

The Nonprofit Sector in Vermont



NUMBER OF VERMONT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	5,363
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	3,602
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	274
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	1,487

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Vermont Communities

Economic Impact of the Vermont Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **38,000** - over 17% of the state's workforce
- Generates over **\$5.3 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$11.2 billion**
- Vermont foundations annually give over **\$40.6 million**
- Vermonters give over **\$264 million** to charity each year, representing **2.49 percent** of household income

Deliver vital community services

Goodwill Industries of Northern New England assisted more than 45,000 people with career, training, and education services in Fiscal Year 2015. Goodwill also processed more than 46 million pounds of donated goods that supported its workforce services.

Give voice to the people they serve

The Vermont Foodbank and its partners work to alleviate hunger by distributing 10 million of pounds of food to over 153,000 Vermonters who were in need last year. The Foodbank also address issues of hunger and poverty by engaging with policy makers and working with its network of volunteers to educate the public about hunger and advocate for policies that provide hunger relief and food assistance.

Contribute to vibrant communities

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra, a member of the American League of Orchestras, performs over 40 times each year in community and historic venues across the state. In addition to concert programming, the youth outreach program, *SymphonyKids*, reached over 26,000 students through 278 presentations, serving 175 schools in 141 towns last season.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

Common Good Vermont is focused on supporting the thriving nonprofit sector within the state. They have a partnership with the Center for New Leadership at Malboro College and Benchmarks for a Better Vermont to promote strategic collaborations and leadership training.

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: Holding the Fort: Nonprofit Employment During a Decade of Turmoil, Lester Salamon and S.Wojciech Sokolowski, Stephanie L. Geller, Nonprofit Employment Bulletin #39, Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, 2012 {Data is 2010, page 3}

<http://ccss.jhu.edu/publications-findings?did=369>

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:VT/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:

Vermont Foodbank: <http://www.vtfoodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/FY15-Annual-Report.pdf>

Vermont Symphony Orchestra: <http://www.vso.org/education.php>

Common Good Vermont: <http://commongoodvt.org/about-us/>

Goodwill: <https://goodwillnne.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/AnnualSnapshot-123115D.pdf>

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