

The Nonprofit Sector in ALABAMA



NUMBER OF ALABAMA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	18,374
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	12,264
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	1,062
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	5,048

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Alabama Communities

Deliver vital community services

- The Red Cross in Alabama covers all 67 counties and recently distributed and installed 1,000 free smoke alarms in the Birmingham region. The goal of the campaign is to reduce fire deaths and injuries by 25% over the next five years. Alabama is currently in the top 10 states in terms of fire deaths and injuries.

Give voice to the people they serve

- As a locally-based non-profit, the River Region United Way partners with over 40 local organizations to offer support to over 140,000 individuals in the community. Through their affiliate agencies, they provide more than \$100 million in the key impact areas of education, income, and health.

Economic Impact of Alabama Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **82,861** - over 5% of the state's workforce
- Generates over **\$13.5 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of almost **\$40 billion**
- Alabama foundations annually give over **\$229.4 million**
- Alabamians give over **\$3 billion** to charity each year, representing **4.87 percent** of household income

Contribute to vibrant communities

- The Nature Conservancy in Alabama protects the natural resources on the state's southern shoreline, establishes nature preserves across the state, and responds to events adversely affecting the habitats of the area's indigenous plant and animal species. Through public and private partnerships, the organization works to protect the region's 18 river systems, prairies, and bogs, while creating meaningful jobs that boost local economies.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- The Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge in Birmingham provides comfortable temporary housing, completely free-of-charge, to cancer patients receiving treatment far from home. Established in 2000, the Hope Lodge is an American Cancer Society facility and eases the financial and emotional burden of Alabamians being treated for cancer with its welcoming accommodations, including a cozy library, patio, and community kitchens.

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:

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 Giving" {Data are 2015}
<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:AL/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:

The American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/local/alabama/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign.html>
American Cancer Society Joe Griffin Hope Lodge:
<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices/hopelodge/birmingham/birmingham-about-our-facility>
Nature Conservancy: <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/alabama/index.htm>
River Region United Way: <http://www.riverregionunitedway.org/aboutus>

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