

The Nonprofit Sector in Rhode Island



NUMBER OF RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	6,617
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	3,434
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	998
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	2,185

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Rhode Island Communities

Provide direct services to youth

The local Girl Scouts council provides girls in K-12 with a wide variety of leadership opportunities. In addition to leadership, other areas of focus include financial literacy, STEM skills, health and wellness, and environmental awareness. In 2020, Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England provided innovative programs and life changing experiences to over 4,800 girls in grades K-12 in partnership with committed assistance of over 2,500 adult volunteers.

Deliver vital community services

The Rhode Island Community Foodbank serves 54,000 Rhode Islanders each month. Two-thirds of all families served include either a child under 18 or a senior citizen. Last year, Rhode Island Community Foodbank distributed 15.1 million pounds of food.

Contribute to the health of our communities

The Rhode Island chapter of the March of Dimes works to help the 1 in 10 babies born prematurely in the state through education and intervention with moms-to-be and their families. Through partnerships and collaborations between hospitals, health departments and community organizations, the program Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait provides education for pregnant patients, health care providers and the greater community to understand the problem of preterm birth and what measures can be taken to reduce the risks of it occurring.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

Grantmakers Council of Rhode Island (GCRI) seeks to build a better Rhode Island by growing the breadth, effectiveness and impact of philanthropy in the Ocean State. GCRI provides local support and programming, as well as national connections and resources.

Economic Impact of Rhode Island's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **68,348** – 16.5% of the state's workforce
- Generates over **\$13 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$31.7 billion**
- Rhode Island foundations annually give over **\$386 million**
- Rhode Island residents give over **\$469.2 million** to charity each year, representing **2.2 percent** of household income

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:

Number of nonprofit employees: The 2019 nonprofit employment report, Lester M. Salamon and Chelsea L. Newhouse, S. Wojciech Sokolowski, Nonprofit Employment Bulletin #47, Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, 2019 {Data is 2016, page 3}
http://ccss.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2019/01/2019-NP-Employment-Report_FINAL_1.8.2019.pdf

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 2015}
<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:RI/total/list/2015>

Individual Giving

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy. {Data are 2012}.
<https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives#search>

Nonprofit Examples:

Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England: http://www.gssne.org/aboutUs_Overview.html and
<http://www.gssne.org/en/our-council/council.html>
Rhode Island Community Foodbank: <http://rifofoodbank.org/what-we-do/hunger-facts-resources/>
March of Dimes: <http://www.marchofdimes.org/rhodeisland/programs.html>
Grantmakers Council of Rhode Island: <http://www.grantmakersri.org/about/>

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