

# The Nonprofit Sector in Washington



NUMBER OF WASHINGTON NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	
ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	32,611
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	22,976
501(c)(3) PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	1,131
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	8,504

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

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Washington Communities

### Deliver vital community services

Empire Health Foundation boldly advances health equity in eastern Washington and beyond. \$320 million have been leverage by the Foundation and its partners from 2011-2018. Since its inception, the Foundation has worked on key health issues including preventing childhood obesity. As of now, they've reached 61% of school-age children in eastern Washington, and are reversing Washington's childhood obesity trend by demonstrating a 12% reduction in overweight/obese students.

### Give voice to the people they serve

Marguerite Casey Foundation's work focuses on creating a national movement of families advocating for poverty alleviation. In partnership with 250 grantee organizations in 12 states, the Foundation held a series of 65 town hall meetings to aggregate the voices of some 50,000 families into a national platform of values and concrete policy suggestions, culminating in the National Family Platform.

### Contribute to vibrant communities

Seattle Goodwill, a mission-driven organization, works to address poverty and strengthen communities by preparing people for employment in the current and future marketplace. In 2018, Seattle Goodwill served 13,375 students and helped place 1,720 individuals in jobs.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

Based in Seattle, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation adds \$1.5 billion to the local economy every year. Their Washington State strategy supports all students where they live, learn and play—at home, at school, and in their neighborhoods. They helped build nearly 1,500 units of transitional housing, and continue to support new and cost-effective ways to address and prevent homelessness.

## Economic Impact of Washington Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **259,427** – over 9.7% of the state's workforce
- Generates more than **\$64.6 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$208.8 billion**
- Washington foundations annually give over **\$4.5 billion**
- Washingtonians give **\$4.4 billion** to charity each year, representing **3.08 percent** of household income

## Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of Washington Nonprofits
Community Improvement, Public/Societal Benefit	5.3%
Human Services	35%
Education	17.6%
Health Care and Mental Health	11%
Religion and Spiritual Development	6.5%
Arts, Culture and Humanities	11.5%
Environment and Animal Related	5.8%
Other	7.2%

*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**

*Nonprofits in Washington: Recent Statistics and Policy Developments*, Putnam Barber. Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, 2014.  
[http://evans.uw.edu/sites/default/files/public/Nonprofits%20in%20Washington%202014%20Final\\_1.pdf](http://evans.uw.edu/sites/default/files/public/Nonprofits%20in%20Washington%202014%20Final_1.pdf) {Data are 2013}

### **Number of Nonprofits**

*Nonprofits in Washington: Recent Statistics and Policy Developments*, Putnam Barber. Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, 2014.  
<https://evans.uw.edu/sites/default/files/public/Nonprofits%20in%20Washington%202014%20Final.pdf>

### **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:WA/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:**

Empire Health Foundation: <http://empirehealthfoundation.org/> and  
[https://www.empirehealthfoundation.org/assets/PDFs/6731214515/2019\\_ehf\\_impact-report.pdf](https://www.empirehealthfoundation.org/assets/PDFs/6731214515/2019_ehf_impact-report.pdf)  
Marguerite Casey Foundation: <https://caseygrants.org/how-we-work/lifting-voices/national-family-platform/>  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/US-Program/Washington-State>  
Seattle Goodwill: <https://seattlegoodwill.org/impact>

*As of October 2019*