

Civic Engagement Volunteer Experience Survey

This survey was designed for the City of Phoenix and AARP Experience Corps to be used as a pre- post-test design to determine the impact of the volunteer experience with regard to civic engagement. This survey may be appropriate for use in other adult volunteer programs within public schools. This survey was not designed or endorsed by AARP; it has not undergone robust testing at this time. For questions/comments about this tool, please contact Vice President of Programs Marilee Dal Pra, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, mdalpra@pipertrust.org

Civic Engagement

1. In the past year, have you volunteered for any of the following places: (select all that apply)

- nonprofit organization
 - school
 - hospital
 - religious organization
 - neighborhood association
 - civic group
 - no volunteer opportunities in the past year
 - Other (please specify)
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2. In the past year, about how many hours, on average, did you spend volunteering?

- 2 hours or less
 - 3 - 5 hours
 - 6 - 10 hours
 - 11 - 20 hours
 - 21 - 40 hours
 - 41 - 80 hours
 - 80 hours or more
 - don't know
 - Other (please specify)
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3. Aside from an organized group, in the last year have you volunteered your time on your own and without pay to help your community or someone in need who is not a member of your family?

- Yes
- No

4. If yes, how many hours per month, on average, did you spend providing one on one help to friends, neighbors, or others who are not members of your family?

5. How well would you say that the following statements describe your approach to volunteering?

	NOT AT ALL WELL	NOT VERY WELL	DON'T KNOW	SOMEWHAT WELL	WELL
Volunteering is a part of my way of life					
I look for regular, ongoing opportunities for volunteering					
I typically give money or items of value rather than giving time					
I look for activities I can do without a schedule or commitment					
I seek out organizations or resources to help me find ways I can volunteer or help others					

6. This is a list of reasons some people have for giving their time and efforts to others. Please indicate how important each of the following reasons are for you personally to volunteer.

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT
It provides an opportunity to use your knowledge, skills and experience					
It is something that will help your own neighborhood or community					
It is a way to make a difference on a cause or an issue that is important to you OR that you are interested in					
It is a way to meet people or get together with people					
It keeps you active					
Because you feel a personal responsibility to help others when they need it					
It makes your own life more satisfying					
Because of your religious beliefs					
Someone asked you personally to volunteer					
The organization has an established track record of doing good work					
Someone you know was or is affected by the issue					
It is a good way to "give back"					

7. How much influence do you think someone like you, acting alone, can have on a problem that exists in your community?

- None at all
- A little
- Don't know/not sure
- A moderate amount
- A lot

8. How much influence do you think someone like you can have if you join with others in working on a problem that exists in your community?

- None at all
- A little
- Don't know/not sure
- A moderate amount
- A lot

9. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
Youth are receptive and willing to work with older adult coaches or mentors					
Youth today respect the experience and knowledge of older adults					
The K-12 public education youth receive in Arizona prepares them for careers and college					
Youth have the resources they need to be successful in Arizona's K-12 public schools					
Arizona K-12 public schools are doing the best they can to educate youth					

Volunteer Experience – This portion is to be completed after the school year, at the end of the volunteer experience

10. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
Volunteering with AARP Experience Corps has made a good use of my knowledge, skills and interests					
My experience as an AARP Experience Corps volunteer has been personally meaningful to me					
I would recommend volunteering with AARP Experience Corps to my family and friends					

11. How likely are you to be an AARP Experience Corps volunteer again in the future?

- Unlikely
- Not sure
- Likely

12. If you are unlikely or unsure about volunteering with AARP Experience Corps in the future, please explain why:

13. Because of your participation with AARP Experience Corps, would you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW / NO CHANGE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
I talk to more people than I used to					
I leave my home more than I used to					
I participate in community activities and events more than I used to					
I feel more connected with other people than I used to					
I feel healthier than I used to					
I feel happier than I used to					
My quality of life is better					
I am less lonely than I used to be					

14. As a result of participating in AARP Experience Corps, would you say that your perception of youth has changed?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

15. As a result of participating in AARP Experience Corps, would you say that your perception of the Arizona K-12 public education system has changed?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

16. If yes to either of those, please describe how your perception or view has changed?

17. Please provide a statement or describe what the opportunity with Experience Corps meant to you:
