

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

Economic Impact of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **542,279** - over 17% of the state's workforce
- Generates almost **\$118.8 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$334.6 billion**
- Massachusetts foundations annually give over **\$1.6 billion**
- Massachusetts residents give almost **\$4.9 billion** to charity each year, representing **2.43 percent** of household income

Deliver vital community services

Offered by The Arc of Massachusetts, Operation House Call teaches young medical professionals essential skills to enhance the health care of persons with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. OHC is now offered in five major medical and nursing schools in the commonwealth and serves 1,200 students per year.

Give voice to the people they serve

MENTOR's mission is to fuel the quality and quantity of mentoring relationships for America's young people and to close the mentoring gap for the one in three young people growing up without this critical support. Mentored youth are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who do not have a mentor. Since MENTOR was founded, the number of at risk-youth in quality mentoring relationships has grown from 300,000 to 4.5 million.

Contribute to vibrant communities

Headquartered in Boston, City Year corps members volunteer to close the education achievement gap through tutoring and mentoring at-risk students. Last year, City Year programs reached 226,000 students across more than 300 schools.

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.

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

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:MA/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:

The Arc of Massachusetts: <https://thearcofmass.org/ohc/>

MENTOR: <https://www.mentoring.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Mentoring-Talking-Points-and-Information-about-the-National-Mentoring-Summit73034.pdf>

City Year: <https://www.cityyear.org/annual-report/students-schools/>

Bridgespan Group: <https://bridgespan-annual-report.org/>

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