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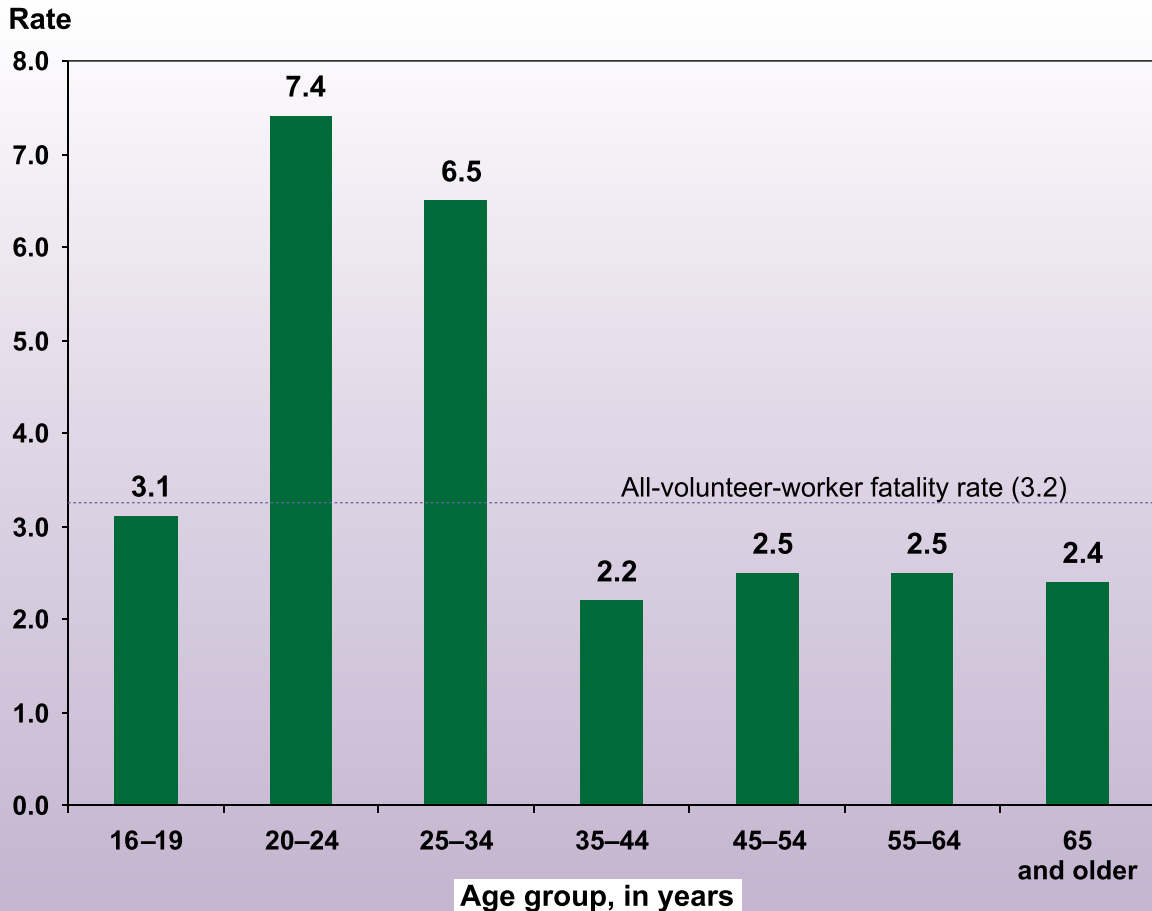
An estimated 59 million persons spend a median of 52 hours each year volunteering, most often in religious, youth, or community service organizations. Between 1993 and 2002, a total of 501 persons died from injuries sustained while volunteering; most often, these persons were firefighters and other volunteers who were operating motor vehicles at the time of their death.

Three occupations accounted for approximately half of the 501 fatal injuries to volunteers: firefighters, 185 deaths (37 percent); nonconstruction laborers, 35 (7 percent); and pilots/navigators, 24 (5 percent).

The overall rate of death among volunteers was 3.2 per 100,000 full-time-equivalent volunteers. The fatal injury rates for volunteer workers 35 years and older were lower than the overall death rate for volunteers. The rates among volunteers aged 20 to 24 years and 25 to 34 years were more than twice the overall death rate for volunteers.



Rate of fatal work injuries of volunteer workers, by age group, 1993–2002



NOTE: Numbers and rates may differ from previously published BLS CFOI numbers and rates.
SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control, "Fatal Injuries Among Volunteer Workers—United States, 1993–2002," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, vol. 54, no. 30, August 2005.