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The nonprofit sector in America includes hospitals, museums, schools, homeless shelters, houses of worship, symphony orchestras, research centers, youth groups, and many other organizations in every community across the nation. These charitable groups are sometimes collectively referred to as the “independent sector” to emphasize their unique role in society, distinct from business and government.

The Nonprofit Almanac IN BRIEF summarizes some of INDEPENDENT SECTOR’s research to provide a quick look at the size and scope of the nonprofit or independent sector and the giving and volunteering that support it.

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SIZE AND SCOPE 1997–1998

Number of independent sector organizations (501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and religious congregations) (1998)	1.2 million
Total independent sector revenues (1997)	\$664.8 billion
Annual contributions from private sources ¹ (1997)	\$132.1 billion
Percentage of working Americans employed in the independent sector (1998)	7.1%
Percentage of national income attributed to the independent sector (1998)	6.1%

GIVING 1998

Percentage of American households that gave	70.1%
Average annual household contribution	\$1,075

VOLUNTEERING 1998

Percentage of Americans who volunteered	55.5%
Number of Americans who volunteered	109.4 million
Total annual hours volunteered	19.9 billion
Value of volunteer time (excluding informal volunteering ²)	\$225.9 billion

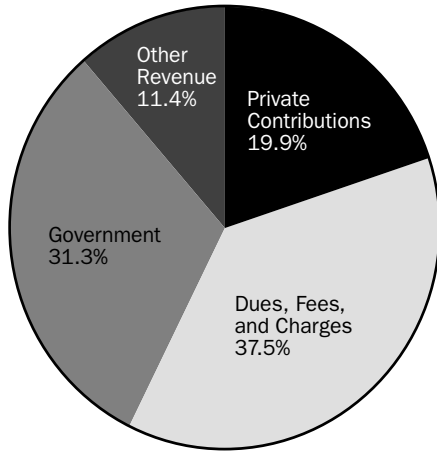
¹Contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and federated campaigns.

²Time not given through organizations.

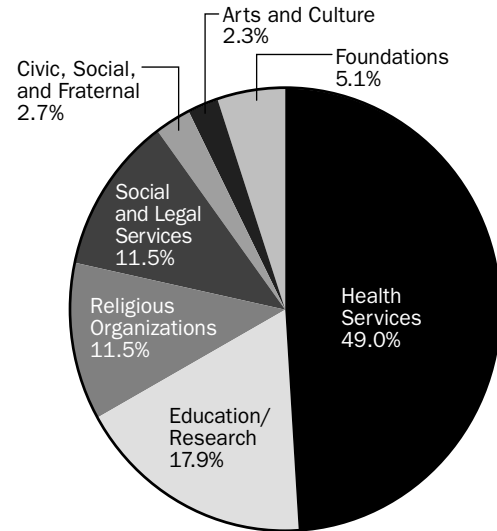
SIZE AND SCOPE

The term “independent sector” encompasses the charitable, social welfare, and faith-based portions of the nonprofit sector, specifically organizations under 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) of the tax code and religious congregations.

