

Living Longer, Living Well: Challenges and Opportunities Today and Tomorrow

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Vermont National Senior Service Corps Volunteers

- **68 Senior Companion volunteers** contribute **59,845** hours helping **312** older Vermonters age at home. Volunteers work with elders to provide services that allow them to remain independent.

Value: \$1,366,860

- **99 Foster Grandparent volunteers** give **93,890** hours to **684** children at **51** sites including schools, nonprofit child care centers, after school programs, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. They mentor, tutor and nurture children, offering their wisdom and time.

Value: \$2,144,448

- **1,638 RSVP volunteers** provide **231,701** hours of service to Vermonters of all ages through **410** non-profit organizations. RSVP volunteers drive elders to essential appointments, deliver Meals-On-Wheels, lead RSVP Bone Builders classes and read in classrooms to enhance literacy.

Value: \$5,292,051

Many other elder Vermonters volunteer for numerous civic, social and religious organizations, giving back and building community.

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Total VT Labor Force = **345,541**

65+ in VT Labor Force = **26,232 (8%)**

Male:	Age	Age	In Labor Force	% in Labor Force
	65-69	18,960	7,661	40%
	70-74	12,933	4,515	35%
	75+	16,629	2,367	14%
		48,522	14,543	30%
Female:		Total	In Labor Force	% in Labor Force
	65-69	19,902	7,511	38%
	70-74	14,907	2,499	17%
	75+	20,594	1,679	8%
		55,403	11,689	21%
		Total	In Labor Force	% in Labor Force
Male:	65+	48,522	14,543	30%
Female:	65+	55,403	11,689	21%
		103,925	26,232	25%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population 12mo Demographics, December 2015

Caregivers: Supporting Families, Enhancing Lives



Caregivers

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- **64,000** Vermonters were unpaid informal caregivers for spouses, parents, and other family members.
- **30,000** of these caregivers cared for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia.
- **245** respite grants were awarded to care givers to allow them to rest and renew. The total amount awarded in 2015 was **\$250,000**.
- Vermont caregivers provide **69 million** hours of care per year.
- The value of their care is **\$683 million**.
- **8,000** Vermont grandparents live with their grandchildren. **46%** were responsible for caring for their grandchildren.

Source: Family Caregiver Alliance and DAIL