7	4.5	3.9	1.8	3.1	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.5
Other	3.4	3.6	3.4	4.2	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.7	4.6	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.5	4.4	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.7
Not determined	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.9	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.5

¹ Main organization is defined as the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year. See headnote for more details. ² Persons who selected this race group only; persons who selected more than one race group are not included. ³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. ⁴ Data refer to persons 25 years and over. ⁵ Includes high school diploma or equivalent. ⁶ Includes the categories, some college, no degree; and associate's degree. ⁷ For those reporting annual hours. ⁸ Includes professional and/or international. ⁹ Includes cultural and/or arts.