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Nonprofit Impact Matters: How America's Charitable Nonprofits Strengthen Communities and Improve Lives



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- [Strengthening State and Local Economies in Partnership with Nonprofits: Principles, Recommendations, and Models for Investing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) (October 2021, updated April 2022)
- See the [data pages on our Nonprofit Impact Matters site](#) for state-level data and reports.

State Nonprofit Reports

Alabama

- [State of the Sector](#) (2024)

Alaska

- [Alaska Nonprofits - Essential to Our Way of Life](#) (2025)
- [Alaska's Nonprofit Sector: Generating Economic Impact](#) (2025)

Previous Reports

- [Alaska's Nonprofit Sector: Generating Economic Impact](#) (2021)
- [Alaska's Nonprofit Sector: Generating Economic Impact](#)
- [Alaska Nonprofit Capacity Report](#) (2016)

Arizona

- [Beyond the Bottom Line: The Economic and Social Impact of Arizona Nonprofits](#) (2018)
- [Arizona Nonprofits: Economic Power, Positive Impact](#) (2016)

California

- [Causes Count: The Economic Power of California's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2019)

Colorado

- [Colorado Nonprofit Economic Impact Report](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [Colorado Nonprofit Salaries & Benefits Survey](#) (2023)
- [Colorado Nonprofit Economic Impact Study](#) (2019)

Connecticut

- [Connecticut's Nonprofit Crisis: Why CT Must Rethink the Fiscal Guardrails to Protect Essential Services and Support Its Most Vulnerable Residents](#) (2025)
- [State of the Connecticut Nonprofit Sector](#) (2022)

District of Columbia

- [Nonprofits Count](#) (2016)

Florida

- [Florida Nonprofits Survey 2023](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [Economic Benefits of Florida's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2023)
- [Florida Nonprofits Survey 2022](#) (2023)
- [Giving in Florida](#) (2022)
- [COVID-19 Effects on Florida Nonprofits](#) (2021)

Hawai`i

- [Hawaii's Nonprofit Sector Report](#) (2016)

Idaho

- [Nonprofit Compensation and Benefits Report](#)
- [State of the Sector Report](#) (2022)

Illinois

- [Giving in Illinois](#) (2019)

Indiana

- [Nonprofit Salary Survey](#) (2023)

Kentucky

- [More Than Charity: Kentucky's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2024)
- [More Than Charity: Kentucky's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2020)

Louisiana

- [State of the Nonprofit Sector Economic Report](#) (2022)

Maine

- [Adding Up Impact: Maine Nonprofits at Work](#) (2021)

Maryland

- [Maryland Nonprofits by the Numbers](#) (2021)

Previous Reports

- [COVID-19 Pandemic and Racial Equity Survey](#)
- [Strengthening Communities: The Impact of the Nonprofit Sector on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore](#) (2019)
- [Nonprofits Count](#) (2016)

Massachusetts

- [Essential or Not? The Critical Need for Human Services Workers](#) (2023)

Previous Reports

- [The Nonprofit Sector Jobs Engine and Strategies for Strengthening It](#) (2019)
- [Beyond Social Value: The Economic Impact of the Human Services Sector](#) (2015)
- [Poverty in Massachusetts: Lower Than Average But Far Too High, Especially for Children](#)

Michigan

- [Michigan Nonprofit Compensation & Benefits Report](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [Economic Benefits of Michigan's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2019)
- [2015 Michigan Civic Health Index](#)

Minnesota

- [Current Conditions of Minnesota's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2024)
- [Minnesota Nonprofit Economy Report](#)

Missouri

- [Kansas City Nonprofit Impact Report](#) (2020)
- [2015 Landscape Report: Quantifying Missouri's Nonprofit Sector](#)

Montana

- [Montana Nonprofit Economic Impact Report](#) (2023)

Nebraska

- [Nebraska's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2019)

New Hampshire

- [New Hampshire's Nonprofit Sector in Brief](#) (2019)

New Jersey

- [New Jersey Nonprofit Trends and Outlook](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [New Jersey Nonprofits 2023: Trends and Outlook](#)
- [New Jersey Nonprofits 2022: Trends and Outlook](#)

