

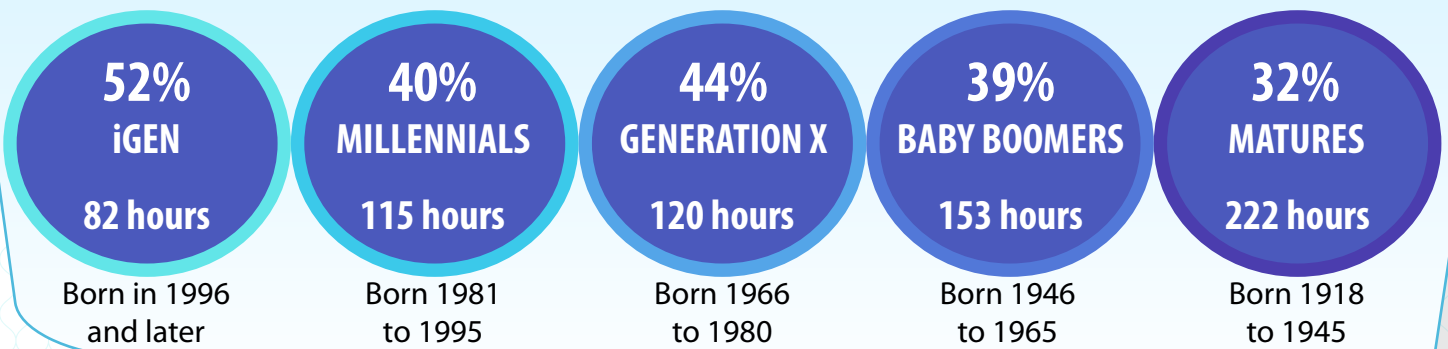


VOLUNTEERING BY CANADIANS IN 2018

In 2018, **over 24 million people volunteered** formally (i.e., for an organization), informally (on their own), or both formally and informally, accounting for 79% of Canadians aged 15 and older. **They dedicated approximately 5 billion hours to volunteer activities**, equivalent to over 2.5 million full-time year-round jobs.

Among all generations, **iGens were the most likely to engage in formal volunteering, at 52%, but Matures contributed the most average hours** to formal volunteering activities.

FORMAL VOLUNTEERING RATES AND AVERAGE HOURS PER YEAR, POPULATION AGED 15 AND OLDER, BY GENERATION, 2018



AVERAGE HOURS OF FORMAL VOLUNTEERING PER YEAR, POPULATION AGED 15 AND OLDER, BY ORGANIZATION TYPE, 2018

Among formal volunteers, more hours were dedicated to hospitals and religious organizations.

Hospitals

Religious organizations



Sports and recreation

Arts and culture



In 2018, more Canadians engaged in informal volunteering activities. Close to 23 million people volunteered on their own, while about half (12.7 million) devoted time to volunteering activities mediated by organizations such as hospitals.

Note: Formal volunteering is when people volunteer for and on behalf of organizations, while informal volunteering is engagement in activities on one's own (e.g., picking up groceries for a neighbour).

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