

June 15, 2010

The Honorable John Curtis  
351 West Center Street  
Provo, UT 84601

Dear Mayor Curtis:

We are pleased to announce that Provo, UT ranks 1st among the 75 mid-sized cities across the country for their volunteer rate of 63.6%. Our 2010 *Volunteering in America* research shows that residents of Provo, UT have made it a priority to be part of the solution to national and community challenges through their service.

New data collected by the Corporation for National and Community Service in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that in the midst of the deepest recession in decades Americans are turning toward problems and serving their communities. This year's report shows the largest national increase in volunteering since 2003, with 63.4 million Americans (age 16 and older) volunteering in 2009, an increase of almost 1.6 million since 2008.

At a time of growing social and economic challenges, national service is a critical and cost-effective approach that engages citizens in solving problems in their communities. In implementing the Serve America Act, we are focused on achieving higher levels of impact in America's service and voluntary sector through four priorities: using service as a solution to meet major national challenges and better demonstrating results; expanding opportunities for more Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve; building the capacity of individuals, nonprofits, and communities to solve problems; and embracing innovation by expanding proven programs and seeding promising emerging ones.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit [www.NationalService.gov](http://www.NationalService.gov).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may also contact Rhoda Glickman, Director of Government Relations, at (202) 606-6731.

Sincerely,

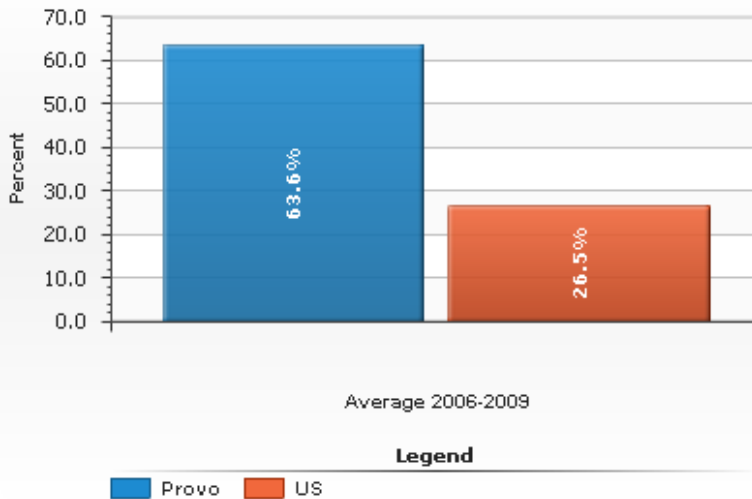


Patrick A. Corvington  
Chief Executive Officer

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Statistics for this area were collected within the Provo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Major cities in this MSA include Provo, UT and Orem, UT

