

# 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

United Way of Greenville County is working to build a Cycle of Success where all children start school prepared to learn and go on to graduate, well-educated graduates find good jobs and create stable homes, and children from stable homes continue the cycle because they start school prepared to learn. In 2018, more than 100,000 people benefited from these programs and initiatives.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

Based in Summerville, International Primate Protection League is a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the world's remaining primates, great and small. IPPL is home to a sanctuary for gibbons (the smallest of the apes) in South Carolina and supports primate rescue efforts worldwide, especially in countries where primates are native.

## Economic Impact of South Carolina's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **89,729 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 **\$187million**
- 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.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

Together SC is South Carolina's only organization focused solely on supporting and strengthening the state's nonprofit community through education, advocacy, communications, collaboration and leadership. Comprised of 700+ members representing nonprofit organizations, business partners, associations, foundations, government agencies and academic institutions, Together SC believes the world will be a better place when all people work together for good.

*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)

### **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/2015> {Data are 2015}  
{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:**

United Way of Greenville County: <https://www.unitedwaygc.org/impact/>  
Together SC: <https://www.togethersc.org/about-us##>  
Columbia Museum of Art: <https://www.columbiamuseum.org/learn>  
International Primate Protection League: <https://www.ippl.org/gibbon/about-us/>

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