

# The Nonprofit Sector in Georgia



NUMBER OF GEORGIA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	
ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	37,384
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	28,334
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	1,910
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	7,140

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

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Georgia Communities

### Deliver vital community services

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America enables all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. 76% of low-income Club members ages 12 to 18 who attend the Club regularly reported receiving mostly As and Bs, compared to 67% of their peers nationally.

### Give voice to the people they serve

- The largest health nonprofit in the country, the American Cancer Society is based in Atlanta and serves millions of Americans each year through outreach and clinical programs, patient care, and advocacy. Since 2015, ACS successfully advocated for \$9 billion more funding for the National Institutes of Health and over \$1 billion more funding for the National Cancer Institute to support cancer research and prevention.

### Contribute to vibrant communities

- Through funding made possible by the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, the Georgia Council on Economic Education hosts workshops for over 3,000 educators each year, helping more than 70% of the state's students in public and independent schools learn economic concepts and financial literacy.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- Based in Atlanta, the Southeastern Council of Foundations offers events and programs for southeastern-regional organizations with unparalleled opportunities for connection, engagement and inspiration.

## Economic Impact of Georgia's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **268,612** - over 7% of the state's workforce
- Generates more than **\$57.5 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$132.8 billion**
- Georgia foundations annually give over **\$1.1 billion**
- Georgians give **\$7.2 billion** to charity each year, representing **4.31 percent** of household income

## Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of GA Nonprofits
Community Improvement, Public/Societal Benefit	30.4%
Human Services	27.6%
Education	15.1%
Health Care and Mental Health	8.8%
Religion and Spiritual Development	6.9%
Arts, Culture and Humanities	6.2%
Environment and Animal Related	3.1%
Other	1.8%

*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](http://ccss.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2019/01/2019-NP-Employment-Report_FINAL_1.8.2019.pdf)  
State employment: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, 2010 total employment by state <http://www.bls.gov/data/>

### **Breakdown by Nonprofit Service Area**

*The Economic Impact of Georgia’s Nonprofit Sector, Georgia Center for Nonprofits, 2012. {Data are 2009}*  
<http://www.gcn.org/sites/default/files/ctools/Economic%20Impact%20%282012%29.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 2015}  
<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:GA/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:**

Boys and Girls Clubs of America: <https://www.bgca.org/about-us/our-mission-story>  
<https://www.bgca.org/about-us/club-impact>  
American Cancer Society: <http://www.cancer.org/aboutus/howweare/acs-fact-sheet>  
Georgia Council of Economic Education: <http://www.gcee.org/about/>  
Southeastern Council of Foundations:  
<https://www.secf.org/ABOUT/Benefits-Services>

*As of August 2019*