

# The Nonprofit Sector in Wyoming



## NUMBER OF WYOMING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	4,172
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	2,178
501(c)(3) PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	273
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	1,721

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

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Wyoming Communities

### Deliver vital community services

Last year, Easter Seals Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain touched 29,000 children and adults with disabilities and other special needs, as well as support services to their families. By also providing employment services, nearly 2,500 people received job training and work experience which contributed \$11.1 million in employee wages to the local economy.

### Give voice to the people they serve

The American Cancer Society's Action Network of Wyoming works to mobilize people in the fight against cancer. ACS CAN advocates of Wyoming promote programs that provide vital cancer research and tobacco prevention.

## Economic Impact of Wyoming's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **15,800** - almost 8% of the state's workforce
- Generates over **\$2.1 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of almost **\$6.1 billion**
- Wyoming foundations annually give over **\$82 million**
- Wyoming residents give almost **\$455 million** to charity each year, representing **3.45 percent** of household income

### Contribute to vibrant communities

The local Girl Scouts council provides girls in K-12 with a wide variety of leadership opportunities with a focus on financial literacy, STEM, health, and environmental awareness. The Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming serve 8,500 girls each year in an area of 245,000 square miles.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

The United Way of Southwest Wyoming's funded programs impacted over 17,000 residents. One program, FamilyWize, distributes discount prescription drug cards to residents who lack health insurance or prescription coverage which saved Southwest Wyoming residents over \$400,000 on their prescriptions in 2015.

*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:WY/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:**

Easter Seals: <http://www.easterseals.com/esgw/shared-components/document-library/2015-annual-report.pdf>

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming: <http://www.gsmw.org/en/our-council/about-us.html>

United Way:

[http://www.swunitedway.org/sites/swunitedway.org/files/2014\\_2015%20Annual%20Report%20With%20postage.pdf](http://www.swunitedway.org/sites/swunitedway.org/files/2014_2015%20Annual%20Report%20With%20postage.pdf)

ACS CAN: <http://www.acscan.org/action/wy>

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