INDEPENDENT SECTOR REVENUES BY SOURCE, 1997

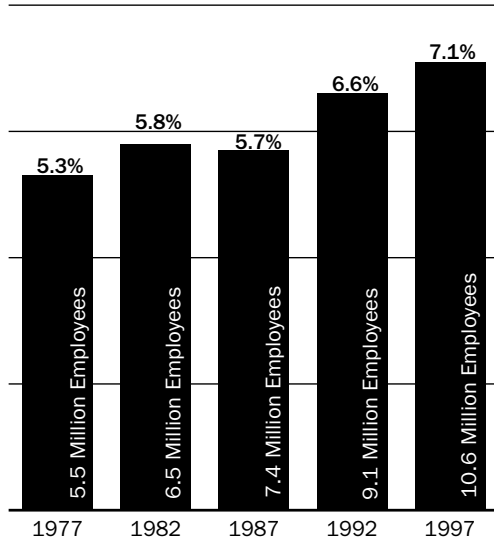


DISTRIBUTION OF INDEPENDENT SECTOR REVENUES BY SUBSECTOR, 1997

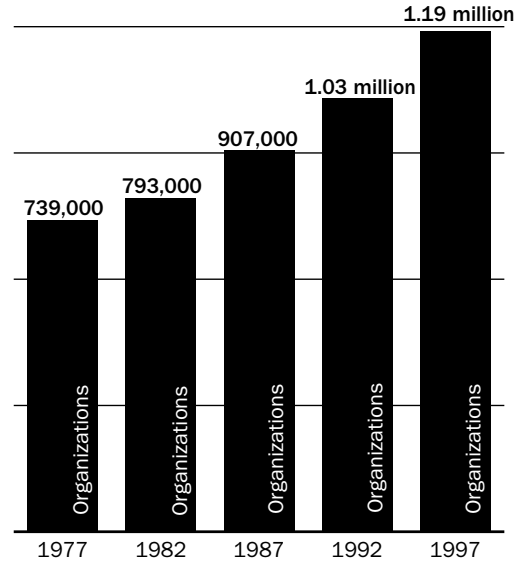


TOTAL 1997 REVENUES: \$664.8 BILLION

PAID EMPLOYMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL U.S. EMPLOYMENT (FIVE-YEAR TRENDS)



GROWTH OF THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR BY NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS (FIVE-YEAR TRENDS)



	1998	1997	1992	1987	1982
NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S.¹	27.7 million	27.6 million	24.5 million	21.9 million	18.2 million
NONPROFIT/TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS²	1,626,000	1,586,000	1,426,000	1,285,000	1,180,000
Percentage of total organizations in the U.S.	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%	6.5%
INDEPENDENT SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS³	1.23 million	1.19 million	1.03 million	907,000	793,000
Percentage of total organizations in the U.S.	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%
501(c)(3) organizations	734,000	693,000	546,000	422,000	322,000
501(c)(4) organizations	140,000	142,000	143,000	139,000	132,000
Religious congregations	354,000	353,000	341,000	346,000	339,000
OTHER TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS	399,000	398,000	396,000	378,000	387,000
NATIONAL INCOME (including value of volunteer time)	\$7.3 trillion	\$6.9 trillion	\$5.2 trillion	\$3.8 trillion	\$2.7 trillion
Percentage attributed to nonprofits	6.7%	6.7%	6.8%	6.5%	6.4%
Percentage attributed to the independent sector	6.1%	6.1%	6.3%	5.7%	5.8%
TOTAL INDEPENDENT SECTOR REVENUES	NA	\$664.8 billion	\$508.5 billion	\$316.7 billion	\$211.9 billion
Private contributions	NA	19.9%	18.4%	22.9%	21.8%
Dues, fees, and charges	NA	37.5%	39.1%	40.8%	38.7%
Government	NA	31.3%	31.3%	27.9%	28.1%
Other revenue	NA	11.4%	11.1%	8.4%	11.4%

¹Total number of organizations includes all businesses, tax-exempt organizations, and governmental entities.

²Nonprofit organizations include all IRS-designated tax-exempt organizations.

³Independent sector organizations consist solely of 501(c)(3)s, 501(c)(4)s, and religious congregations.

