### **Volunteer statistics**

1. 55% of nonprofits assess volunteer impact.
2. One out of four American’s volunteer, two out of three Americans help their neighbor according to a study performed by The Corporation for National & Community Service.
3. Individuals between the ages of 35 and 54 are the [most likely to volunteer](https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/volun.pdf) their time according to The Bureau of Labor Statistics.
4. Volunteers are worth on average $28.54 an hour according to an [Independent Sector Study](http://independentsector.org/news-post/value-volunteer-time/).
5. Volunteers are almost [twice as likely to donate](https://www.nationalservice.gov/vcla) to a charity than those that don’t volunteer according to The Corporation for National & Community Service.
6. San Jose, CA is [ranked #1](https://www.nationalservice.gov/vcla) for recruiting volunteers who are millennials.
7. Volunteerism has a value of [over $184 billion dollars](https://www.nationalservice.gov/vcla)
8. **Volunteerism improves health by strengthening the body, improving mood, and lessening stress in participants.**
9. Those who volunteer regularly have a 27% better chance of gaining employment.
10. **60% of hiring managers see the act of volunteerism as a valuable asset when making recruitment decisions according to a**[**study performed by Career Builder**](https://www.forbes.com/sites/jacquelynsmith/2013/03/20/10-things-to-do-while-youre-unemployed/#556a223550ca)**.**
11. According to a report from [Blackbaud](https://www.blackbaud.com/) #GivingTuesday, 2017 [processed more than $60.9 million](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/2017-giving-tuesday-highest-on-record-300563626.html) from over 7,200 organizations (not bad for a single day).
12. **Volunteers under the age of 24 accounts for 22.6% of all volunteers.**
13. Benjamin Franklin started The Union Fire Company, in 1736, the first volunteer-run firehouse worldwide.
14. [Aristotle](http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/aristotle) (born: 384 BC) once said: “the essence of life is to serve others and do good.”
15. **4% of**[**college graduates**](https://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/06_1016_RPD_college_full.pdf)**, 25 years or older, volunteer each year.**
16. Volunteers, on average, spend 50 hours per year donating their time to the greater good.
17. Over 71% of volunteers work with only one organization each year.
18. 67% of people found volunteer opportunities online in 2014 vs 34% in 2006.
19. A [study by Deloitte](https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/About-Deloitte/gx-millenial-survey-2016-exec-summary.pdf) found that 61% of millennials who rarely/never volunteer still consider a company’s commitment to the community when making a decision on a potential job.
20. [**92% of human resource executives**](https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/us/Documents/us-deloitte-impact-survey.pdf)**agree that contributing to a nonprofit can improve an employees leadership skills.**
21. **In 2014,**[**39% of 12th-grade students**](https://www.childtrends.org/indicators/volunteering/)**reported that they volunteered at least once per month according to findings from Child Trends.**
22. There are more than 1.8 million active nonprofits in the United States alone.
23. Women currently volunteer [more than men](https://www.bls.gov/news.release/volun.nr0.htm) (by about 6% more) according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
24. Volunteers are 66% more likely to donate financially to the organization they support than those who do not volunteer their time.
25. Food preparation and distribution was the [most reported](https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/volun.pdf) volunteer activity representing 11.3% in 2015.
26. 77% of nonprofits believe that skilled volunteers could improve their organizations business practices ([Deloitte Impact Survey](https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/about-deloitte/articles/citizenship-deloitte-volunteer-impact-research.html))
27. 35% of volunteers do so to socialize with others in the community. ([Sterling Volunteers](https://www.sterlingvolunteers.com/blog/2019/05/why-volunteers-give-their-time-a-deep-dive/))
28. 66% of volunteers give their time to improve their community, and 83% do so to contribute to a cause they care about. ([Sterling Volunteers](https://www.sterlingvolunteers.com/blog/2019/05/why-volunteers-give-their-time-a-deep-dive/))
29. **According to  an AmeriCorps**[**report**](https://www.americorps.gov/)**, people who volunteer over 100 hours a year are some of the healthiest people in the U.S.**
30. [28.2%](https://americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/Volunteering_in_America_Demographics_508.pdf) of Millennials volunteer each year.
31. [30.7%](https://americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/Volunteering_in_America_Demographics_508.pdf) of Baby Boomers volunteer each year.
32. [24.8%](https://americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/Volunteering_in_America_Demographics_508.pdf) of Silent Generation Americans volunteer each year.
33. [39.9%](https://americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/Volunteering_in_America_Demographics_508.pdf) of parents volunteer each year.
34. **Utah has the**[**highest rate**](https://americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/Volunteering_in_America_Rankings_508.pdf)**of volunteers in America (51%)**
35. [7% of nonprofits](https://independentsector.org/nonprofithealth/) will close their doors forever due to the economic impacts of COVID-19.
36. According to LinkedIn, response to the COVID-19 pandemic added more that [110,000 volunteer activities](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/rare-bright-spot-pandemic-life-volunteers-rush-provide-george-anders/?trackingId=FSQEPaiBQb%2BEqVvd1bhLGw%3D%3D) per month, double the rate of 2017.
37. Volunteering decreases the likelihood of high blood pressure development by [40%](https://www.webmd.com/heart/news/20130614/volunteering-may-be-good-for-the-heart-in-more-ways-than-one).
38. Fundraising for an event is the most common type of volunteer role in the United States.
39. [**70% of corporate volunteers**](https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/about-deloitte/articles/citizenship-deloitte-volunteer-impact-research.html)**believe volunteerism boosts morale more that company mixers.**
40. **96% of volunteers reported the action enriched their sense of purpose in life.**

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Here are our top 25 picks:

*“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”* **— Audrey Hepburn**

*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”****– Gandhi***

*“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human.  No one has made it through life without someone else’s help.”***– Heather French Henry**

*“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action.  These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.”***– Helen Dyer**

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”***– Margaret Mead**

*“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”***– Winston Churchill**

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”***– Helen Keller**

*“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”* **– Leo Buscaglia**

*“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”* **– Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”***– MLK, Jr.**

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”***– Elizabeth Andrew**

*“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men*.”**– Herman Melville**

*“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”***– Muhammad Ali**

*“I urge young people to consider public service, whether they do it now by volunteering in their community or prepare for public service as an adult.”***– John Walters**

*“Every person can make a difference, and every person should try.”***– John F. Kennedy**

*“The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically.”***– Kurek Ashley**

*“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”***– Sherry Anderson**

*“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”***– Arthur Ashe**

*“Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.”***– Jim Rohn**

“You give but little when you give of your possessions.  It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”**– Kahlil Gibran**

*“There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.”***– Bernard Meltzer**

*“When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.”***– Willie Nelson**

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