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## **VOLUNTEERING IN THE UNITED STATES, 2003**

Both the number of volunteers and the volunteer rate rose over the year ended in September 2003, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. About 63.8 million people did volunteer work at some point from September 2002 to September 2003, up from 59.8 million for the similar period ended in September 2002. The volunteer rate grew to 28.8 percent, up from 27.4 percent.

These data on volunteering were collected through a supplement to the September 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS). Volunteers are defined as persons who did unpaid work (except for expenses) through or for an organization. The CPS is a monthly survey of about 60,000 households that obtains information on employment and unemployment among the nation's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over. For more information about the volunteer supplement, see the Technical Note.

### Changes in Volunteer Rates

About 25.1 percent of men and 32.2 percent of women did volunteer work in the year ended in September 2003, increases of 1.5 and 1.2 percentage points from 2002, respectively. For teenagers, the volunteer rate jumped by 2.6 percentage points to 29.5 percent. In contrast, the volunteer rate for the group most likely to volunteer, 35- to 44-year olds, was little changed at 34.7 percent. (See tables A and 1.)

The volunteer rate for whites rose from 29.2 percent for the year ended in September 2002 to 30.6 percent for the year ended in September 2003, while the rates for blacks and Hispanics were little changed. About 18.7 percent of Asians performed some sort of volunteer work through or for an organization over the year ended in September 2003. (Data for Asians were not tabulated in 2002.)

Among persons 25 years of age and over, the volunteer rates for those with at least some college education or a bachelor's degree or better rose over the year, while the rates for those whose education had not gone beyond high school graduation remained about the same.

### Volunteering Among Demographic Groups

Almost 64 million persons, or 28.8 percent of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over, volunteered through or for organizations at some point from September 2002 to September 2003. Women volunteered at a higher rate than did men, a relationship that held across age groups, education levels, and other major characteristics. (See table 1.)

By age, 35- to 44-year olds were the most likely to volunteer, closely followed by 45- to 54-year olds. Their volunteer rates were 34.7 percent and 32.7 percent, respectively. Teenagers also had a relatively high

**Table A. Volunteers by selected characteristics, September 2002 and 2003**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	September 2002 <sup>r</sup>			September 2003		
	Number	Percent of population	Median annual hours	Number	Percent of population	Median annual hours
<b>Sex</b>						
Total, both sexes.....	59,783	27.4	52	63,791	28.8	52
Men.....	24,706	23.6	52	26,805	25.1	52
Women.....	35,076	31.0	50	36,987	32.2	52
<b>Age</b>						
Total, 16 years and over.....	59,783	27.4	52	63,791	28.8	52
16 to 24 years.....	7,742	21.9	40	8,671	24.1	40
25 to 34 years.....	9,574	24.8	33	10,337	26.5	36
35 to 44 years.....	14,971	34.1	52	15,165	34.7	50
45 to 54 years.....	12,477	31.3	52	13,302	32.7	52
55 to 64 years.....	7,331	27.5	60	8,170	29.2	60
65 years and over.....	7,687	22.7	96	8,146	23.7	88
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>						
White <sup>1</sup> .....	52,591	29.2	52	55,572	30.6	52
Black or African American <sup>1</sup> .....	4,896	19.1	52	5,145	20.0	52
Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	1,735	18.7	40
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.....	4,059	15.5	40	4,364	15.7	40
<b>Educational attainment<sup>3</sup></b>						
Less than a high school diploma.....	2,806	10.1	48	2,793	9.9	48
High school graduate, no college <sup>4</sup> .....	12,542	21.2	49	12,882	21.7	48
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>5</sup> .....	15,066	32.8	52	15,966	34.1	52
College graduates.....	21,627	43.3	60	23,481	45.6	60
<b>Employment status</b>						
Civilian labor force.....	42,773	29.3	48	45,499	30.9	48
Employed.....	40,742	29.5	48	43,138	31.2	48
Full time <sup>6</sup> .....	32,210	28.3	46	33,599	29.6	48
Part time <sup>7</sup> .....	8,532	35.4	52	9,539	38.4	52
Unemployed.....	2,031	25.1	50	2,361	26.7	48
Not in the labor force.....	17,010	23.7	72	18,293	24.6	66

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2003, persons who selected this race group only; persons who selected more than one race group are not included. Prior to 2003, persons who reported more than one race group were included in the group they identified as the main race.

<sup>2</sup> Data for Asians were not tabulated in 2002.

<sup>3</sup> Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

<sup>4</sup> Includes high school diploma or equivalent.

<sup>5</sup> Includes the categories, some college, no degree; and associate degree.

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<sup>7</sup> Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

r = revised. Estimates for 2002 have been revised to reflect the use of Census 2000-based population controls. See the Technical Note for additional information.

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. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race.

volunteer rate, 29.5 percent, perhaps reflecting an emphasis on volunteer activities in schools. Volunteer rates were lowest among persons age 65 years and over (23.7 percent) and among those in their early twenties (19.7 percent). Within the 65 years and over group, volunteer rates decreased as age increased.

Parents with children under age 18 were more likely to volunteer than persons with no children of that age, with volunteer rates of 37.5 percent and 25.0 percent, respectively. Volunteer rates were higher among married persons (34.0 percent) than among never-married persons (22.8 percent) and persons of other marital statuses (22.5 percent).

Whites volunteered at a higher rate (30.6 percent) than did blacks (20.0 percent) and Asians (18.7 percent). Among individuals of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 15.7 percent volunteered.

Overall, 31.2 percent of all employed persons had volunteered during the year ended in September 2003. By comparison, the volunteer rates of persons who were unemployed (26.7 percent) or not in the labor force (24.6 percent) were lower. Among the employed, part-time workers were more likely than full-time workers to have participated in volunteer activities—38.4 percent and 29.6 percent, respectively.

#### Total Annual Hours Spent Volunteering

Volunteers spent a median of 52 hours on volunteer activities during the period from September 2002 to September 2003, unchanged from the previous survey period. The median number of hours men and women spent volunteering was the same (52 hours). (See table 2.)

