

Value of Volunteer Time/ Indexed	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
US Total	24.14	23.56	23.07	22.55	22.14	21.79	21.36	20.85	20.25	19.51	18.77	18.04	17.55	17.19	16.74	16.27
Alabama	22.28	21.22	20.84	20.50	20.47	18.26	18.06	17.70	16.84	16.10	15.71	15.15	14.71	14.47	13.98	12.95
Alaska	27.80	27.51	26.59	26.50	25.49	21.96	21.69	21.38	20.11	18.92	17.94	17.28	16.90	16.74	16.46	15.22
Arizona	23.57	22.83	22.37	22.52	22.25	20.08	19.71	19.48	18.70	18.05	17.48	16.79	16.22	15.86	15.41	14.75
Arkansas	19.66	19.14	19.31	18.93	18.23	16.77	16.48	16.24	15.38	14.84	14.08	13.71	13.35	13.07	12.69	11.82
California	28.46	27.59	26.87	26.34	26.01	24.75	24.18	23.42	22.62	21.96	21.14	20.36	19.74	19.19	18.67	18.72
Colorado	25.97	25.96	25.68	25.10	24.23	22.43	22.03	21.62	20.85	20.08	19.32	18.53	18.02	17.84	17.41	17.07
Connecticut	29.29	27.77	26.79	26.43	26.92	28.26	27.77	26.98	26.49	26.03	24.77	23.90	23.14	22.44	21.70	20.92
Delaware	23.20	21.37	20.22	20.29	20.44	23.02	22.34	21.88	21.13	20.77	20.47	19.87	18.97	18.74	18.08	16.71
District of Columbia	39.17	38.77	39.86	38.69	37.11	34.04	33.61	32.79	31.80	30.40	28.96	27.44	26.52	25.70	24.75	22.67
Florida	22.70	22.08	21.61	21.24	20.86	18.85	18.66	18.40	17.68	17.13	16.72	16.07	15.43	15.09	14.58	13.64
Georgia	24.39	23.80	23.26	22.25	21.42	20.77	20.38	19.94	19.18	18.78	18.06	17.60	17.15	16.91	16.48	15.74
Hawaii	23.80	23.33	23.14	22.16	21.67	18.14	18.08	17.94	17.16	16.47	15.89	15.40	15.06	14.66	14.17	13.26
Idaho	21.10	20.97	20.21	19.92	19.89	16.13	15.93	15.57	14.98	14.68	14.33	13.55	13.19	12.97	12.72	12.55
Illinois	25.95	25.34	24.74	24.08	23.73	23.19	22.77	22.34	21.85	21.11	20.29	19.52	18.97	18.60	18.20	17.40
Indiana	23.38	22.69	22.34	21.56	20.87	18.33	18.04	17.61	17.16	16.54	16.19	15.79	15.57	15.31	14.91	14.11
Iowa	22.95	22.25	21.75	20.93	20.14	17.55	17.22	16.77	16.21	15.51	15.00	14.54	14.19	13.85	13.36	12.50
Kansas	22.14	22.02	21.64	20.88	20.65	18.45	18.13	17.80	17.28	16.54	16.01	15.26	14.80	14.57	14.22	13.47
Kentucky	21.38	21.16	20.29	19.68	19.58	17.91	17.65	17.37	16.52	15.92	15.46	15.03	14.75	14.52	14.08	13.09
Louisiana	22.77	22.67	22.73	22.13	21.75	19.33	19.06	18.71	18.02	16.90	16.31	14.94	14.22	14.04	13.74	12.74
Maine	21.61	21.31	20.54	20.10	20.11	17.03	16.84	16.53	15.89	15.16	14.68	14.29	14.08	13.85	13.39	12.41
Maryland	26.79	26.64	26.41	25.43	24.82	23.05	22.77	22.32	21.20	20.42	19.69	19.06	18.39	17.96	17.34	16.07
Massachusetts	29.88	29.00	27.82	27.00	26.11	27.43	26.84	26.18	25.56	24.54	23.37	22.46	22.07	21.36	20.75	20.47
Michigan	23.67	23.54	22.96	22.13	21.59	20.63	20.07	19.79	19.55	18.98	18.56	18.32	18.11	18.10	17.48	16.92
Minnesota	26.40	25.20	24.83	24.31	23.59	21.91	21.62	20.90	20.55	19.65	18.72	18.25	18.18	17.74	17.20	16.14
Mississippi	19.85	19.51	19.60	19.35	18.86	15.58	15.43	15.28	14.66	13.93	13.55	13.01	12.56	12.45	12.05	11.27
Missouri	21.57	21.31	21.30	21.17	20.91	19.00	18.80	18.57	18.16	17.11	16.54	16.12	15.71	15.57	15.24	14.37
Montana	21.04	20.44	19.89	19.64	19.34	15.73	15.28	14.89	14.24	13.61	13.00	12.44	11.93	11.76	11.36	10.54
Nebraska	22.25	21.51	20.62	20.13	20.04	17.10	16.86	16.67	15.96	15.35	14.79	14.24	13.91	13.71	13.31	12.48
Nevada	21.51	20.98	19.81	19.05	18.97	18.97	18.82	19.00	18.65	18.11	17.30	16.86	16.17	15.74	15.12	14.28
New Hampshire	24.90	23.79	22.98	22.86	22.07	21.70	21.29	20.85	20.20	19.51	19.02	18.27	17.71	17.29	16.77	16.03
New Jersey	27.46	26.70	25.68	25.33	25.00	25.91	25.64	25.20	24.49	23.58	22.73	21.88	21.35	21.08	20.55	19.86
