

The Nonprofit Sector in Washington



NUMBER OF WASHINGTON NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	
ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	32,084
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	22,343
501(c)(3) PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	1,515
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	8,226

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Washington Communities

Deliver vital community services

Empire Health Foundation serves seven counties in predominantly rural Eastern Washington. Using an \$18 million pool of funds for grantmaking, it strives to make this region the healthiest in the state by focusing on the areas of healthcare access, education, wellness, research, and public policy. The advances have led to an 8% decrease in childhood obesity and 61% decrease in out-of-school suspensions.

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 the first decade after its founding in 2001, its grantees have engaged more than 1.5 million community members and have conducted numerous community, state, and national policy campaigns.

Contribute to vibrant communities

Although it is better known for its international work, the Gates Foundation has also invested more than \$1 billion in organizations serving Washington State. The causes it focuses on include providing quality education, reducing family homelessness, and supporting vulnerable families.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

Every day in this country, 1,900 children become victims of abuse or neglect. The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children is a network of nearly 1,000 community-based programs that recruit, train, and support citizen-volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children while in foster care.

Economic Impact of Washington Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **211,400** – over 9% 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 **\$3.9 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:

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Breakdown by Nonprofit Service Area

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Number of Nonprofits

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Asset and Revenues

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Foundation Giving

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<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:WA/total/list/2013>

Individual Giving

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Nonprofit Examples:

Empire Health Foundation: <http://empirehealthfoundation.org/>

Marguerite Casey Foundation: <http://caseygrants.org/equalvoice/movement-building-as-a-philanthropic-strategy/>

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/US-Program/Washington-State>

National CASA Association: <http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/b.5301295/k.BE9A/Home.htm>

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