

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Idaho Ranks Third in Volunteerism

More than one in three Idahoans volunteered their time to improve their communities and help those who need assistance, ranking the state third in the nation in volunteerism.

The latest research by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the National Conference on Citizenship found that 36.5 percent of Idahoans - more than 425,000 - volunteered over 58 million hours of service in 2012. Only Utah and Minnesota had higher rates of volunteerism. The rate is based on a three-year moving average.

"Volunteers are raising funds; collecting, preparing, distributing and serving food; providing transportation; tutoring or teaching and offering general support to organizations," Wendy Spencer, chief executive of the Corporation for National and Community Service, told Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter in advising him of the state's achievement. "While organizations across the country struggle to provide more services with fewer resources, volunteers help fill the gap."

While Idaho's volunteer rate was unchanged from 2011, the state moved ahead of Iowa and South Dakota in the national rankings. Idaho's rate was up nearly two and a half percentage points from 2010, when the state ranked 10<sup>th</sup> nationally.

In addition to the tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the state, there were more than 350 AmeriCorps members and 3,800 Senior Corps volunteers meeting local needs, strengthening communities and increasing civic engagement through national service, which is coordinated by Serve Idaho. The Corporation for National and Community Service is committing more than \$6.7 million to support Idaho communities through national service this year.

More information is at <http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/ID#sthash.TA4K9fWR.dpuf> or at <http://www.serveidaho.gov/>.

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### Percent of Population Volunteering in 2012

1	Utah	43.8%
2	Minnesota	37.7%
3	<b>Idaho</b>	<b>36.5%</b>
4	Kansas	36.4%
5	Iowa	36.0%
5	Nebraska	36.0%

<b>7</b>	South Dakota	35.7%
<b>8</b>	Wisconsin	35.6%
<b>9</b>	Washington	34.5%
<b>10</b>	Vermont	34.4%
<b>11</b>	Oregon	34.1%
<b>12</b>	Alaska	33.2%
<b>13</b>	Colorado	32.8%
<b>14</b>	Maine	32.5%
<b>15</b>	Missouri	30.7%
<b>16</b>	North Dakota	30.4%
<b>17</b>	Connecticut	30.2%
<b>18</b>	Montana	29.9%
<b>18</b>	Wyoming	29.9%
<b>20</b>	DC	29.1%
<b>21</b>	Maryland	28.5%
<b>21</b>	Virginia	28.5%
<b>23</b>	New Hampshire	28.4%
<b>24</b>	Indiana	28.0%
<b>25</b>	Michigan	27.9%
<b>26</b>	Oklahoma	27.7%
<b>27</b>	Ohio	27.4%
<b>27</b>	Illinois	27.4%
<b>29</b>	New Mexico	26.7%
<b>29</b>	Pennsylvania	26.7%
<b>31</b>	Massachusetts	26.5%
<b>32</b>	Mississippi	26.0%
<b>33</b>	North Carolina	25.8%
<b>34</b>	South Carolina	25.5%
<b>35</b>	Alabama	25.1%
<b>35</b>	California	25.1%
<b>37</b>	Delaware	24.8%
<b>37</b>	Tennessee	24.8%
<b>39</b>	Rhode Island	24.5%
<b>40</b>	Georgia	24.3%
<b>41</b>	Arizona	24.2%
<b>42</b>	Texas	24.0%
<b>43</b>	Kentucky	23.7%
<b>44</b>	West Virginia	23.1%
<b>45</b>	Hawaii	23.0%
<b>46</b>	New Jersey	22.9%
<b>47</b>	Arkansas	21.8%
<b>48</b>	Florida	21.4%
<b>49</b>	Nevada	20.7%
<b>50</b>	New York	20.6%

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Source: Corporation for National and  
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