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Nonprofit Sector Stats

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Note: Numbers listed below reflect a synthesis of data collected from multiple sources (Association of Fundraising Professionals, BoardSource, CompassPoint, Council on Foundations, GuideStar, Independent Sector, National Center for Charitable Statistics) focusing on varying time periods between 1998 and 2002.

Size and Scope

1.2 million 501(c)(3) nonprofits in the US
21,388 501(c)(3) nonprofits in NC
73% of nonprofits nationally have budgets under \$500,000

Nonprofit Boards

- 57% male, 43% female – Women most often on boards of smaller arts and cultural, health, human services, educational, and international organizations, professional societies, and trade associations. Boards of the larger management support and environmental organizations have the fewest number of women.
- 85% white, 9% African American, 3% Hispanic/Latino, 2% Asian, 1% other
- 64% 40-59 years old, 19% over 60, 3% under 30
- 23% clients/constituents

Nonprofit Employment and Compensation

- 11 million paid employees nationally
- Higher percentage of women and African Americans and a lower percentage of Hispanic employees than other sectors
- 71% of all paid employees are female (versus 46% across all sectors) – Social, legal, and health services had the highest rate of female employment, religious organizations and arts and culture the lowest.
- 14% African Americans (versus 11% across all sectors) – Social, legal, and health services had the highest share of African Americans, religious organizations the lowest.
- 7% Hispanic (versus 10% in all sectors) – Social, legal, and health services had the highest rate of Hispanic employees.
- 48% of female employees and 32% of males work at organizations with budgets \leq \$1 mil

- 23% of female employees and 39% of males work at organizations with budgets \geq \$5 mil
- 60% of CEOs are women, 40% men (but men run 55% of nonprofits with budgets of \$5 million or more)
- 75% of CEOs are white, 25% people of color
- 51% of CEOs are under 50 years old
- 62% of fundraisers are female, 38% male
- 95% of fundraisers are white, 5% are people of color
- In all job categories, median compensation for males is 31% higher than females. Male CEOs at every budget level out-earn female counterparts in 103 out of 114 organization type categories; the differential increases with organizational budget

Foundations

- 66% of foundation board members are men, 34% women – highest rate of women on family foundations (43.3%), lowest on independent foundations (25.6%)
- 89.5% of foundation board members are white, 10.5% people of color – 6% African American, 2.5% Hispanic/Latino, 2% other
- 9% of grantmakers have a person with disabilities on their board
- 76% of full-time paid staff are female, 24% male – women are 68% of professional staff, 51% of CEOs, 70% of program officers
- 76% of full-time paid staff are white, 24% people of color – 12% African American, 6% Hispanic/Latino, 5% Asian, 1% Native American and other; 6% of CEOs and 34% of program officers are people of color

Individual Giving and Volunteering

- Most likely to volunteer: women, 35-54 year-olds, household incomes \geq \$40,000, college grads, people who work part-time, married
- Volunteers give financially almost twice as much as those who don't volunteer
- Average gay/lesbian donor gives 2.5% of personal income to nonprofits (versus 2.2% average rate across all Americans), volunteers 29 hours/month (versus 18 for general population), gave equally to gay and non-gay organizations, gave time and money to advocacy groups and political campaigns more often than the American norm