

# The Nonprofit Sector in North Dakota



## NUMBER OF NORTH DAKOTA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	5,318
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	3,010
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	117
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	2,191

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

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit North Dakota Communities

### Deliver vital community services

- Catholic Charities North Dakota builds and strengthens the lives of individuals, couples, and families across the state of North Dakota. Through its work in counseling, adoption services, and guardianship, Catholic Charities North Dakota served over 2,200 people across 50 counties in the 2018-2019 year.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization (HERO) collects and distributes donated healthcare supplies to those in need locally and globally at low or no-cost. In 2018, the organization based in Fargo distributed 70,544 items.

### Contribute to equitable lives

- The North Dakota Women's Network (NDWN) serves as a catalyst for improving the lives of women through communication, legislation and increased public activism. To encourage more women to run for local and state-wide offices, NDWN hosts Ready To Run, a bipartisan event with campaign training for women.

### Help mentor at-risk youth

- The Western Wellness Foundation, Inc. was started over 20 years ago by Dickinson-area mental health professionals that saw the need for a youth mentoring program. The Best Friends Mentoring program served more than 150 at-risk youth in 2017-2018.

## Economic Impact of North Dakota's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **54,238** - 15.7% of the state's workforce
- Pays **\$14.6 billion** in wages
- Generates more than **\$9.4 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$15 billion**
- North Dakota foundations annually give over **\$22 million**
- North Dakotans give **\$309.9 million** to charity each year, representing **2.54 percent** of household income

## Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of ND Nonprofits
Human Services	39%
Health Care	18%
Public Benefit	12%
Education	12%
Arts, Culture, and Humanities	11%
Religion/Spiritual	4%
Animal/Environment	4%

*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](http://ccss.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2019/01/2019-NP-Employment-Report_FINAL_1.8.2019.pdf)

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

North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations, “North Dakota Nonprofits: Partners in Prosperity”, 2015 report {Data are 2014} <http://www.ndano.org/resources/nd-nonprofit-info.html>

### **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:ND/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:**

Catholic Charities North Dakota: <https://www.catholiccharitiesnd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Annual-Report-2019-NEW.pdf>

HERO: <https://www.herofargo.org/about-us/>

North Dakota Women’s Network: <http://www.ndwomen.org/get-involved/>

Western Wellness Foundation, Inc.: [http://www.bestfriendsnd.org/about\\_us/](http://www.bestfriendsnd.org/about_us/)

*As of October 2019*