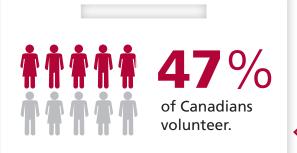
VOLUNTEERING in Canada

Canadians are generous with volunteering their time, energy and skills to support the causes that matter to them the most. Here are the latest statistics from the 2010 Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating.

For more information consult the full *Canadian Social Trends* article available on Statistics Canada's website at www.bit.ly/CSTvolunteering.





2.1 billion hours volunteered by Canadians annually.



156 hours

average number of hours contributed by Canadian volunteers annually.

million full-time equivalent jobs represented by volunteering annually.

Why Canadians

VOLUNTEER

93% to make a contribution to the community.

78% to use their skills and experiences.

59% personally affected by the organization's cause. **48%** to explore one's own strengths.

48% because their friends volunteer.

46% to network with or meet people.

22% to improve job opportunities.

21% to fulfill religious obligations or beliefs.

AGE Differences in Volunteering

%	% who volunteer		Average volunteer hours	
	58%	15 to 24	130	006
	46%	25 to 34	109	001
	54%	35 to 44	136	000
	45%	45 to 54	167	0001
	41%	55 to 64	201	0000
	36%	65+	223	00001



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Canada's premier tool for finding information about Canada's 85,000+ charities. www.charityfocus.ca

Canadian Social Trends

Statistics Canada's free online publication which discusses the social, economic and demographic changes affecting the lives of Canadians. www.bit.ly/CSTvolunteering

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