

# The Nonprofit Sector in California



## Number of California Nonprofit Organizations

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	144,728
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	123,321
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	11,891
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	35,571

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

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit California Communities

### Deliver vital community services

The Downtown Women’s Center (DWC) is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. Using the Housing First model, DWC provides 119 units of permanent supportive housing for single unaccompanied women across two residences in downtown Los Angeles.

### Give voice to the people they serve

Net Impact empowers young people to achieve social change on campus and through building “impact careers.” By providing a peer network and online and in-person career development resources, they have created a community of over 80,000 student and professional leaders from over 300 volunteer-led chapters across the globe working for a sustainable future.

### Contribute to vibrant communities

2020 Mom, formerly the California Maternal Mental Health Collaborative, is a national non-profit that promotes the mental health of women before, during and after pregnancy. Up to 20% of women will experience a maternal mental health disorder, like postpartum depression.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

By 2029, the Stupski Foundation commits to ensure members of our communities have the food they need to lead active, healthy lives. The Foundation is partnering with community-based organizations and public agencies to improve outreach and enrollment in CalFresh, the state’s food assistance program. Their partners are developing scalable, user-centered solutions to reduce wrongful denials.

## Economic Impact of California’s Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **1,112,268** – about 7.8% of the state’s workforce
- Generates more than **\$208.5 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of **\$328.3 billion**
- California foundations annually give almost **\$8.3 billion**
- Californians give over **\$25 billion** to charity each year, representing **2.79 percent** of household income

## Employment by Nonprofit Service Area

Nonprofit Service Area	% of CA Nonprofits
Human Services	34%
Education	22%
Mutual, public, and societal benefit	12%
Arts, Culture and Humanities	13%
Health	10%
Environment	5%
International	3%

Sources on reverse side

*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:

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**

California Association of Nonprofits, Causes Count (based on 501(c)(3) public charities other than religion-related who are active filers of information returns) {August 2014} <http://www.calnonprofits.org/images/downloads/causes-count-808.pdf>

### **Number of Nonprofits**

Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, State Summary reports  
{Data are 2013}

### **Asset and Revenues**

Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, "Registered Nonprofit Organizations by State (BMF12/2015)"  
{Data are 2015}

### **Foundation Giving**

The Foundation Center, FC Stats: "Foundation Stats: Total Grantmaking Foundations"  
{Data are 2015}

### **Individual Giving**

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy.  
{Data are 2012}.

### **Nonprofit Examples:**

Downtown Women's Center: <https://www.downtownwomenscenter.org>

2020 Mom: <http://www.2020mom.org>

Net Impact: <https://netimpact.org>

Stupski Foundation: <http://www.stupski.org>

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