Among the age groups, volunteers age 65 and over devoted the most time—a median of 88 hours—to volunteer activities. Those age 25 to 34 years spent the least time, volunteering a median of 36 hours during the year.

#### Number and Type of Organizations

Most volunteers were involved with one or two organizations—69.2 percent and 19.2 percent, respectively. Individuals with higher educational attainment were more likely to volunteer for multiple organizations than were individuals with less education. (See table 3.)

The main organization—the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year—was either religious (34.6 percent of all volunteers) or educational/youth-service related (27.4 percent). Another 11.8 percent of volunteers performed activities mainly for social or community service organizations, and 8.2 percent volunteered the most hours for hospitals or other health organizations. This distribution is largely the same as in the prior year. (See table 4.)

Older volunteers were more likely to work mainly for religious organizations than were their younger counterparts. For example, 46.5 percent of volunteers age 65 and over performed volunteer activities mainly through or for a religious organization, compared with 29.1 percent of volunteers age 16 to 24 years. Younger individuals were more likely to volunteer for educational or youth service organizations.

Among volunteers with children under 18 years, 47.2 percent of mothers and 36.1 percent of fathers volunteered mainly for an educational/youth-service related organization, such as a school or little league. Parents were more than twice as likely to volunteer for such organizations as persons with no children of that age. Conversely, volunteers with no children under 18 were about twice as likely as parents to volunteer for some other types of organizations, such as social or community service organizations.

### Volunteer Activities for Main Organization

The activities of volunteers varied. Among the more commonly reported (volunteers could report more than one activity) were fundraising or selling items to raise money (28.8 percent); coaching, refereeing, tutoring, or teaching (28.6 percent); collecting, preparing, distributing, or serving food (24.9 percent); providing information, which would include being an usher, greeter, or minister (22.0 percent); and engaging in general labor (21.8 percent). (See table 5.)

Some demographic groups were more likely to engage in certain activities than were others. For example, parents of children under 18 were much more likely to coach, referee, tutor, or teach than were persons with no children of that age. College graduates were more than four times as likely as those with less than a high school diploma to provide professional or management assistance.

The volunteer activity categories were redesigned for 2003 to be more consistent conceptually and to provide better information about the types of volunteer activities performed. The redesign eliminated a "catch-all" category used in 2002 that received over two-fifths of all responses to the question on the type of volunteer activities performed. As a result of the redesign, the 2003 data on volunteer activities performed are not comparable with the data for 2002.

### How Volunteers Became Involved with Main Organization

Two in five volunteers became involved with the main organization for which they did volunteer work on their own initiative; that is, they approached the organization. Almost 44 percent were asked to become a volunteer, most often by someone in the organization. (See table 6.)

### Reasons for Not Volunteering

Among those who had volunteered at some point in the past, the most common reason given for not volunteering in the year ended September 2003 was lack of time (44.7 percent), followed by health or medical problems (14.7 percent) and family responsibilities or childcare problems (9.5 percent). Lack of time was the most common reason for all groups except those age 65 and over and for those with less than a high school diploma, or who were not in the labor force—both of which contained a relatively high proportion of older persons. For each of these three groups, health or medical problems was the primary reason for not volunteering.

#### **Changes in Volunteer Estimates**

Estimates shown in this release for the years ended September 2002 and September 2003 are based on Census 2000 population controls. For this reason, the estimates for the year ended September 2002 appearing in this release may differ from those published earlier, which were based on population controls derived from the 1990 census. For further information on these changes, see the Technical Note.

# Technical Note

The data in this release were collected through a supplement to the September 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS—a monthly survey of about 60,000 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.

The 2002 data in this release have been revised to reflect Census 2000-based population controls and thus may differ from previously published estimates which were based on population controls that were derived from the 1990 census. Sample results from the CPS are weighted up to independent estimates of the population by sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino/non-Hispanic ethnicity. The weights, or population controls, are developed using counts of the civilian noninstitutional population derived from the decennial census and are updated using information from administrative records.

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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 exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, 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.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and for information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of *Employment and Earnings*.

## Volunteer questions and concepts

In the September 2003 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.) 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 three-quarters of the 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.

Respondents thus 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, and the type of activities they performed for the main organization.

In a redesigned question, non-volunteers were asked if they had ever volunteered. If they responded "yes," they were asked for the reason that they had not volunteered during the previous year.

The volunteer activity categories also were redesigned for 2003 to be more consistent conceptually and to provide better information about the types of volunteer activities performed. This redesign eliminated a "catch-all" category used in 2002 that received over two-fifths of all responses to the question on the type of volunteer activities performed.

The reference period for the questions on volunteering was about 1 year, from September 1, 2002, through the survey week in September 2003. The reference period for other characteristics, such as labor force status, educational attainment, and marital status, refer to the survey reference week in September 2003. It is possible that these characteristics were different at the time volunteer activities were performed.

## Definitions

*Volunteers* are persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities at any point from September 1, 2002, through the

survey period in September 2003. 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 teaches acting to children through a local theater would be considered a volunteer. A woman who, on her own, organizes 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 classified into eight major categories, including religious, youth, and social or community service organizations. (See table 4.)

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 had to provide 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 type of 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.

