

The Nonprofit Sector in Wyoming



NUMBER OF WYOMING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	4,592
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	2,952
501(c)(3) PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	301
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	1,339

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

Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Wyoming Communities

Deliver vital community services

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. In 2018, The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming administered projects to improve stream health at Heart Mountain and Red Canyon Ranch Preserve, as well as working with more than two dozen partners to improve conditions on the Popo Agie River and better secure important wildlife migration routes.

Give voice to the people they serve

The American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network of Wyoming works to mobilize people in the fight against cancer. ACS CAN advocates of Wyoming promote programs that provide vital cancer research and tobacco prevention.

Economic Impact of Wyoming's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **12, 527** - almost 6.1% of the state's workforce
- Generates over **\$2.1 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of almost **\$6.1 billion**
- Wyoming foundations annually give over **\$82 million**
- Wyoming residents give almost **\$455 million** to charity each year, representing **3.45 percent** of household income

Contribute to vibrant communities

The local Girl Scouts council provides girls in K-12 with a wide variety of leadership opportunities with a focus on financial literacy, STEM, health, and environmental awareness. The Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming serve 8,500 girls each year in an area of 245,000 square miles.

Advance solutions for challenges facing society

In partnership with FamilyWize, United Way of Southwest Wyoming offers discounts on prescription drugs. FamilyWize cards are primarily for people with no health insurance or prescription coverage. They can also be used for prescriptions not covered by health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or VA benefits. This program saves residents of southwest Wyoming over \$300,000 per year.

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

Number of Nonprofits

Wyoming Nonprofit Network: Wyoming’s Nonprofit Sector

<https://wynonprofit.org/resources/Documents/WNN%20NP%20Sector%20Report%20Electronic%20Version%20Resized.pdf>

IRS Exempt Organizations Business Master File, 9/2015

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

Individual Giving

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy. {Data are 2012}.
<https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives#search>

Nonprofit Examples:

Nature Conservancy in Wyoming:

https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/WY_AR_FY18_spreads.pdf

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming: <http://www.gsmw.org/en/our-council/about-us.html>

United Way: <http://www.swunitedway.org/familywize>

ACS CAN: <http://www.acscan.org/action/wy>

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