

The Nonprofit Sector in South Carolina



NUMBER OF SOUTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	21,931
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	17,062
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	659
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	4,210

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit South Carolina Communities

Deliver vital community services

- The Trident United Way, located near Charleston, dispersed almost \$6.8 million in 2013-2014 to services improving the quality of life for residents by focusing on health, financial security, and education. These programs allowed 568 individuals to increase their education level and obtain their GED. An additional 10,266 individuals have increased their access to primary and specialty health care services. Finally, 984 individuals obtained employment through United Way programs.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- The March of Dimes South Carolina chapter works to provide research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives. The SC chapter and its network of volunteers advocate on issues affecting mothers and babies, including promoting policies that prevent birth defects. Thanks to this advocacy work, South Carolina now screens babies for 29 of the most serious, but treatable, metabolic conditions. March of Dimes SC awarded more than \$300,000 in 2015 to support these aims.

Economic Impact of South Carolina's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **76,400 people**, 5.4% of the state's workforce
- Generates more than **\$17.5 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of nearly **\$36.8 billion**
- South Carolina foundations annually give over **\$157.7 million**
- South Carolinians give **\$2.7 billion** to charity each year, representing **4.2 percent** of household income

Contribute to vibrant communities

- The Columbia Museum of Art in South Carolina, a member of the Association of Art Museum Directors, is a nationally recognized museum that boasts a variety of educational programs for schools, families, and children in South Carolina. The museum serves more than 10,700 individuals a month through its arts and cultural programs.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Columbia advocates for, and helps, children of incarcerated parents through their ongoing mentoring and volunteer-training program. Big Brothers and Big Sisters collaborates with faith-based organizations and churches to screen and match members of the congregation with enrolled children.

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> {Data are 2010, page 3}

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"
<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:SC/total/list/2013> {Data are 2013}

Individual Giving

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy.
<http://philanthropy.com/article/Interactive-How-America-Gives/133709> {Data are 2012}.

Nonprofit examples:

Trident United Way: https://issuu.com/tridentunitedway/docs/tuw_impact_2015_updated
Big Brothers Big Sisters: http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.qv11fNWJuE/b.5491971/k.EF1C/Home_Page.htm
Columbia Museum of Art: <http://www.columbiamuseum.org/>
March of Dimes: <http://www.marchofdimes.org/southcarolina/>

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