

# The Nonprofit Sector in Nebraska



## NUMBER OF NEBRASKA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

<b>ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>11,916</b>
<b>501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)</b>	<b>6,901</b>
<b>501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS</b>	<b>666</b>
<b>OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *</b>	<b>4,439</b>

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

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Nebraska Communities

### Deliver vital community services

- Two trained leaders at Volunteers of America – Western Nebraska provide diabetes prevention classes. Local residents learn how to make healthier lifestyle choices to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes. Committed to responsible stewardship, the organization devotes 88 cents of every dollar raised to providing services to communities in need.

### Engage youth in local communities

- The Mid-America Boy Scout Council has a strong tradition of educational based skills and activities started in 1918 in Omaha. During the summer months, Camp Augustine, south of Grand Island, serves troops in 44 counties in central and western Nebraska to engage the youth in leadership development and specific life skills.

### Contribute to vibrant communities

- Located in Omaha, the Joslyn Art Museum is the only museum in the state with a comprehensive permanent collection, and provides free access to the public. Joslyn is taking part in a unique partnership of art museums and medical schools to help medical students develop their observation skills to enhance their clinical diagnosis and practice.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- In 2015, the United Way of the Midlands started to implement a new strategic vision aimed at reducing poverty in a measurable way, which is critical as 12% of residents live in poverty. Another key focus is supporting “opportunity youth” – teens and young adults not going to school or working. This local United Way continues to provide basic supports to needy residents in the region.

## Economic Impact of Nebraska Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **79,500** - almost 11% of the state’s workforce
- Generates more than **\$15 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$44.6 billion**
- Nebraska foundations annually give over **\$881 million**
- Nebraskans give almost **\$1.2 billion** to charity each year, representing **3.67 percent** of household income

## Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of Nebraska Nonprofits
<b>Human Services</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Arts, Culture, and Humanities</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Religious</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Environment and Animal Related</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>16%</b>

*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:* Holding the Fort: Nonprofit Employment During a Decade of Turmoil, Lester Salamon and S.Wojciech Sokolowski, Stephanie L. Geller, Nonprofit Employment Bulletin #39, Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, 2012 {Data is 2010, page 3}

<http://ccss.jhu.edu/publications-findings?did=369>

### **Breakdown by Nonprofit Service Area**

Nonprofit Association of the Midlands. Nebraska Nonprofits: Essential & Vibrant. 2012.

[http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonprofitam.org/resource/resmgr/Sector\\_Impact\\_\(Economic\)/Nebraska\\_Nonprofits\\_Essential.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonprofitam.org/resource/resmgr/Sector_Impact_(Economic)/Nebraska_Nonprofits_Essential.pdf) {Data are 2010}

### **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:NE/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:**

Volunteers of America – Western Nebraska: <http://www.voane.org/Services/Health-Promotion/National-Diabetes-Prevention-Program>

Boy Scouts of America – Mid-America Council: [http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/camp-augustine-welcomes-the-first-session-of-scouts/article\\_e66d50ad-f4da-5474-b7a7-ff2a9191ddae.html](http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/camp-augustine-welcomes-the-first-session-of-scouts/article_e66d50ad-f4da-5474-b7a7-ff2a9191ddae.html)

Joslyn Art Museum - <https://www.utdallas.edu/arthistory/medicine/PROGRAM.pdf>

United Way of the Midlands: <http://www.unitedwaymidlands.org/about/2014-2015-annual-report/>

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