

FACTS AND STATS



Volunteering in Canada

12.7M Number of Canadians who did volunteer work in 2013, accounting for 44% of the total population aged 15 and older¹

1.96B Total number of hours donated by Canadian volunteers to groups and organizations of all kinds in 2013²

154 hours Average number of hours contributed by volunteers in Canada in 2013³

42%, 45% & 27% Volunteer participation rate of Canadians aged 20–24 years, 45–54 years and 75 years and older, respectively, in 2013⁴

34% & 19% Proportion of 25- to 54-year-old part-time workers and full-time workers, respectively, who were regular volunteers* in 2010⁵

35% Proportion of Canadian employees surveyed in 2013 who said that their employer has a program motivating them to volunteer⁶

7 in 10 Proportion of Canadians surveyed in 2013 who said they volunteer because they have a “desire to give back to the community”⁷

1/3 Proportion of Canadians surveyed in 2013 who said they volunteer because it “reduces stress”⁸

91% Proportion of surveyed Canadians aged 16–19 who said they think that social engagement is important to improving our quality of life⁹

78% Proportion of surveyed Canadians aged 16–19 who say they feel “personally responsible” for creating a better future¹⁰

*People who did an average of five or more hours of volunteer work per month in the past year are considered “regular volunteers.”

¹ Martin Turcotte, “Volunteering and Charitable Giving in Canada,” *Spotlight on Canadians: Results from the General Social Survey*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 89-652-X (January 2015), accessed April 3, 2016, <http://bit.ly/1zRm4Qq>.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Martin Turcotte and Stéphanie Gaudet, “Social Participation of Full-Time Workers,” *Labour Statistics: Research Papers*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 75-004-MWE (April 2013), accessed September 26, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1dJmiO>.

⁶ Pollara Strategic Insights, *BMO Volunteer Day Study: Seventy Per Cent of Canadians Have Volunteered in the Past Year* (May 2013), accessed September 27, 2013, <http://bit.ly/11poZ0T>.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ipsos, *Youth Optimism Up in Canada* (2013), accessed September 26, 2013, <http://bit.ly/11uP4uj>.

¹⁰ Ibid.