**Table 1. Volunteers by selected characteristics, September 2003**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics in September 2003	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
<b>Age</b>									
Total, 16 years and over .....	221,779	63,791	28.8	106,744	26,805	25.1	115,035	36,987	32.2
16 to 24 years .....	35,979	8,671	24.1	18,079	3,782	20.9	17,900	4,888	27.3
16 to 19 years .....	16,131	4,758	29.5	8,176	2,098	25.7	7,955	2,661	33.4
20 to 24 years .....	19,848	3,912	19.7	9,903	1,685	17.0	9,945	2,228	22.4
25 years and over .....	185,800	55,121	29.7	88,665	23,022	26.0	97,135	32,098	33.0
25 to 34 years .....	39,072	10,337	26.5	19,375	3,976	20.5	19,697	6,360	32.3
35 to 44 years .....	43,691	15,165	34.7	21,440	6,308	29.4	22,251	8,857	39.8
45 to 54 years .....	40,692	13,302	32.7	19,863	5,829	29.3	20,828	7,474	35.9
55 to 64 years .....	28,003	8,170	29.2	13,437	3,569	26.6	14,566	4,602	31.6
65 years and over .....	34,342	8,146	23.7	14,550	3,341	23.0	19,792	4,806	24.3
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>									
White .....	181,696	55,572	30.6	88,462	23,507	26.6	93,234	32,065	34.4
Black or African American .....	25,784	5,145	20.0	11,501	1,975	17.2	14,283	3,170	22.2
Asian .....	9,278	1,735	18.7	4,362	774	17.7	4,916	961	19.5
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity .....	27,808	4,364	15.7	14,233	1,702	12.0	13,575	2,662	19.6
<b>Educational attainment<sup>1</sup></b>									
Less than a high school diploma .....	28,243	2,793	9.9	13,659	1,141	8.4	14,584	1,652	11.3
High school graduate, no college <sup>2</sup> .....	59,241	12,882	21.7	27,666	4,985	18.0	31,575	7,896	25.0
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>3</sup> .....	46,786	15,966	34.1	21,341	6,146	28.8	25,444	9,819	38.6
College graduates .....	51,530	23,481	45.6	25,999	10,750	41.3	25,531	12,731	49.9
<b>Marital status</b>									
Single, never married .....	60,017	13,670	22.8	31,962	5,953	18.6	28,055	7,718	27.5
Married, spouse present .....	118,986	40,486	34.0	59,925	18,155	30.3	59,061	22,331	37.8
Other marital status <sup>4</sup> .....	42,775	9,635	22.5	14,856	2,697	18.2	27,919	6,938	24.9
<b>Presence of own children under 18 years<sup>5</sup></b>									
Without own children under 18 .....	155,359	38,907	25.0	77,121	16,969	22.0	78,238	21,938	28.0
With own children under 18 .....	66,420	24,884	37.5	29,623	9,836	33.2	36,797	15,049	40.9
<b>Employment status</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	147,322	45,499	30.9	78,854	21,231	26.9	68,468	24,268	35.4
Employed .....	138,477	43,138	31.2	74,155	20,247	27.3	64,322	22,890	35.6
Full time <sup>6</sup> .....	113,636	33,599	29.6	65,952	17,741	26.9	47,684	15,857	33.3
Part time <sup>7</sup> .....	24,841	9,539	38.4	8,203	2,506	30.5	16,638	7,033	42.3
Unemployed .....	8,844	2,361	26.7	4,699	983	20.9	4,146	1,378	33.2
Not in the labor force .....	74,457	18,293	24.6	27,890	5,574	20.0	46,567	12,719	27.3

<sup>1</sup> Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

<sup>2</sup> Includes high school diploma or equivalent.

<sup>3</sup> Includes the categories, some college, no degree; and associate degree.

<sup>4</sup> Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

<sup>5</sup> Own children include sons, daughters, stepchildren, and adopted children.

Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and other related and unrelated children.

<sup>6</sup> Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

<sup>7</sup> 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, 2002, through the survey period in September 2003. 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. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race.

**Table 2. Volunteers by annual hours of volunteer activities and selected characteristics, September 2003**

Characteristics in September 2003	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of total annual hours spent volunteering at all organizations							Median annual hours <sup>1</sup>
		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	
<b>Sex</b>									
Total, both sexes .....	63,791	100.0	20.9	24.6	14.9	28.1	5.6	5.8	52
Men .....	26,805	100.0	20.5	24.7	14.4	28.2	6.0	6.2	52
Women .....	36,987	100.0	21.2	24.5	15.2	28.1	5.4	5.6	52
<b>Age</b>									
Total, 16 years and over .....	63,791	100.0	20.9	24.6	14.9	28.1	5.6	5.8	52
16 to 24 years .....	8,671	100.0	22.8	27.2	14.7	23.6	4.3	7.4	40
16 to 19 years .....	4,758	100.0	22.8	28.6	15.2	22.5	3.8	7.1	40
20 to 24 years .....	3,912	100.0	22.9	25.5	14.2	25.0	4.8	7.6	45
25 years and over .....	55,121	100.0	20.6	24.2	14.9	28.8	5.8	5.6	52
25 to 34 years .....	10,337	100.0	27.1	26.8	14.3	22.4	3.9	5.5	36
35 to 44 years .....	15,165	100.0	21.4	25.9	15.3	28.1	4.9	4.5	50
45 to 54 years .....	13,302	100.0	20.2	23.7	15.2	29.3	5.8	5.9	52
55 to 64 years .....	8,170	100.0	18.3	23.2	14.8	31.0	6.9	5.7	60
65 years and over .....	8,146	100.0	14.1	19.5	14.7	35.5	9.1	7.2	88
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>									
White .....	55,572	100.0	20.7	24.9	14.9	28.4	5.5	5.5	52
Black or African American .....	5,145	100.0	20.9	20.8	14.6	27.7	6.6	9.4	52
Asian .....	1,735	100.0	26.4	25.3	14.5	25.5	3.3	5.0	40
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity .....	4,364	100.0	23.8	25.8	14.2	24.0	4.9	7.4	40
<b>Educational attainment<sup>2</sup></b>									
Less than a high school diploma .....	2,793	100.0	24.8	21.5	13.4	24.8	5.5	9.9	48
High school graduate, no college <sup>3</sup> .....	12,882	100.0	23.6	24.4	13.9	26.4	5.6	6.1	48
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>4</sup> .....	15,966	100.0	21.1	23.8	14.4	28.8	6.1	5.9	52
College graduates .....	23,481	100.0	18.3	24.6	16.0	30.7	5.9	4.6	60
<b>Marital status</b>									
Single, never married .....	13,670	100.0	23.0	26.5	14.6	23.7	4.8	7.4	42
Married, spouse present .....	40,486	100.0	20.0	24.2	15.2	29.6	5.6	5.3	52
Other marital status <sup>5</sup> .....	9,635	100.0	21.9	23.3	13.7	28.1	7.0	6.0	52
<b>Presence of own children under 18 years<sup>6</sup></b>									
Men:									
No own children under 18 years old .....	16,969	100.0	20.4	24.3	14.5	27.4	6.5	6.9	52
With own children under 18 years old ....	9,836	100.0	20.8	25.4	14.3	29.5	5.1	5.0	52
Women:									
No own children under 18 years old .....	21,938	100.0	20.3	23.9	14.7	29.0	5.9	6.2	52
With own children under 18 years old ....	15,049	100.0	22.5	25.4	16.0	26.8	4.6	4.7	48
<b>Employment status</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	45,499	100.0	22.5	25.6	14.9	26.9	4.8	5.3	48
Employed .....	43,138	100.0	22.5	25.6	14.9	26.9	4.7	5.4	48
Full time <sup>7</sup> .....	33,599	100.0	22.8	26.2	14.7	26.5	4.4	5.4	48
Part time <sup>8</sup> .....	9,539	100.0	21.4	23.6	15.5	28.4	5.8	5.3	52
Unemployed .....	2,361	100.0	22.2	26.0	14.4	26.8	6.6	3.9	48
Not in the labor force .....	18,293	100.0	17.1	22.0	14.9	31.1	7.7	7.2	66