New York

- [State of the Nonprofit Sector in New York State](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [In Every County, Across All Budget Sizes: White Overrepresentation in the New York City Area's Nonprofit Leadership](#) (2023)
- [State of the Nonprofit Sector in New York State](#) (2023)
- [The Economic Power of the Hudson Valley's Charitable Nonprofit Sector](#) (2022)
- [The Economic Impact of NYC Nonprofit Organizations](#) (2020)

North Carolina

- [Nonprofits' Impact on North Carolina](#) (2016)
- [Essential: Our State's Nonprofit Sector is a Vital Economic Engine](#) (2015)

North Dakota

- [North Dakota Nonprofit Sector Impact](#) (2019)

Oregon

- [Oregon Nonprofit Compensation & Benefits Report](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [Nonprofit Capacity in Oregon](#) (2024)
- [Wage Suppression in Oregon's Social Service Nonprofits](#) (2024)
- [Oregon Nonprofit Compensation & Benefits Report](#) (2023)
- [Oregon Nonprofit Compensation & Benefits Report](#) (2021)
- [Oregon State of the Sector Report](#) (2020)

South Carolina

- [SC's Nonprofit Sector Impact & Workforce Data](#)

Tennessee

- [State Grants in Tennessee: Making Grants Work for Nonprofits](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [2023 State of the Mid-South Nonprofit Sector Report](#) (2023)
- [2020 State of the Mid-South Nonprofit Sector Report](#) (2021)

Texas

- [Central Texas Nonprofit Capacity Report](#) (2024)

Previous Reports

- [Built for Texas: Creating a More Connected & Resourced Future for our Nonprofit Sector](#) (2023)
- [Built for Texas: The Impact and Opportunity of the Nonprofit Sector](#) (2019)

Utah

- [Utah Nonprofit Sector Report](#) (2025)
- [Utah Nonprofit Sector Report](#) (2024)

Vermont

- [Vermont's Nonprofit Sector: An Economic Driver & Vital Community Partner](#) (2019)

Virginia

- [Virginia Nonprofit Sector Report](#) (2023)
- [State of the Nonprofit Sector on the Virginia Peninsula](#) (2019)

Washington

- [2022 Nonprofit Economic Impact Report](#)

Wisconsin

- [Nonprofit Wisconsin in Brief](#) (2019)

Wyoming

- [Power and Possibility: the Impact of Wyoming's Nonprofit Sector](#) (2022)

More Reports from the National Council of Nonprofits

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- [Toward Common Sense Contracting: What Taxpayers Deserve](#) (May 2014)
- [A Dozen Common Sense Solutions to Government-Nonprofit Contracting Problems](#) (December 2013)
- [Investing for Impact: Indirect Costs Are Essential for Success](#) (September 2013)

- [Partnering for Impact: Government-Nonprofit Contracting Reform Task Forces Produce Results for Taxpayers](#) (April 2013)
- [Three Simple Things Statewide and Local Elected Officials Can Do to Strengthen Communities, Improve Government, and Save Taxpayers Money](#) (October 2012)
- [Three Simple Things State Legislators Can Do to Strengthen Communities, Improve Government, and Save Taxpayers Money](#) (October 2012)
- [Costs, Complexification, and Crisis: Government's Human Services Contracting "System" Hurts Everyone](#) (October 2010)
- [State Budget Crises: Ripping the Safety Net Held by Nonprofits](#) (March 2010)

Notable Regularly Updated Reports on Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector

- [Building Movement Project](#)
- [Fundraising Effectiveness Project](#)
- [Giving USA](#)
- [Leading with Intent](#)
- [State of the Sector Survey](#)

Sources of Research on the Nonprofit Sector

- [Association for Research on Nonprofits and Voluntary Action \(ARNOVA\)](#)
- [Candid's U.S. Social Sector Dashboard](#)
- [Congressional Research Service](#)
- [Council on Foundations](#)
- [Foundation Center](#)
- [George Mason University Center on Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Social Enterprise](#)
- [Government Accountability Office](#)
- [Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University](#)
- [International Society for Third-Sector Research](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University, Nonprofit Economic Data Project](#)
- [The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University](#)
- [National Center for Charitable Statistics](#)
- [National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](#)
- [Nonprofit Quarterly](#)

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- [Stanford Social Innovation Review](#)
- [Urban Institute](#)