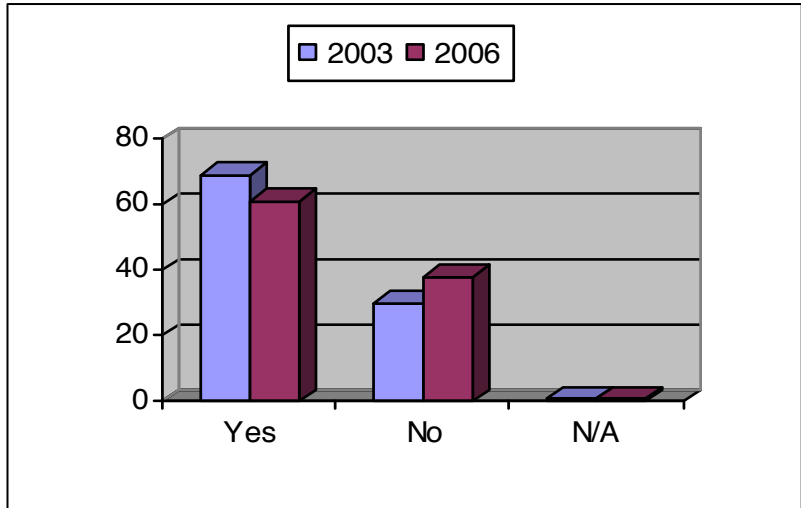


**Wood County  
Service:  
Slight Decline  
Within  
Past 12 Months**



**Key Facts**

The 2006 *LIFE Community Survey* results indicate:

- Older respondents in Wood County are less likely to volunteer.
- Part-time workers volunteer at the highest rates.
- Those who earn income less than \$25,000 are less likely to volunteer.

**Why is this Information Important?**

Many non-profit or service organizations throughout Wood County depend upon volunteers to perform a wide variety of services. A community with an enthusiastic volunteer base will enhance the quality of life.

**Volunteering**

A volunteer is defined as a person who is willing to give of his/her time to a worthwhile cause within the community-- without reimbursement. Volunteers may help at schools, churches, hospitals, and social service agencies, and may perform other needed services. Many volunteers feel satisfied that the only compensation for the time and effort they contribute is in knowing they are able to help someone or a worthwhile cause.

Most organizations recruit volunteers. It is difficult to measure the full extent of volunteerism in the county or individual community.

Wood County has many service opportunities and resources to connect volunteers with local agencies. Marshfield Area United Way Volunteer Center and South Wood County United Way Volunteer Center are contact locations for local residents ready to share their time and talents.

*Source: 2006 Wood County LIFE Community Survey*