<sup>1</sup> For those reporting annual hours.

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<sup>8</sup> Usually work less than 35 hours a week at all jobs.

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**Table 3. Volunteers by number of organizations for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2003**

Characteristics in September 2003	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
<b>Sex</b>								
Total, both sexes .....	63,791	100.0	69.2	19.2	7.4	2.4	1.6	0.3
Men .....	26,805	100.0	71.2	17.9	6.9	2.1	1.7	.3
Women .....	36,987	100.0	67.8	20.1	7.7	2.6	1.6	.2
<b>Age</b>								
Total, 16 years and over .....	63,791	100.0	69.2	19.2	7.4	2.4	1.6	.3
16 to 24 years .....	8,671	100.0	75.7	15.9	5.3	1.7	1.1	.3
16 to 19 years .....	4,758	100.0	74.0	16.5	5.7	2.3	1.1	.4
20 to 24 years .....	3,912	100.0	77.8	15.3	4.8	.9	1.0	.2
25 years and over .....	55,121	100.0	68.2	19.7	7.7	2.5	1.7	.3
25 to 34 years .....	10,337	100.0	73.2	18.4	6.1	1.4	.7	.2
35 to 44 years .....	15,165	100.0	64.9	21.6	8.4	2.9	2.0	.2
45 to 54 years .....	13,302	100.0	66.8	20.4	8.0	2.7	1.8	.4
55 to 64 years .....	8,170	100.0	68.3	18.1	8.4	3.0	2.1	.2
65 years and over .....	8,146	100.0	70.3	18.2	7.3	2.1	1.8	.2
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>								
White .....	55,572	100.0	68.0	19.7	7.9	2.5	1.7	.3
Black or African American .....	5,145	100.0	80.5	13.5	3.4	1.3	1.1	.3
Asian .....	1,735	100.0	75.7	19.8	3.2	.3	1.0	—
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity .....	4,364	100.0	81.1	12.4	4.7	1.0	.6	.2
<b>Educational attainment<sup>1</sup></b>								
Less than a high school diploma .....	2,793	100.0	87.2	9.5	2.1	.5	.5	.3
High school graduate, no college <sup>2</sup> .....	12,882	100.0	78.0	15.4	4.5	1.1	.7	.2
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>3</sup> .....	15,966	100.0	69.9	19.4	7.2	2.0	1.4	.2
College graduates .....	23,481	100.0	59.5	23.4	10.4	3.7	2.6	.3
<b>Marital status</b>								
Single, never married .....	13,670	100.0	73.8	17.0	6.1	1.7	1.1	.3
Married, spouse present .....	40,486	100.0	67.2	20.2	8.1	2.4	1.8	.2
Other marital status <sup>4</sup> .....	9,635	100.0	71.2	17.9	6.0	3.0	1.6	.3
<b>Presence of own children under 18 years<sup>5</sup></b>								
Men:								
No own children under 18 years old .....	16,969	100.0	73.3	16.6	6.3	1.9	1.7	.3
With own children under 18 years old .....	9,836	100.0	67.7	20.2	7.8	2.4	1.6	.3
Women:								
No own children under 18 years old .....	21,938	100.0	70.2	18.7	7.2	2.2	1.5	.3
With own children under 18 years old .....	15,049	100.0	64.4	22.1	8.6	3.1	1.7	.2
<b>Employment status</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	45,499	100.0	68.7	19.4	7.5	2.4	1.7	.3
Employed .....	43,138	100.0	68.4	19.6	7.5	2.4	1.7	.3
Full time <sup>6</sup> .....	33,599	100.0	69.0	19.4	7.2	2.3	1.7	.3
Part time <sup>7</sup> .....	9,539	100.0	66.3	20.1	8.7	2.8	1.8	.2
Unemployed .....	2,361	100.0	73.7	16.9	6.4	2.0	1.1	—
Not in the labor force .....	18,293	100.0	70.6	18.5	7.1	2.2	1.4	.2

1 Data refer to persons 25 years and over.  
2 Includes high school diploma or equivalent.  
3 Includes the categories, some college, no degree; and associate degree.  
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.

NOTE: Data on volunteers relate to persons who performed unpaid volunteer activities for an organization at any point from September 1, 2002, through the survey period in September 2003. 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. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race. Dash represents or rounds to zero.

