VOLUNTEERING RATE AND HOURS FOR CANADIANS AGED 15 AND OVER

FACTS:

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Canadian volunteers devoted about 1.96 billion volunteer hours in 2013; this is equivalent to 1 million full-time jobs.

Number of volunteers: 12,716,000

Volunteering rate: 44%

Average annual volunteer hours: 154

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GENDER DIFFERENCE

Women slightly more likely to volunteer than men (45% compared with 42%).

VOLUNTEERS ARE INCREASINGLY OLDER

In 2013, 39% of volunteer hours were contributed by those aged 55 and over, compared with 31% in 2004.

VOLUNTEERS ARE INCREASINGLY MORE EDUCATED

From 2004 to 2013, the proportion of volunteers, aged from 25 to 64, with university degrees rose by four percentage points to 39%.

Source: Data from the 2013 General Social Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating