

The Nonprofit Sector in Colorado



| NUMBER OF COLORADO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS | |
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| ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS | 25,560 |
| 501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS) | 17,901 |
| 501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS | 1,662 |
| OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS * | 5,997 |

* CIVIC LEAGUES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Colorado Communities

Deliver vital community services

- The American Indian College Fund helps Native American students, providing them with support through scholarships and funding toward higher education. In the past year, the College Fund has distributed over \$7 million in direct support to students.

Give voice to the people they serve

- The National Endowment for Financial Education, a private foundation based in Denver, empowers Americans to take control of their own financial futures by providing resources and research on financial planning and consumer, social, and business trends.

Contribute to vibrant communities

- Started 30 years ago, the Colorado Nonprofit Association has made Colorado nonprofits stronger by leading research on charitable giving trends. The Association also advocates for nonprofits with policymakers on issues such as how to incentivize charitable giving, create efficiencies in the services nonprofits deliver, and promote accountability.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- The Leighty Foundation is a small family foundation that is committed to enhancing the impact of Colorado's nonprofits. Each year, it awards grants to area organizations working on issues such as education, health, environmental sustainability, and fostering community. In order to leverage charitable giving even further, the foundation provides considerable funding to organizations who seek to grow their volunteer programs.

Economic Impact of Colorado's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **142,000** - almost 8% of the state's workforce
- Generates more than **\$32.1 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$73.2 billion**
- Colorado foundations annually give over **\$705 million**
- Coloradoans give **\$3.4 billion** to charity each year, representing **2.87 percent** of household income

Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

| Nonprofit Service Area | % of CO Nonprofits |
|--|--------------------|
| Religious, Grantmaking, and Civic Associations | 36% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 21% |
| Social Assistance | 16% |
| Health Care and Hospitals | 9% |
| Education | 8% |
| Ambulatory Health, Nursing, and Residential Care | 7% |
| Professional, Scientific Services | 4% |

Note: The “nonprofit sector” encompasses organizations that are defined as tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. This includes both public charities and private foundations [501(c)(3)] and other nonprofits such as civic league organizations [501(c)(4)]. Exceptions are noted when relevant.

Sources:

Employment Information

Best estimate based on available data from the following sources:

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Breakdown by Nonprofit Service Area

Return on Investment: The Economic Impact of the Nonprofit Sector in Colorado, Lester M. Salamon, Stephanie Lessans Geller, S. Wojciech Sokolowski, Kevin Raines (Denver: Colorado Nonprofit Association, 2008).

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Number of Nonprofits

Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, State Summary reports

<http://www.nccs.urban.org/statistics/profiles.cfm> {Data are 2013}

Asset and Revenues

Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, "Registered Nonprofit Organizations by State (BMF 12/2015)" <http://nccsweb.urban.org/tablewiz/bmf.php> {Data are 2015}

Foundation Giving

The Foundation Center, FC Stats: "Foundation Stats: Total Grantmaking Foundations" {Data are 2013}

<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:CO/total/list/2013>

Individual Giving

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy. {Data are 2012}.

<https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives#search>

Nonprofit Examples:

Colorado Nonprofit Association: <http://www.coloradononprofits.org/>

The American Indian College Fund: http://www.collegefund.org/content/about_us

The Leighty Foundation: <http://leightyfoundation.org/>

The National Endowment for Financial Education: www.nefe.org

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