



How many nonprofit organizations are there in the U.S.?

According to the [National Center for Charitable Statistics \(NCCS\)](#), more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations are registered in the U.S. This number includes public charities, private foundations, and other types of nonprofit organizations, including chambers of commerce, fraternal organizations and civic leagues.

NCCS provides [national and state summaries](#) of the nonprofit sector and a [variety of online data analysis tools](#) to find information not included in the summary figures. It allows users to customize filters and break down data by organization type, state, year, and other criteria. It also provides summary tables on private foundations and public charities.

For more statistics on nonprofit organizations, selected resources below may help.

See also our related Knowledge Base articles:

- [Where can I find statistics on foundation and corporate giving?](#)
- [How can I find information about a particular \(non-grantmaking\) charity?](#)

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Staff-Recommended Websites

IRS TAX STATS

Applications for Tax-Exempt Status

Browsable by year, this Excel spreadsheet-viewable data tracks the number of applications submitted for tax-exempt status.

IRS

Exempt Organizations Business Master File Extract

Displays statistical data on the number of nonprofits by state, as well as by regions and geographic areas.

Independent Sector

The Resources area of this coalition organization's web site includes statistical data on the value of volunteer time and volunteering in general, among other topics.

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CHARITIES & OTHER TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS
STATISTICS**IRS Tax Stats**

This section contains statistical tables, articles, and other information on charities and other tax-exempt organizations. Nonprofit charitable organizations are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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IRS TAX STATS

Tax-Exempt Organizations and Nonexempt Charitable Trusts

Excel viewer of the number of tax-exempt organizations and nonexempt charitable trusts, browsable by year.

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