

**Table 566. Volunteers by Selected Characteristics and Type of Main Organization: 2007**

[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, 2006, through September 2007. Data represent the percent of the population involved in the activity]

Total and type of main organization <sup>1</sup>	Total, both sexes	Sex		Educational attainment <sup>2</sup>			
		Men	Women	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduate, <sup>3</sup> no college <sup>3</sup>	Less than a bachelor's degree <sup>4</sup>	College graduates
<b>Total volunteers (1,000)</b> . . . . .	<b>60,838</b>	<b>25,727</b>	<b>35,114</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>11,379</b>	<b>15,468</b>	<b>23,799</b>
Percent of population . . . . .	26.2	22.9	29.3	9.0	18.6	30.7	41.8
Median annual hours <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	52	52	52	50	52	52	60
Civic and political <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	5.1	6.5	4.1	3.3	4.2	5.4	6.0
Educational or youth service . . . . .	26.2	24.3	27.5	22.0	22.3	25.3	27.5
Environmental or animal care . . . . .	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.8	1.4	1.7	2.3
Hospital or other health . . . . .	7.8	5.7	9.4	5.0	6.9	8.4	8.1
Public safety . . . . .	1.3	2.3	0.6	0.8	1.9	1.6	0.9
Religious . . . . .	35.6	35.0	36.0	48.3	41.4	36.1	33.1
Social or community service . . . . .	13.1	13.9	12.4	13.4	13.3	13.2	12.6
Sport and hobby <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	3.5	4.2	3.1	2.0	3.3	3.4	4.1

<sup>1</sup> Main organization is defined as the organization for which the volunteer worked the most hours during the year. See headnote 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's degree. <sup>5</sup> For those reporting annual hours. <sup>6</sup> Includes professional and/or international. <sup>7</sup> Includes cultural and/or arts.