**Table 4. Volunteers by type of main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2003**

Characteristics in September 2003	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of volunteers by type of main organization <sup>1</sup>										
		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
<b>Sex</b>												
Total, both sexes .....	63,791	100.0	6.4	27.4	1.7	8.2	1.2	34.6	11.8	4.1	3.1	1.5
Men .....	26,805	100.0	8.1	24.7	1.9	6.3	2.1	33.9	12.6	5.5	3.4	1.5
Women .....	36,987	100.0	5.2	29.3	1.5	9.6	.5	35.1	11.2	3.2	3.0	1.5
<b>Age</b>												
Total, 16 years and over .....	63,791	100.0	6.4	27.4	1.7	8.2	1.2	34.6	11.8	4.1	3.1	1.5
16 to 24 years .....	8,671	100.0	4.6	31.9	2.4	8.6	1.3	29.1	13.4	4.0	3.0	1.7
16 to 19 years .....	4,758	100.0	4.0	35.5	2.0	6.5	1.2	29.8	13.0	3.7	2.6	1.7
20 to 24 years .....	3,912	100.0	5.4	27.5	2.9	11.2	1.5	28.3	13.8	4.3	3.5	1.8
25 years and over .....	55,121	100.0	6.7	26.7	1.6	8.1	1.2	35.4	11.5	4.2	3.2	1.5
25 to 34 years .....	10,337	100.0	5.3	35.1	1.7	8.4	1.6	29.7	10.7	3.3	2.8	1.4
35 to 44 years .....	15,165	100.0	5.3	38.5	1.3	5.8	1.2	31.5	8.8	3.9	2.4	1.3
45 to 54 years .....	13,302	100.0	6.3	27.2	2.1	8.0	1.2	35.3	10.6	4.5	3.2	1.5
55 to 64 years .....	8,170	100.0	9.8	13.5	1.8	9.4	1.0	39.1	14.5	4.7	4.4	1.8
65 years and over .....	8,146	100.0	8.4	6.4	.8	10.9	.7	46.5	16.3	4.5	3.8	1.6
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>												
White .....	55,572	100.0	6.5	27.3	1.7	8.4	1.3	33.7	11.9	4.3	3.3	1.5
Black or African American .....	5,145	100.0	5.0	27.4	.4	5.9	.5	44.7	10.5	1.7	1.8	2.1
Asian .....	1,735	100.0	5.6	25.7	2.0	8.7	.4	38.0	10.5	5.2	3.5	.4
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity .....	4,364	100.0	5.8	38.5	.7	5.5	.6	32.4	9.6	1.9	3.5	1.7
<b>Educational attainment<sup>2</sup></b>												
Less than a high school diploma .....	2,793	100.0	6.0	22.2	1.0	5.1	1.3	45.7	12.0	2.1	3.0	1.6
High school graduate, no college <sup>3</sup> .....	12,882	100.0	6.0	25.7	1.2	7.8	1.6	39.1	11.7	3.0	2.7	1.2
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>4</sup> .....	15,966	100.0	6.0	27.3	1.4	8.5	1.6	35.5	10.9	4.1	3.4	1.3
College graduates .....	23,481	100.0	7.6	27.3	2.0	8.4	.6	32.2	11.9	5.0	3.3	1.8
<b>Marital status</b>												
Single, never married .....	13,670	100.0	6.1	29.3	2.6	9.7	1.3	26.6	13.8	4.7	3.7	2.0
Married, spouse present .....	40,486	100.0	6.4	28.1	1.3	7.1	1.2	37.7	10.3	3.8	2.7	1.4
Other marital status <sup>5</sup> .....	9,635	100.0	6.9	21.7	2.0	10.5	.9	32.7	15.2	4.5	4.2	1.2
<b>Presence of own children under 18 years<sup>6</sup></b>												
Men:												
No own children under 18 years old ....	16,969	100.0	9.6	18.2	2.3	7.4	2.0	34.3	15.0	5.3	4.2	1.7
With own children under 18 years old ..	9,836	100.0	5.6	36.1	1.1	4.2	2.3	33.2	8.4	5.8	2.1	1.3
Women:												
No own children under 18 years old ....	21,938	100.0	6.4	17.0	2.2	12.8	.6	37.5	14.5	4.0	3.4	1.7
With own children under 18 years old ..	15,049	100.0	3.4	47.2	.6	4.8	.4	31.6	6.5	2.0	2.3	1.2
<b>Employment status</b>												
Civilian labor force .....	45,499	100.0	6.5	29.1	1.8	8.1	1.4	33.1	11.2	4.4	3.0	1.5
Employed .....	43,138	100.0	6.6	28.8	1.8	8.1	1.4	33.2	11.2	4.4	3.0	1.5
Full time <sup>7</sup> .....	33,599	100.0	6.9	28.0	1.7	8.4	1.6	32.8	11.4	4.6	3.0	1.6
Part time <sup>8</sup> .....	9,539	100.0	5.4	31.7	1.9	7.2	.8	34.5	10.7	3.8	2.8	1.2
Unemployed .....	2,361	100.0	5.3	34.2	3.1	7.8	.5	31.2	10.6	3.4	3.0	.9
Not in the labor force .....	18,293	100.0	6.1	23.2	1.3	8.4	.7	38.2	13.3	3.5	3.6	1.7

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

<sup>3</sup> Includes high school diploma or equivalent.

<sup>4</sup> Includes the categories, some college, no degree; and associate degree.

<sup>5</sup> Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

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

<sup>7</sup> Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

<sup>8</sup> 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, 2002, through the survey period in September 2003. 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. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race.