### Volunteer Rate

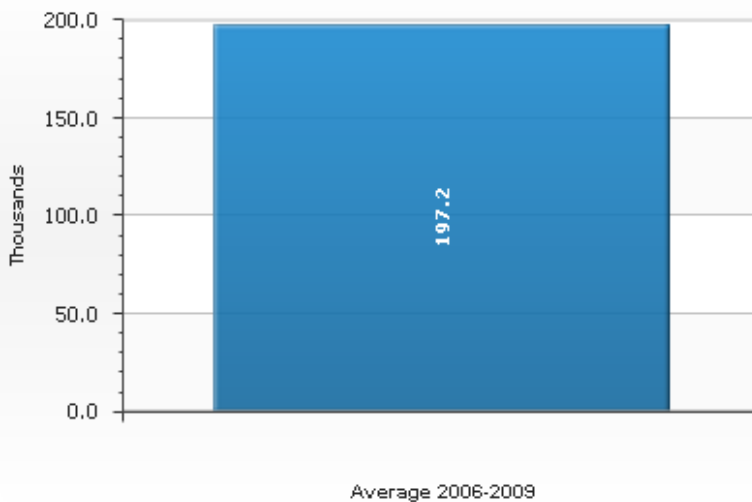


### Trends and Highlights

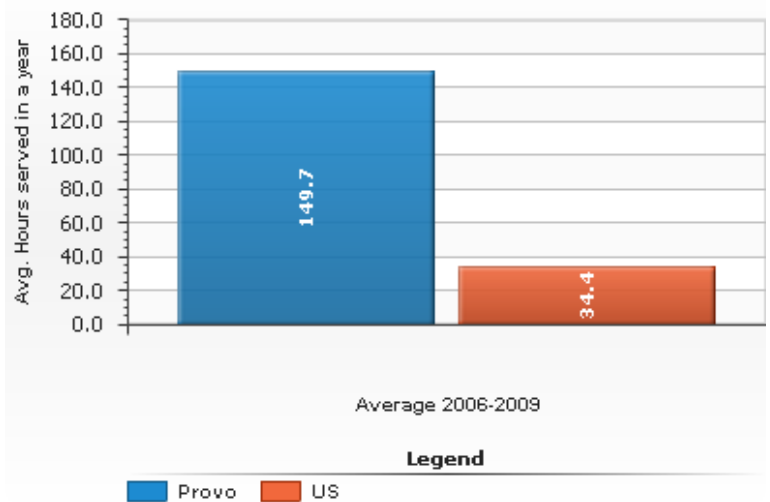
Based on pooled data (2006-2009)

- Despite the economic crisis, the national volunteer rate went up to 26.8 percent in 2009, with 63.4 million volunteers donating approximately 8.1 billion hours of service in communities across the country.
- Between 2006 and 2009, Provo had an average annual volunteer rate of 63.6 percent and 149.7 service hours per resident.
- On an average annual basis, volunteers in Provo contributed a total of 46.4 million hours of service per year (based on 2006-2009 data).

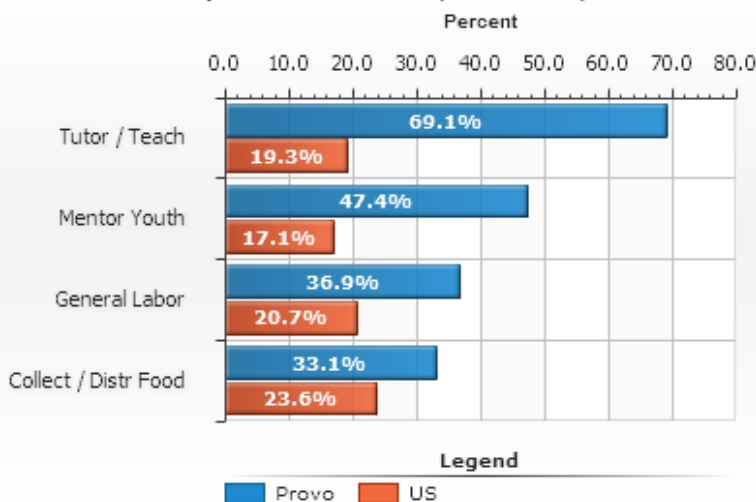
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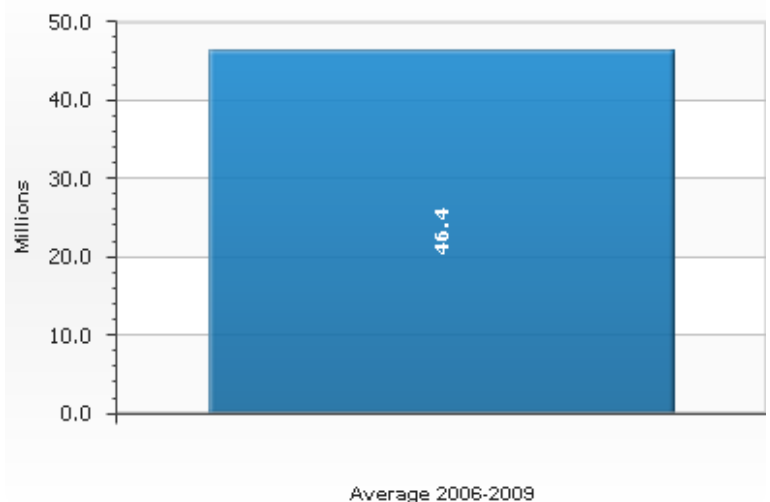
### Volunteer Hours Per Resident



### Top Four Activities (2006-2009)



### Total Volunteer Hours



\* Not reported due to the sample size for this estimate.

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### Rankings Highlights

Average volunteer rates are based on pooled data from 2006 to 2009.

- ▣ Volunteering: Rate - 63.6% and Rank - 1
- ▣ Volunteer Hours per Resident: Rate - 149.7 hours and Rank - 1