

The Nonprofit Sector in Massachusetts



NUMBER OF MASSACHUSETTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	33,722
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	22,718
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	3,515
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	7,489

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Massachusetts Communities

Deliver vital community services

Based in Somerville, MA, YouthBuild USA is the advocacy arm for the national YouthBuild network and strives to advocate for young people who are both out of school and out of work. In the U.S., over 140,000 YouthBuild students have performed 48 million community service hours and produced over 30,000 affordable housing units.

Give voice to the people they serve

Headquartered in Boston, City Year corps members volunteer to close the education achievement gap through tutoring and mentoring at-risk students. Large-scale evaluations find schools that partner with City Year are up to 2-3 times more likely to improve on English Language Arts and math assessments. And City Year helped to drive 36% reduction in students that are chronically absent.

Contribute to vibrant communities

The Boston Foundation supports a variety of initiatives to create “thriving people and vibrant spaces” throughout Greater Boston, including health and wellness, jobs and housing, education, community safety, and civic, cultural, and artistic vitality. The Boston Foundation and its donors supported victims of the Boston Marathon bombings with close to \$1 million in contributions.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

The Bridgespan Group has provided consulting advice to more than 600 nonprofits and focuses on improving nonprofit management on topics such as hiring, strategy, and funding. Their interactive website also includes free resources, including case studies, with the goal of increasing the capacity and effectiveness of nonprofits.

Economic Impact of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **455,900**- almost 17% of the state's workforce
- Generates almost **\$118.8 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$334.6 billion**
- Massachusetts foundations annually give almost **\$1.5 billion**
- Massachusetts residents give almost **\$4.9 billion** to charity each year, representing **2.43 percent** of household income

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/publications-findings?did=369>

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:MA/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:

YouthBuild USA: <https://www.youthbuild.org/our-impact>

Boston Foundation: <http://www.tbf.org/Default.aspx>

City Year: https://www.cityyear.org/sites/default/files/AnnualReport2015vFinal_lowRes%20%281%29.pdf

Bridgespan Group: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridgespan_Group

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