

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 offers many community-driven programs including The Adopt-A-Senior Program is designed to assist seniors stretch their budgets. Approximately 50 pounds of food per month is given to each sponsored individual. The Food Bank's Adopt-A-Senior Program currently serves more than 2,300 seniors in the Central Louisiana area.

Give voice to the people they serve

United Way of Northwest Louisiana has established works to improve outcomes in education, financial stability, and health in the local community. The FamilyWize Prescription Assistance Program saves an average of 43% on prescriptions for anyone, whether insured or not, living in Northwest Louisiana. In 2018, NWLA residents saved \$206,511 on their prescriptions.

Contribute to vibrant communities

Formed in 1991, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra 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 preservation of the Atchafalaya River Basic, the Nature Conservancy in Louisiana aims to restore a sustainable habitat of fertile marshes, and meandering waters. The Basin provides essential habitat for more than 300 species of wildlife and 100 different aquatic species, as well as a rich diversity of native plants.

Economic Impact of Louisiana's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **128,721 people** – 8.1% of the state's workforce
- Generates **\$23 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$36.4 billion**
- Louisiana foundations annually give over **\$237 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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http://ccss.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2019/01/2019-NP-Employment-Report_FINAL_1.8.2019.pdf

Employment by nonprofit service area breakdown

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<http://ccss.jhu.edu/publications-findings?did=285> {Data is 2003}

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"

<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:LA/total/list/2015>{Data are 2015}

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> and <https://www.fbcenla.org/adopt-a-senior>

Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra: <https://lpomusic.com/about-section/about-the-lpo/>

United Way of Northwest Louisiana: <https://unitedwaynwla.org/assets/uploads/2019/04/2018-19-UW-Annual-Report-web.pdf>

Nature Conservancy in Louisiana: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/louisiana/stories-in-louisiana/the-atchafalaya-river-basin/>

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