**Table 5. Volunteer activities for main organization for which activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2003**

Characteristics in September 2003	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of volunteer activities for main organization <sup>1</sup>												
		Coach, referee, tutor, or teach	Provide information; 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	Supply transportation for people	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	Other	Not reporting type of activity
<b>Sex</b>														
Total, both sexes .....	63,791	28.6	22.0	24.9	15.1	28.8	8.4	12.6	13.1	19.1	12.1	21.8	16.0	1.7
Men .....	26,805	30.9	22.5	19.2	10.1	25.6	9.6	13.3	9.8	21.6	10.4	26.9	15.1	1.9
Women .....	36,987	26.9	21.7	28.9	18.8	31.2	7.5	12.1	15.4	17.3	13.2	18.1	16.7	1.6
<b>Age</b>														
Total, 16 years and over .....	63,791	28.6	22.0	24.9	15.1	28.8	8.4	12.6	13.1	19.1	12.1	21.8	16.0	1.7
16 to 24 years .....	8,671	33.4	19.0	22.1	15.3	24.3	7.9	8.3	10.6	8.2	17.9	26.4	16.9	2.5
16 to 19 years .....	4,758	32.5	17.5	22.5	15.5	24.5	5.3	6.8	10.0	6.2	19.0	29.8	17.4	2.0
20 to 24 years .....	3,912	34.6	20.9	21.7	15.2	24.0	11.1	10.1	11.3	10.8	16.7	22.2	16.4	3.2
25 years and over .....	55,121	27.8	22.5	25.3	15.1	29.6	8.5	13.3	13.4	20.8	11.1	21.0	15.9	1.6
25 to 34 years .....	10,337	34.1	20.3	23.0	14.4	29.3	9.2	11.8	11.6	14.1	13.2	21.9	15.4	1.8
35 to 44 years .....	15,165	35.5	19.4	24.7	14.9	32.4	7.3	15.2	12.8	19.2	11.7	21.9	15.2	1.6
45 to 54 years .....	13,302	28.0	24.1	24.7	14.4	32.5	9.5	14.2	13.6	23.0	11.0	22.2	15.4	1.8
55 to 64 years .....	8,170	20.6	25.4	26.6	15.2	27.4	9.8	12.4	15.3	28.2	9.3	21.3	16.7	1.5
65 years and over .....	8,146	12.5	25.7	28.9	17.5	22.0	6.9	11.1	15.0	21.5	9.6	16.3	17.8	1.2
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>														
White .....	55,572	28.5	21.7	24.7	15.2	29.5	8.1	12.6	12.9	19.8	11.7	22.2	16.2	1.6
Black or African American .....	5,145	30.8	27.5	26.7	16.0	23.8	11.0	14.1	14.6	14.8	15.0	17.6	12.5	3.3
Asian .....	1,735	24.8	17.3	22.4	10.5	23.6	8.1	8.9	13.2	13.7	10.5	17.7	21.3	1.1
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity .....	4,364	28.3	16.7	25.4	14.1	25.3	5.8	10.7	10.6	8.4	9.5	18.6	17.4	2.2
<b>Educational attainment<sup>2</sup></b>														
Less than a high school diploma .....	2,793	16.6	16.6	29.1	12.9	22.0	3.8	10.2	7.1	6.5	8.7	23.6	19.1	1.9
High school graduate, no college <sup>3</sup> .....	12,882	23.0	20.4	29.4	15.4	28.6	7.0	13.2	12.1	14.4	9.4	21.6	16.2	1.3
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>4</sup> .....	15,966	27.8	22.9	26.1	16.5	29.9	8.8	14.9	14.1	18.5	11.8	23.1	17.0	1.6
College graduates .....	23,481	31.8	24.1	22.0	14.3	30.8	9.6	12.6	14.5	27.7	11.9	19.0	14.6	1.8
<b>Marital status</b>														
Single, never married .....	13,670	29.5	19.4	21.2	13.6	24.9	8.6	8.4	11.8	11.4	15.3	23.6	16.9	2.5
Married, spouse present .....	40,486	30.0	22.9	25.4	15.4	30.8	8.6	14.2	13.4	22.5	11.3	22.0	15.0	1.5
Other marital status <sup>5</sup> .....	9,635	21.3	22.3	27.6	16.1	26.3	7.4	11.7	13.6	15.9	10.7	18.4	19.0	1.4
<b>Presence of own children under 18 years<sup>6</sup></b>														
<b>Men:</b>														
No own children under 18 years old ..	16,969	24.0	23.2	19.6	10.4	24.3	9.6	11.4	10.3	21.7	10.8	27.1	16.7	2.0
With own children under 18 years old ..	9,836	42.9	21.4	18.5	9.7	28.0	9.6	16.7	9.0	21.6	9.8	26.4	12.3	1.7
<b>Women:</b>														
No own children under 18 years old ..	21,938	22.0	23.7	28.2	18.0	27.1	8.5	9.6	15.5	17.8	12.9	17.8	16.7	1.7
With own children under 18 years old ..	15,049	34.1	18.8	30.1	19.8	37.2	6.1	15.7	15.2	16.6	13.8	18.5	16.8	1.5
<b>Employment status</b>														
Civilian labor force .....	45,499	31.0	22.4	23.7	14.2	30.3	9.1	13.2	12.4	20.3	12.1	22.5	15.3	1.6
Employed .....	43,138	31.0	22.5	23.5	14.1	30.7	9.2	13.4	12.3	20.7	12.0	22.5	15.2	1.7
Full time <sup>7</sup> .....	33,599	30.6	22.6	22.8	13.4	31.2	9.4	13.3	11.7	21.9	11.1	22.7	14.9	1.7
Part time <sup>8</sup> .....	9,539	32.3	22.5	25.8	16.6	29.0	8.6	13.6	14.7	16.8	15.2	21.9	16.2	1.5
Unemployed .....	2,361	31.4	20.5	26.2	15.1	23.1	7.0	10.6	13.3	12.6	13.8	22.9	16.9	1.4
Not in the labor force .....	18,293	22.5	21.0	27.8	17.6	25.2	6.7	11.0	14.7	16.2	12.0	19.8	17.9	1.9

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

<sup>3</sup> Includes high school diploma or equivalent.

<sup>4</sup> Includes the categories, some college, no degree; and associate degree.

