

Volunteering in America

Whether it's tutoring a child, serving food at a shelter, or creating an after-school program, Americans of every generation make volunteering a priority. Our annual **Volunteering and Civic Life in America** report found that one in four adults volunteered through an organization in 2012. More than 64 million Americans volunteered nearly 8 billion hours last year. The estimated value of this volunteer service is nearly \$175 billion, based on the Independent Sector's estimate of the average value of a volunteer hour. More than 5,200 Senior Corps volunteers are meeting local needs, strengthening communities, and increasing civic engagement through national service in Montana

In Montana, in 2012, 29.9% of residents volunteered, ranking us 18th among the 50 states and Washington, DC. with 43.7 volunteer hours per resident, 230,750 volunteers, 34.7 million hours of service and \$546.1 million of service contributed. **30.8% of residents over age 55 volunteer.**