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[The Number of volunteers]

(As of April 1, 2007; Source: National Council of Social Welfare, Number of people and groups registered at the volunteer centers under the Councils of Social Welfare of Prefectures, designated cities and municipalities)

(1) People: 8,300,000 (2.5 times larger than 1,600,000 in FY 1980)

(2) Groups: 147,000 (9.2 times larger than 16,000 in FY 1980)

[Contents and Description of Activities] (As of December 31, 2001)

(1) Sex (Survey on individuals) (%)

Male	Female	N/A
27.1	72.7	0.2

(2) By occupation (Survey on individuals) (%)

Managerial and specialist personnel in business enterprise · public offices and local government	7.1	Housewives (without jobs)	38.1
Clerical and general office personnel in business enterprise, public offices and local government	8.0	Retired persons	24.5
Self-employed	9.6	Students	1.4
Part-time workers	9.0	N/A	2.4

(3) Recipients of services by volunteer organizations and individuals engaging in activities for people such as providing services and giving human interaction (%)

Recipients of service	Organization	Individual	Recipients of service	Organization	Individual
The elderly and persons in need of care	55.2	63.8	Patients of intractable diseases and their family	4.3	5.0
Adults and children with disabilities and their family	52.5	52.9	People overseas	1.1	1.6
Children	18.8	22.2	Others	6.3	5.1
Parents upbringing children	9.1	10.0	No specific recipients	5.8	4.7
Foreign people residing in Japan and foreign students studying in Japan	1.4	3.2	N/A	2.6	1.4
Homeless persons	0.3	0.5			

(4) Themes of volunteer organizations and individuals engaged in activities based on specific themes rather than services to People (%)

Themes	Organization	Individual	Themes	Organization	Individual
Inheritance of tradition and culture, and dissemination of art	12.0	13.1	Disaster prevention, disaster relief and safety	2.9	5.4
Environment conservation and nature protection	15.1	20.2	Others	38.9	29.3
International assistance	3.1	3.7	N/A	7.2	13.3
Community development	20.8	15.0			

Source: Japan National Council of Social Welfare "National Survey on the Actual Status of Volunteers"