<sup>5</sup> Includes divorced, separated, and widowed persons.

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

<sup>7</sup> Usually work 35 hours or more a week at all jobs.

<sup>8</sup> 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, 2002, through the survey period in September 2003. 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. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race. Detail will sum to greater than 100 percent because respondents could choose more than one activity.

**Table 6. Volunteers by how they became involved with main organization for which volunteer activities were performed and selected characteristics, September 2003**

Characteristics in September 2003	Total volunteers (thousands)	Percent distribution of how volunteers became involved with main organization <sup>1</sup>								
		Total	Approached the organization	Was asked by:					Other	Not reporting how became involved
				Total <sup>2</sup>	Boss or employer	Relative, friend, or co-worker	Someone in the organization/school	Someone else		
<b>Sex</b>										
Total, both sexes .....	63,791	100.0	40.7	43.6	1.2	14.4	26.8	1.0	13.4	2.3
Men .....	26,805	100.0	40.6	44.3	1.2	15.9	26.0	1.1	12.8	2.3
Women .....	36,987	100.0	40.9	43.0	1.1	13.3	27.4	1.0	13.8	2.3
<b>Age</b>										
Total, 16 years and over .....	63,791	100.0	40.7	43.6	1.2	14.4	26.8	1.0	13.4	2.3
16 to 24 years .....	8,671	100.0	41.8	41.8	1.0	16.6	22.5	1.5	13.8	2.7
16 to 19 years .....	4,758	100.0	41.7	41.4	.4	16.3	23.1	1.5	14.7	2.2
20 to 24 years .....	3,912	100.0	41.8	42.2	1.8	16.9	21.7	1.4	12.7	3.3
25 years and over .....	55,121	100.0	40.6	43.8	1.2	14.0	27.5	1.0	13.4	2.2
25 to 34 years .....	10,337	100.0	39.3	44.3	1.7	14.9	26.4	1.2	14.3	2.1
35 to 44 years .....	15,165	100.0	41.0	44.2	1.4	13.0	28.9	.8	12.6	2.1
45 to 54 years .....	13,302	100.0	40.6	43.6	1.2	13.7	27.7	.7	13.3	2.5
55 to 64 years .....	8,170	100.0	40.3	43.2	1.1	14.4	26.2	1.1	14.3	2.3
65 years and over .....	8,146	100.0	41.7	43.7	.2	14.8	27.4	1.2	12.6	2.1
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>										
White .....	55,572	100.0	40.8	43.8	1.1	14.4	27.1	1.0	13.2	2.2
Black or African American .....	5,145	100.0	39.2	41.7	2.0	13.5	25.3	1.0	15.6	3.5
Asian .....	1,735	100.0	48.2	38.7	1.3	12.1	23.3	2.0	11.1	2.0
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity .....	4,364	100.0	38.2	46.8	1.1	15.6	29.1	.9	12.6	2.4
<b>Educational attainment<sup>3</sup></b>										
Less than a high school diploma .....	2,793	100.0	38.6	46.2	.4	15.5	29.4	.6	12.8	2.4
High school graduate, no college <sup>4</sup> .....	12,882	100.0	39.1	45.9	.9	15.4	28.6	.8	13.2	1.8
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>5</sup> .....	15,966	100.0	40.9	42.7	1.3	13.7	26.3	1.2	14.2	2.2
College graduates .....	23,481	100.0	41.4	43.2	1.3	13.2	27.5	1.0	12.9	2.4
<b>Marital status</b>										
Single, never married .....	13,670	100.0	41.0	41.4	1.3	16.9	21.6	1.4	14.5	3.0
Married, spouse present .....	40,486	100.0	40.9	44.4	1.1	13.2	29.0	.9	12.7	2.0
Other marital status <sup>6</sup> .....	9,635	100.0	39.8	43.0	1.4	15.5	25.1	.9	15.1	2.1
<b>Presence of own children under 18 years<sup>7</sup></b>										
Men:										
No own children under 18 years old .....	16,969	100.0	40.7	43.6	1.2	16.7	24.3	1.1	13.6	2.2
With own children under 18 years old .....	9,836	100.0	40.4	45.6	1.2	14.4	28.9	1.0	11.6	2.3
Women:										
No own children under 18 years old .....	21,938	100.0	40.9	42.0	1.2	15.2	24.3	1.0	14.7	2.4
With own children under 18 years old .....	15,049	100.0	40.8	44.5	1.1	10.5	32.0	.9	12.6	2.1
<b>Employment status</b>										
Civilian labor force .....	45,499	100.0	40.0	44.2	1.5	14.6	26.9	.9	13.6	2.3
Employed .....	43,138	100.0	39.9	44.2	1.6	14.6	27.0	.9	13.6	2.3
Full time <sup>8</sup> .....	33,599	100.0	39.3	45.0	1.9	15.4	26.6	.8	13.3	2.4
Part time <sup>9</sup> .....	9,539	100.0	42.0	41.6	.6	11.5	28.2	1.2	14.5	1.9
Unemployed .....	2,361	100.0	40.4	43.7	1.0	15.6	25.4	1.4	13.7	2.2
Not in the labor force .....	18,293	100.0	42.7	41.9	.2	13.7	26.6	1.2	13.1	2.3

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Includes persons who did not specify who asked them to volunteer, not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup> Data refer to persons 25 years and over.

<sup>4</sup> Includes high school diploma or equivalent.

<sup>5</sup> Includes the categories, some college, no degree; and associate degree.

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

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**Table 7. Main reason for not volunteering last year as reported by non-volunteers who had volunteered in the past by selected characteristics, September 2003**

Characteristics in September 2003	Total (thousands) <sup>1</sup>	Percent distribution of main reason for not volunteering											
		Total	Burnout/ not enjoyable previously	Family responsi- bilities or childcare problems	Health or medical problems	Lack of time	No one asked	No longer a member of the organization	Wasn't interested	Moved, lack of information, transportation, or expenses <sup>2</sup>	No longer required/ not relevant to current life situation	Other	Not reporting reason for not volunteering
<b>Sex</b>													
Total, both sexes .....	36,299	100.0	2.4	9.5	14.7	44.7	3.2	1.7	4.3	4.2	5.8	8.2	1.3
Men .....	15,878	100.0	2.5	5.9	11.1	49.8	3.9	2.2	4.9	4.1	5.7	8.5	1.4
Women .....	20,421	100.0	2.3	12.3	17.4	40.8	2.6	1.4	3.9	4.3	5.8	8.0	1.2
<b>Age</b>													
Total, 16 years and over .....	36,299	100.0	2.4	9.5	14.7	44.7	3.2	1.7	4.3	4.2	5.8	8.2	1.3
16 to 24 years .....	4,406	100.0	1.2	5.3	1.4	62.2	3.2	2.4	4.2	7.3	3.2	8.4	1.2
16 to 19 years .....	1,362	100.0	1.3	2.6	.9	56.5	4.8	4.6	5.5	6.3	5.8	9.8	1.8
20 to 24 years .....	3,044	100.0	1.2	6.5	1.7	64.7	2.5	1.4	3.6	7.7	2.0	7.8	.9
25 years and over .....	31,893	100.0	2.6	10.1	16.5	42.3	3.2	1.6	4.3	3.8	6.1	8.2	1.3
25 to 34 years .....	6,015	100.0	1.7	14.7	1.7	60.6	3.0	1.0	3.0	4.6	2.1	6.2	1.3
35 to 44 years .....	5,979	100.0	2.4	12.5	5.2	55.0	3.5	1.4	2.8	4.5	4.0	7.6	1.2
45 to 54 years .....	7,274	100.0	2.6	8.4	8.8	48.5	2.9	2.3	3.8	3.9	9.1	7.8	1.7
55 to 64 years .....	5,403	100.0	3.3	8.5	14.0	41.1	4.0	2.2	5.7	4.0	8.3	7.6	1.2
65 years and over .....	7,224	100.0	2.8	7.1	47.7	11.3	2.6	1.2	6.2	2.4	6.6	11.0	1.0
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>													
White .....	31,364	100.0	2.5	9.4	14.6	44.8	3.0	1.8	4.4	4.0	6.0	8.2	1.2
Black or African American .....	3,036	100.0	2.3	10.0	18.8	41.6	4.3	.8	4.3	5.3	3.8	7.3	1.5
Asian .....	1,046	100.0	.4	10.8	6.5	53.5	3.4	.7	1.9	5.6	6.1	8.5	2.5
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity .....	2,357	100.0	1.5	12.2	11.1	50.1	2.7	1.6	2.8	4.8	5.4	6.5	1.2
<b>Educational attainment<sup>3</sup></b>													
Less than a high school diploma .....	2,819	100.0	1.3	8.0	42.4	19.7	3.7	2.2	4.0	2.8	6.9	7.6	1.2
High school graduate, no college <sup>4</sup> .....	9,322	100.0	3.1	9.9	19.7	36.0	4.2	1.8	4.5	3.7	7.3	8.6	1.3
Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>5</sup> .....	9,276	100.0	2.6	11.2	13.9	42.4	2.9	2.0	4.4	4.6	6.4	8.4	1.2
College graduates .....	10,476	100.0	2.4	9.8	8.9	54.0	2.4	1.0	4.3	3.4	4.6	7.7	1.5
<b>Marital status</b>													
Single, never married .....	8,339	100.0	2.0	4.6	5.2	59.2	3.6	1.8	4.7	5.8	3.0	8.7	1.5
Married, spouse present .....	19,617	100.0	2.7	12.4	12.4	44.2	3.2	1.8	4.2	3.5	6.9	7.5	1.3
Other marital status <sup>6</sup> .....	8,343	100.0	2.1	7.6	29.5	31.6	2.8	1.4	4.3	4.3	5.9	9.4	1.1
<b>Presence of own children under 18 years<sup>7</sup></b>													
<b>Men:</b>													
No own children under 18 years old ....	12,207	100.0	2.9	3.6	13.7	46.3	4.2	2.3	5.7	4.5	6.4	9.2	1.4
With own children under 18 years old ..	3,670	100.0	1.4	13.5	2.5	61.4	2.7	1.9	2.1	3.1	3.5	6.1	1.7
<b>Women:</b>													
No own children under 18 years old ....	15,464	100.0	2.5	7.2	21.6	38.5	2.7	1.5	4.6	4.5	6.5	9.1	1.3
With own children under 18 years old ..	4,957	100.0	1.6	28.0	4.3	47.8	2.6	1.0	1.8	3.7	3.8	4.6	.9
<b>Employment status</b>													
Civilian labor force .....	24,577	100.0	2.2	9.4	2.8	58.0	3.3	1.8	3.7	4.3	5.5	7.7	1.4
Employed .....	23,228	100.0	2.2	9.3	2.8	59.0	3.2	1.8	3.6	4.1	5.4	7.4	1.3
Full time <sup>8</sup> .....	19,182	100.0	2.3	8.6	2.1	60.9	3.2	1.7	3.3	4.0	5.2	7.2	1.4
Part time <sup>9</sup> .....	4,046	100.0	1.5	13.1	5.7	50.0	3.1	1.9	4.8	4.2	6.4	8.2	1.1
Unemployed .....	1,349	100.0	2.6	10.7	2.8	40.2	5.9	2.0	5.3	9.0	7.3	12.2	2.0
Not in the labor force .....	11,722	100.0	2.8	9.7	39.6	17.0	2.9	1.6	5.7	4.0	6.3	9.3	1.1

<sup>1</sup> Data refer to persons who did not volunteer during the survey reference period (September 2002-September 2003), but who had volunteered in the past.

<sup>2</sup> Includes the categories lack of information about opportunities, lack of transportation, lack of paid expenses, moved in the last year, and opportunities don't match interest or skills.

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