

Volunteer Activities

Overview

Current Status of Volunteer Activities

[Number of active volunteers]

(As of April 2009, surveyed by Japan National Council of Social Welfare; number of persons/groups registered at or recognized by Social Welfare Conferences of prefecture/designated cities and Social Welfare Conference Volunteer Centers of municipalities)

(1) Number of persons: 7.30 million (approx. 4.6 times that for FY1980 of 1.60)

(2) Number of groups: 170,000 groups (approx. 10.6 times that for FY1980 of 16,000)

[Structure/details of active volunteers] (as of the end of September 2009)

* All of the followings were individually surveyed

(1) Gender (%)

Males	Females	No answer
31.0	68.8	0.2

(2) Age (%)

Age 10-19	Age 20-29	Age 30-39	Age 40-49	Age 50-59	Age 60-69	Age 70-79	80 or older
0.5	3.6	4.5	8.0	17.7	40.9	22.5	2.3

(3) By occupation (%)

Enterprise (employees)	6.1	Persons retired at mandatory age	22.5
Public officers	2.9	Students	1.7
Organization staffs	6.5	Persons not working	5.1
NPO/NGO staffs	3.5	Others	7.5
Self-employed	8.1	No answer	0.5
Homemakers (not working)	35.6		

(4) Fields of volunteer activities (multiple choices) (%)

Welfare activities for the elderly	44.1	Activities on disaster prevention, crime prevention, or traffic safety, etc.	14.8
Welfare activities for person with disabilities	33.4	Activities on human rights protection	5.9
Activities on child rearing (infants)	17.8	Activities on international exchange/cooperation	7.6
Activities on sound upbringing of youth (children)	17.7	Activities on community development, etc.	22.5
Activities on health and medical care	10.0	Activities of neighborhood self-governing bodies, neighborhood associations, welfare volunteers, or regional social welfare councils, etc.	26.7
Education/culture/sports promotion	19.8	Others	11.1
Activities on community beautification/environment preservation	22.4	No answer	1.6
Volunteer activities in times of disaster	14.7		

(5) Areas where activities are conducted (%)

Within elementary school/junior high school districts	14.6	Mainly at home	2.4
Entire municipalities	56.9	No specific areas	12.8
Beyond municipalities (prefecture, overseas, etc.)	10.3	No answer	3.0