

## Portland: The Volunteer City

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Self-congratulations alert: The Portland area ranks second in the United States among large cities for volunteering — with [36.7 percent of residents](#) donating some of their time between 2006 and 2008, according to this [new study](#) from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The national volunteer rate over that three-year stretch was 26.4 percent, and Portland trailed only Minneapolis in the rankings of 51 cities in the United States.

Among the [states](#), Oregon ranked 13th (Utah led the way with a rate of 43.5 percent) with a [volunteer rate of 33.2 percent](#).

As you pore through the numbers and wonder who locally might need your volunteer help, you could think about helping all the good folks in WW's [2008 Give!Guide](#). And that of course reminds us that the [2009 Give!Guide](#) is just around the corner and we're looking for worthy non-profits to include this year in the fund-raising. **WW**