In 2006, 16.4 million Midwestern volunteers dedicated 2 billion hours of service.

The Midwest’s volunteer rate increased by 8.2 percentage points between 1989 and the present.

The Midwest had the highest volunteer rate for adults, college students, Baby Boomers, and older adults.

On average, 71% of volunteers in the Midwest who served in 2005 continued to serve in 2006, the highest volunteer retention rate for all regions.

In addition to the 16.4 million Midwestern volunteers in 2006, almost 1.3 million people participated informally by working with their neighbors to improve the community.

Overall, 36.9% of people in the Midwest engaged in civic life by volunteering, working with their neighbors, or attending public meetings.

The Midwest had a Civic Life Index score of 108.4, making it the highest among all regions.

* For more detailed state-level information on volunteering and civic life, go to www.nationalservice.gov.
The Civic Life Index includes 12 indicators. For more information, go to www.nationalservice.gov.