

# The Nonprofit Sector in Alaska



## NUMBER OF ALASKA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	4,784
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	3,389
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	113
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	1,282
* CIVIC LEAGUES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.	

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Alaska Communities

### Deliver vital community services

- Nearly 40 years ago, Bean's Café was started. It now operates as a day shelter with 800 daily meals served and provides referrals for wrap-around support services, including veteran services and financial counseling. The Children's Lunchbox program works with community partners to provide and distribute 300,000 meals to hungry children annually.

### Promote culturally responsive social services

- The Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) serves more than 12,000 Alaska native and American Indian people. Its array of support services include education, workforce training, family preservation and support for addiction and substance abuse recovery. Evaluation found its two-year residential recovery men's program saves the Alaska Department of Corrections nearly \$1 million per year.

### Contribute to vibrant communities

- The Foraker Group is dedicated to building a healthy and sustainable Alaska nonprofit sector. In collaboration with Context International and BP, the Foraker Group trains nonprofit leaders and convenes over 400 Alaska nonprofit leaders in its Leadership Summit.

### Training girls for STEM careers

- At the end of 2014, the Girl Scouts of Alaska which serves 6,000 girls each year opened a new 6,500 square-foot lodge fully wired for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities and interactive distance learning. This builds on national research that found girls are interested in STEM careers but need more exposure and adult support.

## Economic Impact of Alaska's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **26,100** - 11% of the state's workforce
- Generates more than **\$5.7 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$12.7 billion**
- Alaska foundations annually give over **\$36.2 million**
- Alaskans give **\$325.5 million** to charity each year, representing **2.8 percent** of household income

## Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of AK Nonprofits
Human Services	34%
Education	16%
Arts, Culture and Humanities	14%
Public and Societal Benefit	12%
Health	9%
Environment and Animal Related	9%
Religion Related	5%
International and Foreign Affairs	1%

Sources on reverse side

*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 are 2010, page 3}

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

### Breakdown by Nonprofit Service Area

Alaska’s Nonprofit Sector Generating Economic Impact December 2014 Report, The Foraker Group,

[https://www.forakergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/filebase/foraker\\_documents/foraker\\_documents/Generating%20Economic%20Impact,%20Dec%202014.pdf](https://www.forakergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/filebase/foraker_documents/foraker_documents/Generating%20Economic%20Impact,%20Dec%202014.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 2013}

<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:AK/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:

Bean’s Café: <http://isqmagazine.org/>

Cook Inlet Tribal Council: <http://citci.org>

Foraker Group: <http://www.forakergroup.org/>

Girl Scouts of Alaska: <http://girlscoutsalaska.org/> and <http://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/girl-scouts-and-stem.html>

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