In 2006, 2.75 million Illinois volunteers dedicated 311.1 million hours of service. Illinois’ volunteer rate increased by 7.6 percentage points since 1974 and 9.4 percentage points since 1989.

Participation with education or youth-service organizations more than doubled from a rate of 13.5% in 1989 to 28.4% in 2006.

In addition to the 2.75 million Illinois volunteers in 2006, almost 232,000 people participated informally by working with their neighbors to improve the community.

Overall, 32.2% of people in Illinois engaged in civic life by volunteering, working with their neighbors, or attending public meetings.

*For more detailed state-level information on volunteering and civic life, go to www.nationalservice.gov.*
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