

The Nonprofit Sector in Louisiana



NUMBER OF LOUISIANA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	
ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	17,001
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	11,028
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	730
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	5,243

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Louisiana Communities

Deliver vital community services

- The Food Bank of Central Louisiana celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2014, having delivered more than 115 million pounds of food to hungry residents in the area since first opening its doors. The organization serves more than 22,000 needy individuals in its 11 parish service areas in the region.

Give voice to the people they serve

- United Way of Northwest Louisiana has established an ambitious 10-year plan focused on improving outcomes in education, financial stability, and health in the local community. In 2015, United Way NWLA helped more than 4,500 students return to school ready to learn through the distribution of supply-filled backpacks, free health screenings, and free haircuts.

Contribute to vibrant communities

- New Orleans is home to the nation's oldest full-time self-governing orchestra: the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. Formed in 1991, the LPO is the oldest full-time musician-governed and collaboratively-operated orchestra in the United States. In addition to the 120-plus concerts presented each year, LPO's musicians offer training and performance experiences to students ranging from Pre-K levels to adult.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- Through its Grand Isle and St. Bernard Marsh Shoreline Protection Project, the Nature Conservancy in Louisiana aims to restore a sustainable habitat along the coast that will not only help protect the community from future storm surges, but also add or maintain 57 jobs to the local economy.

Economic Impact of Louisiana's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **104,800 people** – 7.1% of the state's workforce
- Generates **\$23 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$36.4 billion**
- Louisiana foundations annually give over **\$236 million**
- Louisianans give **\$2.1 billion** to charity each year, representing **3.3 percent** of household income.

Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of LA Nonprofit Employees
Hospitals	40%
Social Services	16%
Educational Services	14%
Nursing and Residential Care	12%
Membership, Civic and Advocacy Organizations	5%
Arts & Recreation	3%
Clinics	3%
Professional and scientific services	1%
Other	5%

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:

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Employment by nonprofit service area breakdown

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Number of Nonprofits

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Asset and Revenues

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<http://nccsweb.urban.org/tablewiz/bmf.php> {Data are 2015}

Foundation Giving

The Foundation Center, FC Stats: "Foundation Stats: Total Grantmaking Foundations"

<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:LA/total/list/2013> {Data are 2013}

Individual Giving

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy <https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives#state/22> {Data are 2012}.

Nonprofit Examples

The Food Bank of Central Louisiana: <http://www.fbcenla.org>

Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra: <http://www.lpomusic.com/?q=node/1389>

United Way of Northwest Louisiana: http://www.unitedwaynwla.org/media/UW_Report_2013.pdf

Nature Conservancy in Louisiana:

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/louisiana/placesweprotect/la-shoreline-protection-project.pdf>

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