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Idaho Volunteering Second in the Nation Two Years in a Row

For the second year in a row, Idaho ranks second in the nation in volunteering, according to the latest report on volunteerism by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The annual "Volunteering and Civic Life in America" report showed Idaho with 35.8 percent of the population volunteering in 2014, edging out Wisconsin for second place by .4 percent. Utah was first place in the report at 46 percent. Boise ranked eighth of 75 mid-sized cities with 38.1 percent of Boiseans volunteering.

A total of 451,620 Idaho volunteers performed more than 51 million hours of service valued at \$1.2 billion. The rate is the percentage of people 16 or older who performed unpaid volunteer activities through or for an organization, based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

More than half of the volunteers also donated \$25 or more to charity.

The total of Americans volunteering was 62.8 million with 7.9 billion hours volunteered valued at more than \$184 billion. Those age 33-44 had the highest volunteer rate of all age groups at 30 percent while those age 75 and older averaged the most volunteer hours at 100. One of five people age 18-24 volunteered in 2014 according to the report.

In addition to individual volunteerism, the Corporation for National and Community Service has committed more than \$5.9 million to support Idaho communities through national service initiatives. Through public-private partnership, this federal investment leveraged an additional \$1.75 million in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support and increase return on tax dollars. Primarily through Serve Idaho, over 200 people in the AmeriCorps program provided services to meet education, environmental, health, economic and other pressing needs in communities across Idaho.

To find ways to volunteer visit Serveldaho.gov or check out the Serve Idaho Facebook page for the latest volunteer opportunities and information on volunteering in Idaho.

Top 10 States for Volunteerism 2014		
Rank	State	2014
1	Utah	46.0%
2	Idaho	35.8%
3	Wisconsin	35.4%
4	Minnesota	35.3%
5	Kansas	35.1%
6	Vermont	34.7%
7	Nebraska	34.6%
8	Alaska	34.3%
9	South Dakota	34.1%
10	Iowa	33.0%

Source: Corporation for National & Community Service

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Serve Idaho, a division of the Idaho Department of Labor, encourages voluntary public service and volunteerism throughout the state. The Serve Idaho Commission is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Idaho Department of Labor.