

Indicator **53. Volunteer Work and Community Affairs**

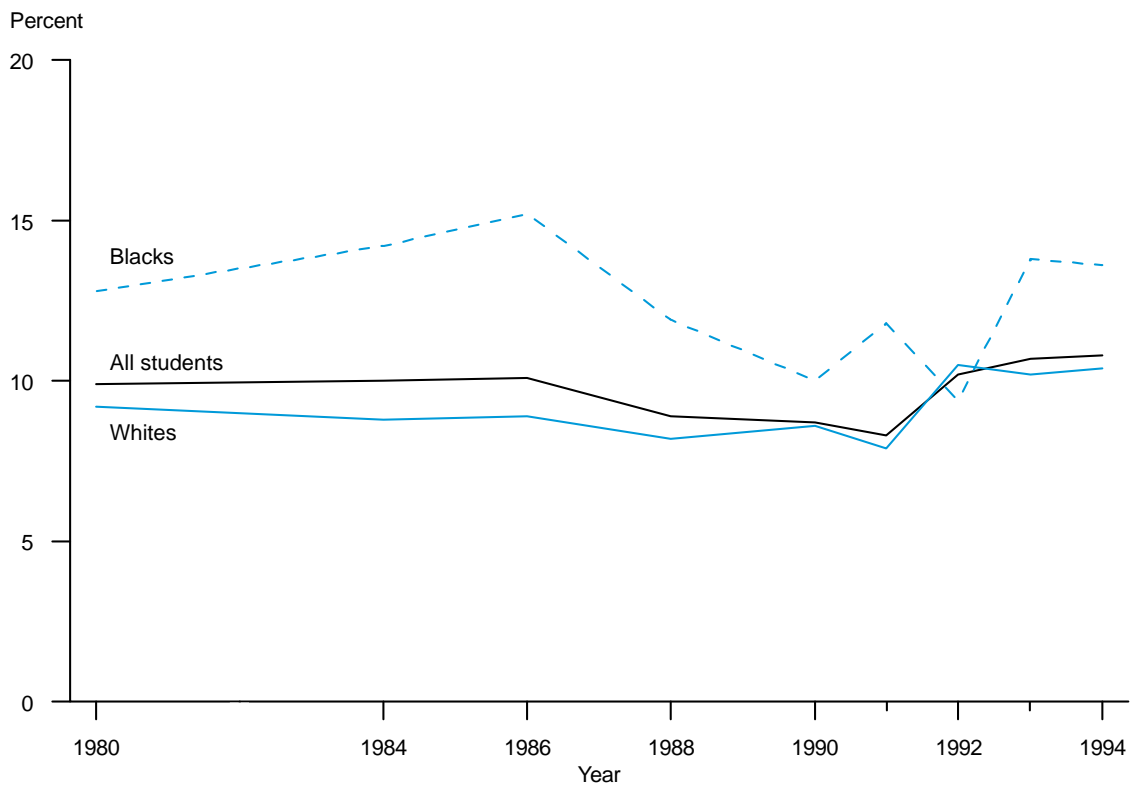
Percent of high school seniors who participate in community affairs or volunteer work by sex and race: 1980 to 1994

Participation	1980	1984	1986	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
All students									
Almost every day	2.5	2.6	1.7	2.6	1.8	2.4	2.8	2.7	3.2
At least once a week	7.4	7.4	8.4	6.3	6.9	5.9	7.4	8.0	7.6
Once or twice a month	14.0	14.1	14.0	13.4	13.0	14.6	16.5	15.0	17.2
A few times a year	45.2	44.9	44.9	45.4	43.3	44.6	41.7	44.0	44.8
Never	30.9	31.0	31.0	32.3	35.1	32.4	31.6	30.3	27.2
Males									
Almost every day	2.4	3.1	1.5	1.9	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.7
At least once a week	7.3	6.5	6.7	5.3	5.8	5.2	7.3	6.6	6.9
Once or twice a month	13.6	13.2	11.6	12.3	11.8	12.0	14.2	12.2	15.6
A few times a year	44.2	40.1	43.2	43.9	43.1	42.0	41.4	44.5	43.3
Never	32.6	37.2	37.1	36.5	37.8	38.2	34.5	34.3	31.4
Females									
Almost every day	2.6	2.0	1.8	3.1	2.1	2.2	3.0	3.1	3.4
At least once a week	7.3	8.3	10.1	7.2	8.0	6.9	7.5	9.4	8.5
Once or twice a month	15.0	15.4	16.1	14.4	14.7	17.4	19.2	17.6	18.8
A few times a year	46.6	49.8	46.9	47.4	43.7	47.1	42.4	44.3	46.3
Never	28.6	24.4	25.1	27.9	31.5	26.5	27.9	25.7	23.0
Whites									
Almost every day	2.2	2.3	1.2	2.6	1.4	1.8	2.6	2.5	2.9
At least once a week	7.0	6.5	7.7	5.6	7.2	6.1	7.9	7.7	7.5
Once or twice a month	14.8	14.8	14.4	13.8	13.4	14.4	17.6	15.5	17.2
A few times a year	47.3	46.1	46.5	46.5	44.4	46.6	42.6	45.2	47.5
Never	28.7	30.3	30.3	31.5	33.7	31.1	29.4	29.2	24.9
Blacks									
Almost every day	3.9	4.1	2.9	3.0	4.8	4.5	3.5	3.9	4.9
At least once a week	8.9	10.1	12.3	8.9	5.2	7.3	5.9	9.9	8.7
Once or twice a month	13.2	12.5	14.0	14.5	14.4	14.5	16.8	16.0	17.2
A few times a year	37.4	43.0	40.4	41.6	37.9	43.0	37.0	37.2	35.7
Never	36.5	30.3	30.4	32.0	37.7	30.8	36.8	33.1	33.6

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, *Monitoring the Future*, various years.

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Percent of high school seniors who participate in community affairs or volunteer work at least once per week by race: 1980 to 1994



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The proportion of seniors participating in volunteer work has grown in recent years. After showing little change during the 1980s the proportion of seniors who participated in volunteer activities at least once a month rose from 22 percent in 1990 to 28 percent in 1994. About 10 percent of seniors reporting participating in volunteer activities at least once per week, including 14 percent of blacks and 10 percent of whites.