

The Nonprofit Sector in Arizona



NUMBER OF ARIZONA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	
ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	19,796
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	14,394
501(c)(3) PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	1,086
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	4,316

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Arizona Communities

Deliver vital community services

- Valley of the Sun United Way supports quality learning activities and experiences for every child. In 2019, Valley of the Sun United Way partnered with more than 90,000 donors, 400 companies, 5,000 volunteers and hundreds of non-profits and schools to break the cycle of poverty for families and individuals in Maricopa County, serving more than 4.3 million people.

Building a community

- The Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona serve more than 6,000 local girls. Unique to Girl Scouts, they also reach more girls through a Social Justice Program. Using staff, they reach thousands of girls in detention, pregnant and parenting teen moms, girls with incarcerated mothers, and girls in foster care each year.

Contribute to vibrant communities

- Wildfire promotes access to a foundation of financial security for all Arizonans. Wildfire is working to create a state where instead of just getting by, everyone is able to thrive. Wildfire helps low-income persons file their taxes for free through its partnership with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

Advance research and patient care

- The Asthma & Airway Disease Research Center is an interdisciplinary Center of Excellence at the University of Arizona College of Medicine dedicated to research, clinical care, medical education, and community service. The results of their research have been cited by NIH as a national resource on chronic pulmonary disease and also led to state-of-the-art medical care for residents of southern Arizona.

Economic Impact of Arizona's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **186,258** people, or over **8%** of the state's workforce
- Generates about **\$28 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of over **\$48 billion**
- Arizona foundations annually give over **\$344.9 million**
- Arizonans give **\$3 billion** to charity each year, representing **3.06 percent** of household income

Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of AZ Nonprofits
Human Services	25%
Education	10%
Health	56%
Public and Societal Benefit	4%
Religion	1%
Arts, Culture and Humanities	2%
Other	2%

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:

Arizona Nonprofits: Economic Power, Positive Impact, 2016, L. William Seidman Research Institute.

https://www.azfoundation.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Publications/EconomicImpactReport_2016.pdf

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

Breakdown by Nonprofit Service Area

Arizona Nonprofits: Economic Power, Positive Impact, 2016, L. William Seidman Research Institute.

https://www.azfoundation.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Publications/EconomicImpactReport_2016.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}

Assets and Revenues

Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, "Registered Nonprofit Organizations by State (BMF 12/2015)" <http://nccsweb.urban.org/tablewiz/bmf.php>

Foundation Giving

The Foundation Center, FC Stats: "Foundation Stats: Total Giving" {Data are 2015}

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

Individual Giving

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy. {Data are 2012}.

<http://philanthropy.com/article/Interactive-How-America-Gives/133709>

Nonprofit Examples:

Valley of the Sun United Way: <https://vsuw.org/news/valley-of-the-sun-united-way-names-carla-vargas-jasa-as-president-and-ceo>

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona: <http://www.girlscoutssoaz.org/en/our-council/about-us.html> and <https://www.girlscoutssoaz.org/en/events/social-impact.html>

Wildfire : <https://wildfireaz.org/initiatives/access/>

Asthma & Airway Disease Research Center: <https://airways.uahs.arizona.edu/about>

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