



Goal 7: Community and Cultural Engagement

Desired Community Condition: Residents are active participants in civic and public affairs.



Indicator: Resident Volunteer Rate

Progress Rating: **Local Trend: POSITIVE** **National Comparison: BETTER**

Indicator Description

This indicator compares the percent and characteristics of Albuquerque residents who perform volunteer activities for their community, neighborhoods, schools, religious and charitable institutions, and/or common interest groups. It utilizes data from surveys conducted under contract to the City of Albuquerque by Research and Polling, Inc. in 2001 and 2003. This local data is compared to national data collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor as part of the 2003 Current Population Survey.

Why is this indicator important?

The United States has a long history of engaged citizenry and volunteerism. American history is a story of people banding together to run schools, hospitals, orphanages, foundations, churches, and civic groups. The United Way conducted a Community Involvement Survey in August 2002 and determined that 97% of Americans felt that active community involvement is a virtue. Citizen involvement is crucial to an effective nonprofit sector.

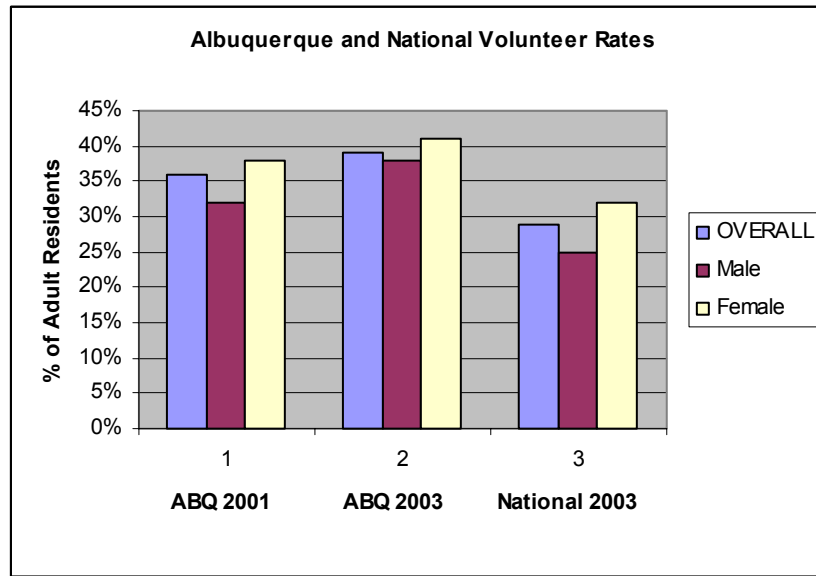
- More than 80 percent of nonprofit organizations in the U.S. rely on volunteers.
- More than half use volunteers on a weekly basis.
- Volunteers do about a third of the work of all nonprofit organizations.
- If all volunteers were paid employees, their work would cost nonprofits over \$200 billion per year.

Data Sources

City of Albuquerque *Citizen Perception of Community Conditions Surveys* 2001 and 2003; *The Current Population Survey* by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2003; *The Community Involvement Survey*, The United Way, August 2002

What can we tell from the data?

- Volunteerism has increased from 2001 to 2003 among almost every segment of Albuquerque residents.
- Significant increases in volunteerism were reflected in the City survey among men, women, middle income, middle age respondents, Hispanics, Caucasians (not Hispanics), and college grads.
- Albuquerque residents surpassed the national volunteerism statistics (overall 39% to 29%) with every age group exceeding similar groupings nationally.
- Hispanic volunteerism in Albuquerque significantly exceeded national Hispanic volunteerism statistics.



VOLUNTEERISM	COA Surveys by R&P, Inc. Albuquerque Residents		National Volunteer Data BLS USDOL	
	2001	2003		2003
OVERALL	36%	40%		29%
Male	32%	38%		25%
Female	38%	41%		32%
INCOME				
<\$20k	29%	25%		na
\$35-\$50k	33%	47%		na
>\$75k	51%	57%		na
AGE				
Age 18-34	36%	34%	20-34	24%
35-49	43%	52%	35-54	34%
50-64	31%	36%	55-64	29%
65+	29%	28%	65+	24%
CULTURAL IDENTITY				
Hispanic	30%	36%		16%
Caucasian not Hispanic	38%	40%		31%
African American	Insufficient data			20%
Asian America	Insufficient data			19%
EDUCATION				
HS grad	22%	26%	HS grad	22%
College Grad	46%	54%	College Grad plus Grad	46%
Grad Degree	55%	58%		