	1998	1997	1992	1987	1982
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY SUBSECTOR	NA	\$551.6 billion	\$435.8 billion	\$272.7 billion	\$172.3 billion
Health services	NA	53.9%	54.5%	50.3%	51.4%
Education/research	NA	18.3%	19.4%	22.8%	23.5%
Religious organizations	NA	9.7%	9.4%	11.0%	9.3%
Social and legal services	NA	12.0%	11.1%	10.1%	9.8%
Civic, social, and fraternal	NA	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%
Arts and culture	NA	2.2%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%
Foundations	NA	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
TOTAL U.S. PAID AND VOLUNTARY EMPLOYMENT	153.6 million	150.6 million	137.4 million	129.7 million	113.7 million
Paid employees (<i>full- and part-time</i>)	133.9 million	130.6 million	118.1 million	110.8 million	97.8 million
Self-employed ⁴	10.2 million	10.5 million	10.0 million	9.7 million	8.9 million
Volunteers (<i>full-time equivalent</i>) ⁵	9.4 million	9.4 million	9.2 million	9.2 million	7.0 million
INDEPENDENT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT	16.6 million	16.3 million	14.6 million	12.5 million	11.0 million
Paid employees (<i>full- and part-time</i>)	10.9 million	10.6 million	9.1 million	7.4 million	6.5 million
Volunteers (<i>full-time equivalent</i>)	5.7 million	5.7 million	5.5 million	5.1 million	4.5 million
As a percentage of total U.S. employment	10.8%	10.9%	10.6%	9.6%	9.7%
Paid employees (<i>full- and part-time</i>)	7.1%	7.1%	6.6%	5.7%	5.8%
Volunteers (<i>full-time equivalent</i>)	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%	3.9%

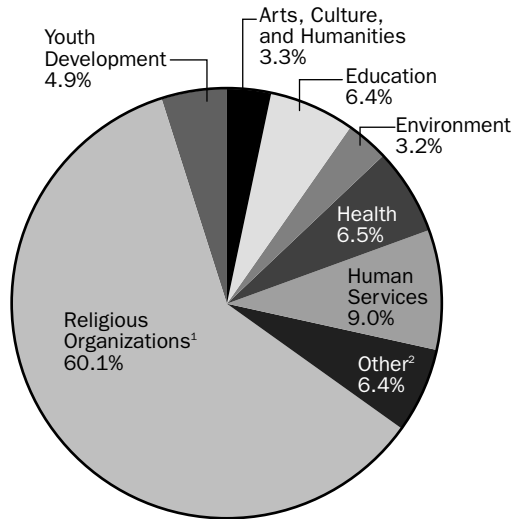
⁴Consists of active proprietors or partners who devote a majority of their working hours to their unincorporated business.

⁵For volunteers (including those who work for a family business), full-time equivalent is based on total hours volunteered during the year, excluding hours volunteered informally (e.g., babysitting for no pay), divided by 1,700, which represents the typical number of hours worked in a year by a full-time employee.

	1998	1997	1992	1987	1982
PAID INDEPENDENT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT BY SUBSECTOR	10.9 million	10.6 million	9.1 million	7.4 million	6.5 million
Percentage of total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Health services	42.9%	43.5%	46.6%	45.6%	47.0%
Education/research	21.6%	21.6%	20.6%	22.5%	22.1%
Religious organizations	11.6%	11.4%	10.5%	8.8%	10.6%
Social and legal services	17.5%	17.2%	15.6%	16.2%	14.1%
Civic, social, and fraternal organizations	4.2%	4.2%	4.6%	5.0%	4.7%
Arts and culture	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	1.6%	1.4%
Foundations	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%

GIVING

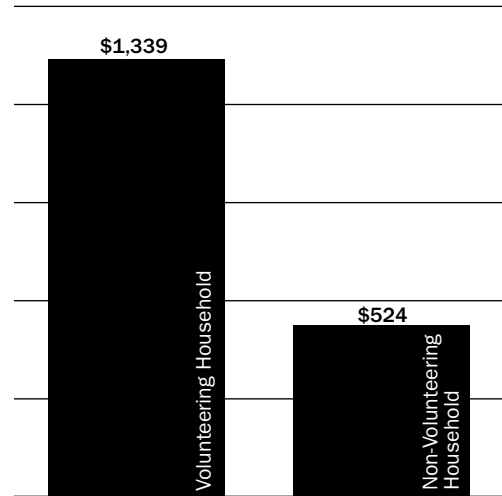
WHERE HOUSEHOLDS CONTRIBUTE, 1998
PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED, BY TYPE OF CHARITY



¹Religious organizations include religion-related and spiritual development groups (includes giving to churches, synagogues, seminaries, etc.; does not include giving to parochial schools and faith-based human services, which are included in education and human services, respectively).

