



NONPROFIT SECTOR IN THE U.S. AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT



THE NONPROFIT SECTOR in the United States influences the economy, the workforce and livelihoods of American citizens. Recent research has determined that from 2000 to 2010, the nonprofit sector had an average annual employment growth of 21 percent compared to minus 0.6 percent for the for-profit sector. Nonprofits play a variety of roles in our daily lives, from providing higher education and medical care to supporting the arts.

WHAT IS THE NONPROFIT SECTOR?

There were more than 1.54 million tax-exempt organizations registered as of December 2015. Here's a look at their areas of focus.

	Number of nonprofits
Human Services	380,564
Public, Societal Benefit	315,325
Religion Related	285,287
Education	203,536
Arts, Culture, and Humanities	112,863
Health	92,914
Mutual & Membership Benefit	73,401
Environment and Animals	61,348
International, Foreign Affairs	20,115
Unknown	3,741

Distinctions among nonprofits are based on the applicable subsection of the United States Internal Revenue Code 501(c). The largest subsection is within 501(c)(3) organizations which are either public charities or private foundations. The other organizations are classified as social welfare organizations (501(c)(4)), labor unions, farm bureaus, and others (501(c)(5)), or business leagues (501(c)(6)), among others. Here's what that division looks like:



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