New Mexico	19.77	19.91	20.13	19.77	19.41	17.62	17.44	17.10	16.35	15.48	14.77	13.96	13.49	13.28	12.91	12.05
New York	28.06	27.59	26.86	26.45	26.00	28.73	28.32	27.17	27.07	27.01	25.19	23.60	22.77	21.96	21.53	20.78
North Carolina	22.99	21.88	21.47	21.04	21.07	19.09	18.80	18.18	17.58	16.99	16.49	15.93	15.52	15.28	14.89	14.09
North Dakota	25.40	25.24	25.13	23.92	22.49	19.18	17.49	16.48	15.56	14.43	13.73	13.18	12.82	12.47	11.96	11.06
Ohio	22.99	22.06	21.46	21.40	21.12	19.23	18.87	18.54	17.93	17.34	16.86	16.40	16.10	15.88	15.43	14.63
Oklahoma	22.08	21.50	21.45	20.88	20.82	18.28	17.49	17.05	16.56	15.60	15.09	14.06	13.66	13.42	12.91	12.10
Oregon	24.15	22.75	21.99	21.35	21.14	19.33	18.85	18.47	17.84	17.25	16.68	16.14	15.71	15.50	15.15	14.77
Pennsylvania	23.89	23.40	22.63	21.94	21.13	21.25	20.86	20.51	19.67	18.89	18.15	17.48	17.06	16.74	16.15	15.27
Rhode Island	24.34	23.48	23.45	23.53	23.28	19.82	19.57	19.10	18.32	17.52	17.14	16.51	16.13	15.98	15.22	14.18
South Carolina	21.85	21.14	20.56	20.15	19.84	17.20	16.91	16.53	15.80	15.28	14.93	14.43	14.03	13.88	13.50	12.62
South Dakota	20.81	20.29	19.65	19.04	18.96	15.99	15.60	15.18	14.47	13.75	13.20	12.76	12.45	12.26	11.86	11.04
Tennessee	22.16	20.92	20.72	20.13	20.05	19.42	19.21	18.62	17.86	17.22	16.63	15.98	15.62	15.36	14.86	13.87
Texas	25.15	25.11	24.66	23.40	22.75	22.57	21.91	21.35	20.85	20.04	19.14	18.20	17.53	17.17	16.84	16.22
Utah	24.27	23.92	23.51	22.65	22.07	18.19	17.92	17.54	16.72	16.12	15.37	14.61	14.17	14.00	13.74	13.14
Vermont	23.29	22.79	21.91	21.65	21.67	18.00	17.77	17.54	16.77	15.99	15.46	14.98	14.66	14.47	14.03	13.05
Virginia	26.96	26.09	24.90	24.49	24.60	22.90	22.60	22.03	20.83	20.04	19.32	18.69	17.97	17.50	16.84	15.88
Washington	30.04	28.99	27.54	26.72	26.52	22.69	22.01	21.62	20.57	19.62	18.79	17.92	17.39	17.74	17.41	16.92
West Virginia	20.98	20.47	20.24	19.76	18.93	17.57	17.01	16.65	15.70	14.66	14.15	13.59	13.26	13.00	12.74	11.96
Wisconsin	23.06	22.48	22.24	21.78	21.09	18.50	18.20	17.85	17.28	16.58	16.12	15.63	15.41	15.14	14.72	13.78
Wyoming	22.13	23.13	23.46	23.16	23.09	19.54	18.97	18.38	18.35	17.09	16.06	14.52	13.75	13.38	12.96	12.05
Puerto Rico	13.26	13.33	13.41													

Methodology: The earliest attempt at estimating the average hourly rate of volunteer time was made by Harold Wolozin in "The Value of Volunteer Services in the United States" Action, September, 1976 using a marketplace value basis. His 1974 rate of \$4.76 was 12 percent more than the 1974 average hourly earnings of nonagricultural employees. All subsequent value for volunteer time released by Independent Sector have been based on the average hourly earning of workers on private nonfarm payrolls (BLS data) and increased by 12 percent to estimate for fringe benefits.

This method however, only provides a national rate for volunteer time and does not take into account differences in labor conditions among states. To correct for these differences, a comparative wage measure, available on a state basis was considered. The average hourly rate for employees in private industry was obtained for the entire U.S. and each state. The ratio between the national and state rate was computed for and the same ratio was applied to the national nonagricultural hourly earnings to calculate an individual rate for each of the states.

These numbers provide the public the option of using the national dollar value of volunteer time or the dollar value specific to the state they operate in. This method was recommended by BLS economist Mr. John Stinson