²Other includes international/foreign, private/community foundations, public/societal benefit, recreation—adults, and other types of charities.

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION: VOLUNTEERING VS. NON-VOLUNTEERING HOUSEHOLDS, 1998



HOUSEHOLDS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

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	1998	1995	1993	1991	1989
ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE U.S.	102.5 million	99.6 million	97.5 million	95.3 million	94.6 million
PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS REPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS	70.1%	68.5%	73.4%	72.2%	75.1%
PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS CONTRIBUTING TO SUBSECTORS¹					
Arts, culture, and humanities	11.5%	9.4%	8.1%	9.4%	9.6%
Education	12.6%	20.3%	17.5%	21.1%	19.1%
Environment	12.4%	11.5%	11.6%	16.3%	13.4%
Health	20.8%	27.3%	25.7%	32.9%	32.4%
Human services	27.3%	25.1%	26.7%	27.5%	23.0%
International, foreign	4.5%	6.1%	2.8%	3.5%	4.2%
Other	0.7%	2.1%	4.7%	2.8%	3.0%
Private and community foundations	4.8%	6.1%	5.3%	6.0%	6.4%
Public and societal benefit	11.1%	10.3%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
Recreation—adults	5.0%	7.0%	4.6%	6.3%	6.2%
Religious organizations	45.2%	48.0%	49.2%	51.3%	53.2%
Youth development	21.4%	20.9%	17.6%	22.1%	21.6%
PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME CONTRIBUTED	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	2.0%
SELECTED RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS					
Contributing households	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%	2.2%	2.5%
Volunteers	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.6%
55-64 years of age	1.9%	2.9%	2.1%	2.5%	3.1%
65-74 years of age	2.0%	2.2%	3.2%	2.5%	3.5%
College graduates	1.7%	2.3%	2.6%	2.2%	2.1%
Midwest region	1.5%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	2.3%
Attend religious services	1.9%	2.3%	2.0%	2.1%	2.4%
Weekly or nearly every week	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%	3.8%

¹Households could report contributing to more than one subsector.

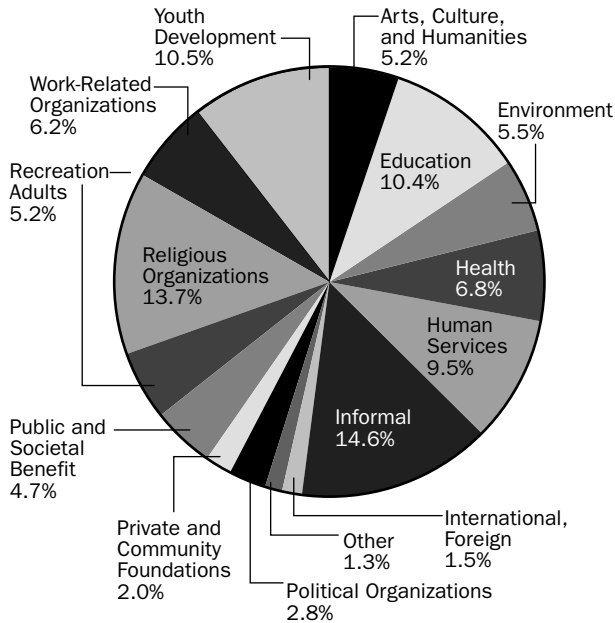
	1998	1995	1993	1991	1989
PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED, BY TYPE OF CHARITY²					
Arts, culture, and humanities	3.3%	2.8%	1.7%	2.6%	2.6%
Education	6.4%	8.9%	11.5%	7.2%	7.6%
Environment	3.2%	1.7%	1.5%	2.3%	1.6%
Health	6.5%	8.1%	5.6%	7.5%	6.2%
Human services	9.0%	9.4%	8.7%	10.4%	8.1%
International, foreign	1.7%	2.4%	³	1.0%	1.1%
Other	0.1%	0.5%	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%
Private and community foundations	1.7%	1.5%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%
Public and societal benefit	2.0%	1.7%	2.8%	2.2%	1.7%
Recreation—adults	0.9%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	1.1%
Religious organizations	60.1%	57.5%	62.2%	59.5%	64.5%
Youth development	4.9%	3.9%	2.9%	3.7%	3.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION (current dollars)	\$754	\$696	\$646	\$649	\$734
SELECTED RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS					
Contributing households	\$1,075	\$1,017	\$880	\$899	\$978
Contributing volunteers	\$1,339	\$1,279	\$1,193	\$1,155	\$1,192
55-64 years of age	\$933	\$1,284	\$850	\$970	\$1,134
65-74 years of age	\$700	\$716	\$872	\$680	\$844
College graduates	\$1,091	\$1,416	\$1,338	\$1,255	\$1,122
Midwest region	\$722	\$726	\$706	\$727	\$886
Attend religious services	\$886	\$822	\$754	\$795	\$862
Weekly or nearly every week	\$1,336	\$1,203	\$1,164	\$1,220	\$1,386

²Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

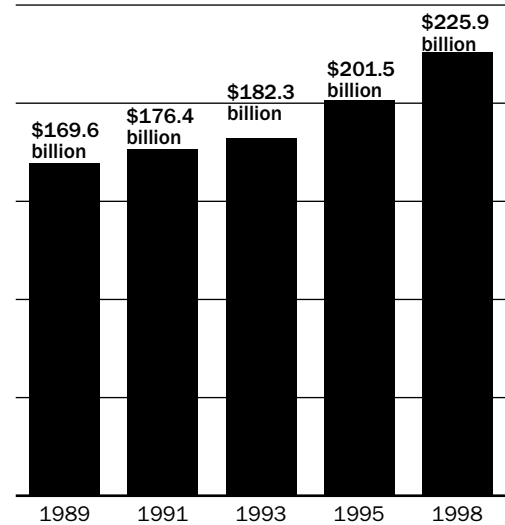
³Insufficient number of cases in sample survey.

VOLUNTEERING

DISTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS, 1998



VALUE OF ADULT VOLUNTEER TIME



Note: The hourly value of volunteer time is updated yearly by INDEPENDENT SECTOR. The hourly rates are as follows: 1989 (\$10.82); 1991 (\$11.58); 1993 (\$12.13); 1995 (\$12.84); 1998 (\$14.30); 1999 (\$14.83); 2000 (\$15.39).

DIMENSIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF VOLUNTEERS

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	1998	1995	1993	1991	1989
VOLUNTEERS (including informal volunteering)	109.4 million	93.0 million	89.2 million	94.2 million	98.4 million
Percentage of adult population ¹	55.5%	48.8%	47.7%	51.1%	54.4%
Average weekly hours per adult volunteer	3.5 hours	4.2 hours	4.2 hours	4.2 hours	4.0 hours
Full-time equivalent employees ²	9.3 million	9.2 million	8.8 million	9.0 million	9.2 million
VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME (excluding informal volunteering ³)	\$225.9 billion	\$201.5 billion	\$182.3 billion	\$176.4 billion	\$169.6 billion
PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION VOLUNTEERING SELECTED RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS					
35-44 years of age	67.3%	55.0%	54.5%	60.8%	64.2%
45-54 years of age	62.7%	55.3%	53.8%	55.9%	56.4%
Married	61.9%	55.8%	52.2%	56.1%	59.2%
College graduates	67.7%	70.7%	67.2%	76.6%	73.5%
Midwest region	56.3%	59.6%	63.5%	59.9%	58.2%
Attend religious services weekly or nearly every week	72.6%	63.8%	63.6%	69.0%	70.8%
AVERAGE HOURS VOLUNTEERED PER WEEK					
35-44 years of age	3.7 hours	4.3 hours	4.8 hours	4.7 hours	4.6 hours
45-54 years of age	3.8 hours	4.5 hours	5.2 hours	4.0 hours	3.6 hours
Married	3.6 hours	4.6 hours	4.4 hours	4.4 hours	3.9 hours
College graduates	3.1 hours	4.8 hours	5.0 hours	4.6 hours	5.5 hours
Midwest region	3.2 hours	3.8 hours	3.7 hours	3.8 hours	3.7 hours
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¹Civilian, noninstitutionalized population.

