

The Nonprofit Sector in MONTANA



NUMBER OF MONTANA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	
ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	9,230
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	6,127
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	323
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	2,780

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Montana Communities

Deliver vital community services

- The Montana Red Cross installs free smoke alarms in local communities across the state in partnership with local fire departments, United Way, and other volunteer groups. In 2019, more than 40 volunteers helped install free smoke alarms in Helena homes and teach families about fire safety.

Give voice to the people they serve

- The Montana Food Bank (MFBN) serves the one in nine Montanans who struggle with hunger. Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN) partners with 140 agencies across Montana provide food to those in need. In 2018, nearly 117,000 Montanans received food through partners of the Montana Food Bank Network.

Contribute to vibrant communities

- With a mission to ensure Salish Kootenai College's future as the top Tribal College in the United States, the Salish Kootenai College Foundation awarded 450 scholarships totaling \$906,693 in 2018.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- Based in Great Falls, Rural Dynamics' Tax Help Montana (THM) program, offers free tax preparation and filing services to families and individuals making under \$55,000 annually. A primary objective of the Tax Help MT VITA program is to lift families out of poverty through increased access to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Economic Impact of Montana's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **54,388** – 14.7 percent of the state's workforce
- Pays **\$1.7 billion** in wages
- Generates more than **\$7.1 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$12.03 billion**
- Montana foundations annually give over **\$80 million**
- Montanans give **\$476 million** to charity each year, representing **3.01 percent** of household income

Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of MT Nonprofits
Human Services	29%
Health Care	12%
Public and Societal Benefit	12%
Education	12%
Arts, Culture and Humanities	10%
Recreation/Sports	9%
Environment	6%
Religion-related	4%
Animals	4%
International	2%

Sources on reverse side

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:

Number of nonprofit employees: 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

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

Montana Nonprofit Association, “Montana’s Nonprofit Sector in Brief”, 2015 report {Data are 2011}
<http://www.mtnonprofit.org/uploadedFiles/Pages/Research/Sector-Report/2015-Sector-Report.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:MT/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:

American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/local/montana/about-us/our-work.html> and <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire.html>

Montana Food Bank: <https://mfbn.org/hunger-in-montana/>

Salish Kootenai College Foundation: <https://vision.skc.edu/>

Rural Dynamics, Inc.: <http://ruraldynamics.org/programs/>

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