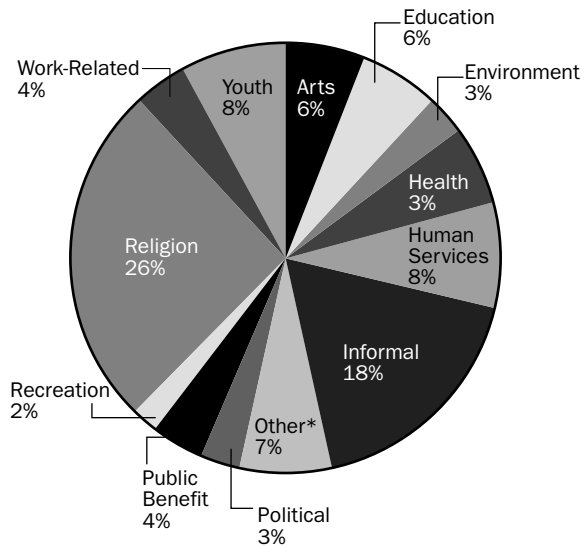
²Full-time equivalent is based on total hours volunteered during the year, excluding hours volunteered informally (such as babysitting for no pay), divided by 1,700 hours of volunteering per year.

³Time not given through organizations.

	1998	1995	1993	1991	1989
VOLUNTEERS BY ACTIVITY AREA⁴ <i>(volunteers as a percentage of population)</i>	55.5%	48.8%	47.7%	51.1%	54.4%
Arts, culture, and humanities	8.6%	6.2%	4.4%	6.2%	7.3%
Education	17.3%	17.5%	15.7%	15.4%	16.3%
Environment	9.2%	7.1%	6.2%	8.6%	6.3%
Health	11.4%	13.2%	10.8%	12.9%	11.9%
Human services	15.9%	12.7%	9.8%	12.1%	14.0%
Informal	24.4%	20.3%	17.2%	23.4%	25.7%
International, foreign	2.5%	1.6%	1.3%	2.3%	1.6%
Other	2.2%	2.2%	2.5%	2.7%	2.5%
Political organizations	4.6%	3.8%	3.7%	4.7%	4.9%
Private and community foundations	3.4%	2.7%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
Public and societal benefit	7.9%	6.7%	5.4%	6.4%	7.7%
Recreation—adults	8.6%	7.3%	5.4%	6.7%	8.5%
Religious organizations	22.8%	25.8%	24.1%	26.8%	28.6%
Work-related organizations	10.3%	7.9%	6.9%	7.1%	8.7%
Youth development	17.6%	15.4%	11.7%	14.7%	15.8%

⁴Respondents could report volunteering in more than one area during the past 12 months.

WHERE SENIORS VOLUNTEER, 1998



*Includes volunteering for international organizations, private/community foundations, and other unidentified activities.

AMERICAN SENIORS, 1998

	All over 55	Age 55 to 64	Age 65 to 74	Age 75 and over
Senior volunteers (% of senior population)	47.5%	50.3%	46.6%	43.0%
Total number of senior volunteers	27.7 million	11.9 million	8.5 million	7.1 million
Average weekly hours per volunteer	3.3 hours	3.3 hours	3.6 hours	3.1 hours
Total annual hours volunteered	4.8 billion hours	2.0 billion hours	1.6 billion hours	1.1 billion hours
Total dollar value of volunteer time	\$71.2 billion	\$29.7 billion	\$23.7 billion	\$16.3 billion

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